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California Transportation Commission Allocates \$120 Million For Two Critical Placer County Transportation Projects

I-80 Bottleneck and Lincoln Bypass to Receive Proposition 1B Allocations

SACRAMENTO, CA – Yesterday, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) officially approved the distribution of \$4.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds for statewide congestion improvement projects. Within the allocation is \$120 million to complete the Lincoln Bypass and help complete a majority of the planned improvements to break the infamous I-80 Bottleneck at the Placer/Sacramento County line.

“We are extremely pleased that the California Transportation Commission has recognized Placer County’s transportation needs,” Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) Executive Director Celia McAdam said. “The \$120 million Placer County will receive will mean that the Lincoln Bypass will be able to start construction on schedule, and move us a long way toward breaking the I-80 Bottleneck. They are a great down payment on our long term effort to make needed transportation improvements and protect our residents’ quality of life.”

Specifically, the CTC funding allocations for Placer County include:

- **\$73.7 million for the Highway 65 Lincoln Bypass** project which would increase safety and ease traffic congestion by building a new route around the city of Lincoln.
- **\$46.3 million to help fix one of California’s most congested sections of roadway - the infamous Interstate 80 Bottleneck.** The funds would be used to add carpool and auxiliary lanes on both directions from the Placer/Sacramento County line to Eureka Road as well as add carpool and auxiliary lanes on the westbound side from Eureka Road to State Route 65.

McAdam noted that, while this award is a tremendous coup for the county, there is much yet to be done. “As critical as the I-80 Bottleneck and Lincoln Bypass are, Placer has many other major transportation needs we need to tackle. To reach our goal, a permanent local transportation funding source is needed so that we can continue to compete for and win future state and federal funds.”

Media interested in speaking with PCTPA Executive Director Celia McAdam can call Jace Duval or Mitch Zak at 916-448-5802.

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