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## ADOPTED STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN EARMARKS \$1.2 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COUNTYWIDE

### Funds for Route 138 in the Antelope Valley and New Expressway on Avenue P-8 Included

The California Transportation Commission today approved \$1.2 billion in projects for Los Angeles County as part of the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program.

"We are very pleased with the actions taken by the California Transportation Commission today," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "The CTC approvals strengthen the local state partnership needed to build highway improvements and urban rail projects."

The state action includes:

- \$15 million for widening Route 138. The two-lane highway will be reconfigured into a 4-lane from Longview Road to State Route 18. Route 138 is the major east-west route through the Antelope Valley. It provides a northern link to traffic traveling to and from Las Vegas, Victorville, San Bernardino and Riverside County.

- \$14.5 million to acquire the right-of-way for a new expressway on Avenue P-8 from Route 14 to 50<sup>th</sup> Street. The new route will relieve congestion on parallel Palmdale Boulevard.

These projects are major elements of Los Angeles County congestion management programs proposed to improve regional mobility and the quality of life.

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