

California allocates more than \$3 billion for transportation infrastructure

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The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated more than \$3 billion to repair and improve transportation infrastructure throughout the state, including \$1.3 billion in funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to support local projects and to protect local roads and bridges from extreme weather and natural disasters. Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, accounts for more than \$930 million of the total funding.

“The CTC’s decision to invest in our state highways while protecting city and county infrastructure will help make California’s roadways safer and more resilient one shovel, one project and one community at a time,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

Projects approved this week include:

- Approximately \$8.4M toward drainage improvements along Route 299 from Blue Lake to Willow Creek in Humboldt County.

- Approximately \$1.5M toward the construction of a retaining wall along Route 36 near Bridgeville in Humboldt County.
- Approximately \$4.1M toward drainage and fish-passage improvements along U.S. 101 near Crescent City in Del Norte County.
- Approximately \$1M toward the construction and repair of buildings at the Ukiah Maintenance Station along U.S. 101 as well as the Boonville Maintenance Station along Route 128 in Mendocino County.
- Approximately \$1M toward the construction of a median barrier along U.S. 101 from Route 20 to south of North State Street near Ukiah in Mendocino County.
- Approximately \$3.1M toward drainage and fish-passage improvements along Route 1 near Philo and Boonville in Mendocino County.
- Approximately \$1.1M toward road and guardrail repairs and ADA curb ramps along Route 1 from south of Iverson Avenue to Philo Greenwood Road near Point Arena in Mendocino County.

The \$1.3 billion federal local assistance allocation in fiscal year 2023 is thanks to programs that were created or expanded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Caltrans oversees funds that are available to more than 600 cities, counties, and regional agencies for the purpose of improving their transportation infrastructure and services.

Funding from new programs that were created by the law includes \$45 million to build community resilience in the face of extreme weather and natural disasters and \$63 million to help develop carbon reduction strategies that address the climate crisis.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in annual transportation funding annually that is split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1.

For more information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov.