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\$20 Million Awarded to North County Corridor Project

Senator Dianne Feinstein announced yesterday the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded four California projects \$72.5 million in grants from its BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program, formerly known as TIGER grants.

In November 2016, residents of Stanislaus County voted overwhelmingly to approve Measure L, instituting a special 25-year, one-half cent sales tax increase for local transportation improvement projects. This designated Stanislaus a "Self-help County," creating opportunities for federal funding like the TIGER and BUILD grants.

"Stanislaus County has had strong leadership in the Public Works department. The team has worked hard to secure the necessary funding for road infrastructure work," said Paul Van Konyenburg, of the California Transportation Commission. "But they didn't do this alone. We are so grateful that Senator Feinstein fought for us, and that Jeff Denham represented well in Washington on our behalf to highlight the needs of our community."

“The passage of Measure L and becoming a Self-help County has made an enormous difference. We are able to compete well with leveraging funding,” said Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.

“This is outstanding for Stanislaus County. The North County Corridor is a critical inter-regional connectivity project that will positively impact the movement of our goods and services,” said Supervisor Terry Withrow, who has been a champion in leading our regional projects and ensuring their forward momentum.

Congress tripled the funding for the program this year to \$1.5 billion. California’s \$72.5 million is double what California received on average during the Obama administration and eight times the amount received last year.

“Investment in our transportation infrastructure is necessary for California’s long-term economic growth,” said Senator Feinstein. “These grants, combined with state and private funding, will ensure these vital projects can move forward.

California projects

- **\$15 million for San Francisco** roadway improvements on Market Street between 6th and 8th streets, including roadway resurfacing, streetcar track replacement, upgrading traffic signals and a new F-line streetcar turnaround loop at McAllister Street and Charles J. Brenham Place.
- **\$20 million for Imperial County** to widen the existing bridge at the Calexico Border Patrol Station to accommodate two additional northbound commercial truck lanes, two additional northbound passenger vehicle lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- **\$17.5 million for Kern County** to widen 5 miles of Route 46 to four lanes in each direction, add 1 mile of bike lanes and sidewalks, and build a new bridge.
- **\$20 million for Stanislaus County** to build 3 miles of the new SR 108 North County Corridor, a six-lane expressway.

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