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Fix Our Roads Coalition Holds Press Conferences This Week Highlighting SB 1 Projects in Sacramento, Fresno and Bakersfield

City officials joined Caltrans, business, labor and transportation group representatives earlier this week for three news conferences in California's Northern and Central regions to highlight transportation projects made possible with SB 1 funding. *For more, see Page 2.*



2017 Legislative New Laws Briefing Webinar Available on Nov. 16

The League of California Cities® will host its 2017 Legislative New Laws Briefing webinar on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 1:30–3 p.m. During this year's Legislative Briefing, League lobbyists will discuss the developments from the first year of the 2017–18 legislative session. They will cover new laws affecting transportation, housing and land use, marijuana regulation, employee relations, and several other important legislative developments for state and local governments. *For more, see Page 3.*



Call for Session Proposals Open for Two League Conference

The League of California Cities® is currently soliciting session proposals for two 2018 educational conferences — the Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum (June) and the Annual Conference & Expo (September). League members are interested in sessions that address the challenges that cities face and cutting-edge solutions at the local level. *For more, see Page 3.*

Sacramento

A Sacramento news conference held on Oct. 23 highlighted a project Caltrans accelerated due to SB 1 funding: a \$267.4 million pavement replacement project will improve 67 lane miles of Interstate 5 from the American River Bridge (Discovery Park) to Consumnes River Boulevard.

Speakers and participants included:

- Darrell Steinberg, mayor, Sacramento;
- Bruce Roundy, vice mayor, Orland;
- Phil Serna, supervisor, Sacramento County;
- Barry Broome, president and CEO, Greater Sacramento Economic Council;
- Henry Li, general manager/CEO, Sacramento Regional Transit District;
- Laurie Berman, acting chief deputy director, Caltrans;
- Joe Cruz, legislative advocate, California State Council of Laborers;
- Roger Dickinson, executive director, Transportation California;
- Fran Halbakken, assistant city manager, Sacramento; and
- Michael Quigley, executive director, California Alliance for Jobs.

Fresno

The Oct. 24 Fresno press conference drew attention to an accelerated \$5.2 million Caltrans project that will repair and resurface various sections of pavement along State Route 99 in the City of Fresno.

Speakers and participants included:

- Esmeralda Soria, council member, Fresno;
- Laurie Berman, acting chief deputy director, Caltrans;
- Robert Phipps, deputy director, Fresno Council of Governments;
- Mike Leonardo, executive director, Fresno County Transportation Authority;
- Joe Cruz, legislative advocate, California State Council of Laborers; and
- Orville Thomas, director of Government Affairs, California Alliance for Jobs.

Bakersfield

On Oct. 25, a news conference occurred in Bakersfield highlighting another accelerated Caltrans project resulting from SB 1 funding. This project is a \$5.1 million pavement preservation project that will improve nearly five lane miles on State Route 204 from F Street to the SR-99/SR-204 separation in the City of Bakersfield.

Speakers and participants included:

- Andrae Gonzales, council member, Bakersfield;
- Craig Pope, public works director, Kern County;
- Grace Vallejo, mayor pro-tem, Delano;
- Marco Sanchez, asset manager, Caltrans District 6;
- John Spaulding, executive secretary, Building Trades Council;
- Joe Cruz, legislative advocate, California State Council of Laborers; and
- Orville Thomas, director of Government Affairs, California Alliance for Jobs.

These are just a few 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 throughout California 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.

More than \$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.

SB 1, passed by the Legislature in April, provides approximately \$5 billion annually in new funding to make road safety improvements, fill potholes, and repair local streets, freeways, bridges and overpasses. Every single city and county in California will receive funding from SB 1. Every single driver in California will benefit from better commutes and driving on safer, smoother roads.

The list below shows the amount of SB 1 funding some of the cities in the Sacramento region and Central Valley will receive from SB 1 over the 10-year period.

- City of Sacramento: \$138.7 million
- City of Folsom: \$22 million
- City of Roseville: \$38.3 million
- City of Rocklin: \$17.2 million
- City of Davis: \$19.5 million
- City of West Sacramento: \$15.1 million
- City of Placerville: \$3.0 million
- City of Bakersfield: \$108.2 million
- City of Fresno: \$148 million
- City of Clovis: \$30.8 million
- City of Merced: \$23.9 million

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The cost to register is \$25 for League members and Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

Please register by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at www.cacities.org/events.

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#).

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Mayors and Council Member Executive Forum

The Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum is the premier educational event for mayors and council members of all tenures. It will be held June 27–29 at the Monterey Marriott and Monterey Convention Center. [Submit](#) your session proposal online.

Annual Conference & Expo

The Annual Conference & Expo will be held Sept. 12–14 in Long Beach. This is the League’s largest event each year and attendees include mayors, council members, city managers, city clerks, finance officers, city attorneys, fire chiefs and other city staff and decision makers. [Submit](#) your session proposal online.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Whiting](#).

New FAQ Released for Open 2017 CDBG NOFA

The Department of Housing and Economic Development (HCD) has released a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document](#) to assist non-entitlement cities and counties complete the currently open Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This 2017 NOFA includes \$10.5 million specifically for economic development activities and \$22.9 million for community development activities. Applications must be received in requested format no later than Dec. 1, 2017 at 5 p.m.

New in this Year's NOFA

The 2017 NOFA includes several changes that, according to HCD, allow it to manage the program within current resources.

In addition to changes made to the application submittal process, applicants will now be able to request waivers from the HCD to the 50 percent expenditure rule. Currently, applicants are ineligible to receive additional CDBG funds unless they have expended at least 50 percent of previously awarded funds. Page 16 of the NOFA includes information on the waiver process.

Notably, HCD has decreased the number of activities per application from three to two per application. It has increased the maximum application limit from \$2 million to \$5 million.

In a policy shift, applicants will now be allowed to propose one CDBG eligible activity as a Supplemental Activity providing a more flexible tool for expending available program income.

The 2017 NOFA will apply priority state objective "points" to applications proposing disaster resiliency long term planning and activities that promote civic engagement in all segments of the community.

Contact Information

Please contact the NOFA Unit Staff via email at CDBGNOFA@hcd.ca.gov.

ILG Offers Series of Ethics Webinars

In California, state and federal laws create a complex set of requirements that guide city officials and staff in their service to their communities. The Institute for Local Government (ILG) has put together a series of webinars on important ethics topics this fall to help cities navigate these laws and regulations.

Upcoming webinars include:

- Abstentions and Disqualifications — Conflicts of Interest and When One Must or Should Step-Aside, Oct. 11, 2 p.m.
- The Brown Act, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.
- Completing Your Statement of Economic Interest — Form 700, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.
- Tips to Promote an Ethical and Transparent Culture, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.

Additional information and registration are available [online](#).

Please contact [Melissa Kuehne](#) with questions.
