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Over 40 Applications Received for \$2.4 Billion in Funding from the 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

SACRAMENTO – Today, the California State Transportation Agency released the 2018 list of projects submitted for consideration for grants made possible by the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). The Agency received 47 applications from 40 entities statewide, all seeking a portion of the \$2.4 billion dollars in grant funding made possible through Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and the Cap and Trade program.

This year's awards mark the third year of grants from the TIRCP program. The TIRCP funds projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions by expanding public transportation ridership and capacity.

“The broad, statewide interest in this program shows California’s commitment to transform the state’s transportation system,” said Acting Transportation Secretary Brian Annis. “Through strategic investments funded by SB 1 and Cap and Trade, we’ll be able to create jobs, reduce harmful emissions and give people more options to get around. SB 1 rebuilds California”

The applications will be evaluated and selected for awards as part of a \$2.4 billion five-year program of projects. Funding for the five-year cycle comes from \$1.4 billion provided from SB 1 and \$1 billion in proceeds from the Cap and Trade program. The package of applications includes the following project types:

- Significant expansions of commuter and intercity rail
- Major investments in light rail and heavy rail transit projects, involving new corridors as well as expansion of service in existing corridors
- Rollout of expanded services using zero emission buses, both in urban areas, and over longer distance commuter routes.
- Efforts to better serve disadvantaged communities through improved transportation options and reduced emissions in the community.

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Recipients will be announced by April 30th, 2018. A full list of applicants can be found here: <https://calsta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2018/02/2018-TIRCP-Application-Summary-Final.pdf>

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the landmark transportation infrastructure bill signed by Governor Brown in April, will provide \$7.6 billion in new transit funding over the next decade. For complete details on SB 1 visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

TIRCP is also funded through the Cap and Trade Program's auction proceeds and its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Cap-and-Trade Program is one of many programs developed under AB 32 to fight climate change. It is designed to reduce greenhouse gases from the largest sources of emission in California, and to drive innovation and steer the State toward a clean energy economy. For more information on California's Climate Initiatives: <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/energy-efficiency-clean-energy/>.

The California State Transportation Agency is responsible for transportation-related departments within the state: Board of Pilot Commissioners, California Highway Patrol, California Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, High-Speed Rail Authority, New Motor Vehicle Board and Office of Traffic Safety. For more information, visit www.calsta.ca.gov.

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