

\$78-Million Recommended for Rail and Roadway Separation

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California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff announced Thursday that \$78 million in grant funding has been recommended for two projects to separate the roadway from hazardous rail crossings along the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) freight tracks in eastern Los Angeles County.

The proposed grants are among a statewide list of projects recommended for funding from the state's new Trade Corridor Enhancement Program administered by the CTC.

"The ACE grade separation program will eliminate crossing collisions, traffic delays, locomotive horn noise and reduce vehicle emissions at the most congested and hazardous crossings in the San Gabriel Valley," said San Gabriel Councilwoman Juli Costanzo, chair of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, which oversees the construction program. "We appreciate this proposed robust support, which will provide significant matching funds toward construction of our final two ACE projects."

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The grant program for trade corridor projects is funded with revenues provided from the new SB 1 state tax on diesel fuel and from the state's share of federal freight highway program funds.

The grants would contribute \$49 million toward construction of a \$128.61 million roadway underpass on Montebello Boulevard in the city of Montebello and about \$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, the CTC said.

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