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$26M to support range of priority transportation projects
Projects include Safe Routes to School, paving local roads and other local projects

SANTA ROSA, CA - Over $26M was approved today by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) to fund 22 transportation projects and programs across Sonoma County. The funds will help upgrade key roads, reduce air pollution and support better ways for residents to get around.

“It’s vital that we get these projects funded and keep upgrading our transportation system,” said David Rabbitt, Chair of the SCTA and Sonoma County Supervisor. “The County will be able to pave more than 7 miles of roads, add our second all electric bus and build two important bike and pedestrian bridges.”

The list of projects was proposed by local jurisdictions and identified by SCTA as the best opportunities to develop safe, efficient and healthy transportation options. The funding is derived from federal gas tax, vehicle license fees and State sales tax.

“Sonoma County generally does well when it comes to bringing in outside funding and I can’t wait to see the improvements like the bike and pedestrian access on Crocker Bridge in Cloverdale” said Carol Russell, Vice Chair of the SCTA and Council Member from Cloverdale.

“These are the kinds of projects that often get the most support in our community, because residents are able to use a new pathway or have their child start biking with Safe Routes to School,” said Chris Coursey, SCTA Director and Mayor of Santa Rosa.

SCTA Director and Windsor Town Council Member Sam Salmon commented on the roundabout to be funded at Windsor River Road, saying “What a location for a roundabout! We are making a critical improvement and laying the groundwork to get SMART service to Windsor.”

SCTA Director and Petaluma City Council Member Kathy Miller commended the projects saying, “I am eager to have the SMART pathway move forward in Petaluma, along with new pavement that will benefit everyone on Petaluma Boulevard South.”
The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) was created in 1990 and is governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors representing each of the nine cities - Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor - and the Sonoma County board of Supervisors. The SCTA acts as the countywide planning and fund programming agency for transportation and performs a variety of important functions related to advocacy, project management, planning, finance, grant administration and research.
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) manages the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) using federal gas tax funds. Known as OBAG for short, the second round of OBAG funding available for Sonoma County provides funding for transportation improvements over the next five years.

The Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA), County Program Manager Fund program funds are generated through a $4 surcharge on vehicle registrations in the Bay Area, 40% of which are programmed by SCTA through the County Program Manager Fund. In Sonoma County, only the southern portion of the County is within the Air District. Cloverdale, Healdsburg and the unincorporated areas north of Windsor do not receive TFCA funds administered by SCTA.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are generated from a statewide ¼ cent sales tax. Article 3 of TDA is a set-aside of approximately 2% of those monies. MTC administers TDA3, which is distributed based on population.

For more information, see the May 8, 2017 SCTA Board Agenda: [http://bit.ly/scta-may-8-17](http://bit.ly/scta-may-8-17)

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