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California Transportation Commission Staff Recommend Over \$100 Million for Grants to Construct Safe Walking and Biking Routes in Disadvantaged Communities

SACRAMENTO – California Transportation Commission staff announced recommendations for awarding \$101.22 million to projects across California that increase walking and biking as part of the 2025 Active Transportation Program. The 13 projects will contribute to healthier communities, connect neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for Californians by building comfortable bikeways, improved sidewalks, multi-use paths, safer street crossings, and streetscaping elements. All of the recommended projects are located in or provide a direct benefit to disadvantaged communities, and over half of the projects are parts of designated “Safe Routes to Schools.”

“The projects recommended for funding make our communities safer and connect people to jobs, schools, and other destinations,” said Tanisha Taylor, the Commission’s Executive Director. “Although the amount of funding available this cycle is only a fraction of what is needed for these types of projects, we are pleased to continue the Commission’s commitment to investing in underserved communities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from car travel.”

The Commission received 277 project applications with a total funding request of \$2.5 billion, nearly 15 times the amount of available funding. The Commission has \$400 million less funding for this program cycle due to a reduction enacted in the 2024-25 state budget.

The Commission will vote to award the grants at its December 5-6th meeting in Riverside, and an additional \$67.48 million will be awarded to projects by the state’s ten large Metropolitan Planning Organizations in their own regional competitions next year.

The Active Transportation Program was created in 2013 as the state's only dedicated funding source for walking and biking projects. Funding for the program comes from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, as well as other state and federal funds, including the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. A complete list of recommended projects can be found on the Commission’s Active Transportation Program website: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>.

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