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Caltrans Breaks Ground on SB 1 Accelerated Fix-it-First Project in Orange County

State and local elected officials and representatives held a press conference today announcing the official start of construction on a highway maintenance project being accelerated due to anticipated funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, SB 1.

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League Offers Informational Housing Briefings

The League of California Cities® is sponsoring informational briefings on the 2017 Housing Package and what cities need to know. In 2017, over 130 measures were introduced in an effort to ease the ongoing housing crisis, which is marked by rapidly rising housing costs and declining supply across the state. On Sept. 29, 2017, Gov. Jerry Brown signed 15 bills that comprised the “Housing Package.” These measures fall into three categories; funding; streamlining; and local accountability. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$21 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Vacaville

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League’s co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 3.*

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Press conference speakers and attendees included:

- Brian Kelly, secretary, California State Transportation Agency;
- Sen. Josh Newman (D-Fullerton);
- Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton);
- Matt Cate, executive director, California State Association of Counties;
- Hassan Ikhata, executive director, Southern California Association of Governments;
- Michael Quigley, executive director, California Alliance for Jobs;
- Ross Chun, council member, Aliso Viejo;
- Rose Espinoza, mayor, La Habra;
- Gerard Goedhart, council member, La Palma;
- Marshall Goodman, council member, La Palma;
- Adrian Esparza, business manager, Laborers Local 652; and
- Tom Drennan, business representative, International Union of Operating Engineers.

Caltrans will repair and replace concrete dating back to the 1970s on more than 46 lane miles of State Route 57, resulting in a smoother ride, fewer potholes, reduced wear and tear on vehicles and improved visibility for Orange County residents and visitors.

This is just one of many accelerated fix-it-first projects underway across the state to improve roadways this year, before SB 1 even takes effect. Caltrans broke ground on 13 pavement projects across the state this summer and is expediting the design of an additional 50 projects that will break ground over the next year. By the end of October, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission will have advanced more than \$5 billion in "fix-it-first" projects for earlier completion because of SB 1 funding.

Over \$54 billion dollars will be invested in California's transportation system over the next 10 years and approximately half of these funds will go to local cities and counties for improvements to local transportation infrastructure.

Every day nearly a quarter of a million vehicles travel the length of this improvement project on SR-57; almost one in seven of Orange County's population of 3.17 million. This project to fix the rough pavement on SR-57 is representative of other improvement projects statewide that will result in very real and tangible benefits to commuters, including providing a smoother ride and lower cost to driving one's car.

A majority of the construction on this project will take place overnight and on weekends to reduce impact to motorists, with anticipated completion in summer 2018.

Caltrans looks forward to continuing its mission of providing a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

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Topics will include:

- Summary of 2017 Housing Legislation;
- New Funding for Affordable Housing;
- Changes to Housing Element Law;
- Changes to the Housing Accountability Act;
- Streamlining Housing Approvals; and
- Options for Cities Moving Forward.

Briefing Details

Tuesday, Nov. 7

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lafayette Library & Learning Center
3491 Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Lafayette, CA 94549

For questions, please contact [Sam Caygill](#) at (510) 473-5418.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Donald R. Wright Auditorium
City of Pasadena Central Library
285 E. Walnut St.
Pasadena, CA 91101

For questions, please contact [Jennifer Quan](#) at (626) 786-5142.

Thursday, Nov. 9

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

For questions, please contact [Tony Cardenas](#) at (714) 425-5558.

To register for an event, please visit www.cacities.org/events.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issuance of \$21,200,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Alamo Garden Apartments in Vacaville.

About Alamo Garden Apartments

Alamo Garden Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 182 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Alamo Garden Family Apartments, LP. The project sponsor is ROEM Development Corporation. Alamo Garden will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Vacaville.

CSCDA and ROEM partnered with Citibank to provide the \$21,200,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Alamo Garden. The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Alamo Garden will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.