



Alameda Corridor-East Project

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\$78 MILLION IN STATE GRANT FUNDS APPROVED FOR GRADE SEPARATIONS

Roadway underpass at Montebello Boulevard & overpass at Turnbull Canyon Road planned at busy rail crossings in San Gabriel Valley

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(May 16, 2018/San Diego) – The California Transportation Commission today approved the award of \$78 million in grant funding for two projects to separate the roadway from hazardous crossings along the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) freight rail corridor in eastern Los Angeles County. The grants are included in the 2018 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program adopted by the Commission and funded with revenues from the new SB 1 state tax on diesel fuel and from the state's share of federal freight highway program funds.

"We appreciate the strong support from the California Transportation Commission for the ACE Program," said **Mark Christoffels**, Chief Engineer of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, which oversees the ACE construction program. "This action demonstrates the CTC's commitment to using SB1 revenues for needed transportation improvements to maintain our state's vital trade economy and to construct them in a timely manner."

The grant program will contribute \$49 million toward construction of a \$128.61 million roadway underpass on Montebello Boulevard in the City of Montebello and \$29 million toward an \$86.2 million roadway overpass on Turnbull Canyon Road in the City of Industry and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Montebello crossing is the second most-hazardous freight rail crossing in Los Angeles County and the Turnbull Canyon crossing will see a near tripling of rail traffic over 20 years. Both projects are entering the final design phase with the construction phase anticipated to begin prior to summer 2020.

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program will provide a total of \$1.394 billion for 39 infrastructure improvements statewide along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. Goods movement generates about one-third of California's \$2.2 trillion economy and sustains an estimated 5 million jobs. The program will focus on improving our state's worst trade corridor chokepoints while also mitigating the impacts of trade on communities, like

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About the ACE Project: The ACE program calls for constructing safety improvements at 39 crossings and 19 roadway-railroad grade crossing separations. The ACE Project will relieve traffic congestion, improve safety and reduce emissions and noise at rail crossings while helping ensure the San Gabriel Valley's continued economic vitality. For a copy of the ACE Project video, please call (888) ACE-1426 or visit www.theaceproject.org.

those in the San Gabriel Valley, which are crossed by nationally significant highway and rail freight corridors. Among the projects in and adjacent to the San Gabriel Valley selected to receive funding are the following:

| 2018 TCEP Recommendations: San Gabriel Valley & Adjacent | | | |
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| Project | Cost (millions) | TCEP Award (millions) | Phase(s) Funded |
| State Route 57-60 Confluence: Chokepoint Relief Program | \$288.6 | \$22 | Right-of-way/engineering |
| State Route 71 Gap/Highway to Freeway Conversion | \$175.519 | \$44 | Construction |
| Alameda Corridor-East grade separations/ Montebello Boulevard & Turnbull Canyon Road | \$214.857 | \$78 | Construction |
| Route 57 Lambert Road Interchange Improvement | \$100 | \$65.705 | Construction |

“The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program will help fund efforts to untangle some of the worst bottlenecks in California, including the State Route 57-60 Chokepoint Relief Project, where over 700 accidents occur every year, with one-third resulting in injury or fatality,” said state **Senator Josh Newman**, Chair of the San Gabriel Valley State Legislative Caucus. “The allocation of SB 1 funds will help us complete the necessary early phases for fixing the congested and hazardous confluence of State Routes 57 and 60, which is ranked no. 1 for freight delays and truck accidents in California and is the no. 5 freight bottleneck in the nation.”

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, California’s ranking member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, was joined by U.S. Representatives Judy Chu, Linda Sanchez, Adam Schiff, Norma Torres and Ed Royce in sending a letter to the California Transportation Commission urging adoption of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

“We strongly support funding for the ACE projects and other priority San Gabriel Valley freight projects from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, which is funded in partnership between the state and federal governments,” said **Congresswoman Napolitano**. “The ACE grade separations are a priority because they help sustain goods movement along a nationally significant trade corridor while addressing the community impacts of growing freight train traffic.”

The ACE projects were included with on-dock freight rail projects at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in an application submitted by Los Angeles County Metro to support a Southern California regional freight rail strategy intended to reduce future truck trips on Southland roadways, the most congested highway network in the world, while also grade separating the highest priority crossings on the ACE rail corridor.

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