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Historic vote for Highway 101 improvements

\$85 million in State funding to complete the Highway 101 widening in Sonoma County

LOS ANGELES, CA - The California Transportation Commission acted today to allocate the last portion of funding required to complete the Highway 101 widening in Sonoma County. The funding is a result of local Measure M funds matching State money through the Solutions for Congested Corridors program made possible by Senate Bill 1 from 2017.

“Our voter approved sales tax for transportation has delivered,” said Sonoma County Transportation Authority Chair Mark Landman. “The \$1 Billion carpool lane widening from Windsor to the Sonoma County line is scheduled to be open by the end of 2022.”

The Marin Sonoma Narrows represents a \$750 million two-county construction project that has been broken up into segments and built as funds became available. The Narrows is the last piece of 30 miles of continuous carpool lanes to be built from Windsor to the Marin County line.

“It is a historic day,” said SCTA Director David Rabbitt who represents southern Sonoma County on the Board of Supervisors. “Petaluma residents, and everyone else on Highway 101, welcome this last piece of the funding puzzle falling into place.”

Highway widening in Sonoma County is the result of using local funds from the 2004 voter approved Measure M sales tax to get projects ready to go and to leverage for State and federal funds. Since Measure M was enacted the Highway 101 program has secured more than \$5 for every \$1 in local money.

Director Kathy Miller said, “The City of Petaluma, the SCTA and Caltrans have all pulled together to make this project a reality. It can’t open soon enough!”

The \$85 million in new State funding marks the first round of money available from the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. The SCC Program was created after Legislators approved SB1 in 2017 and new revenues began to flow to transportation. The Narrows project was one of four to secure the first round of funding based on the SCTA’s track record for delivery and local match.

Benefits of continuous carpool lane include reduced travel time, improved safety, increased multi-modal uses and improved highway operations.

Construction will begin later this summer with lanes opening by the end of 2022.

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