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## CALTRANS TO SPEND SB 1 FUNDS IN MERCED COUNTY

**MERCED-** The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced the fast tracking of “fix it first” construction work and increased road repairs across the state including two in Merced County. Caltrans is able to jumpstart these road repairs thanks to the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) recently passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

The 13 listed “fix it first” projects involve mainly resurfacing on state highways. Among the projects is State Route 152 from Los Banos to east of the Merced/Madera County line which will receive \$2.8 million in repairs and replacement of various sections of pavement, as well as, a resurface of nearly 13 miles on State Route 59 near Merced.

SB 1 is a landmark transportation investment to rebuild California by fixing neighborhood streets, freeways and bridges in communities across California and targeting funds towards transit and congested trade and commute corridor improvements. With these funds, Caltrans will fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges, and 55,000 culverts by 2027. Caltrans will also fix 7,700 traffic operating systems, like ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards that help reduce highway congestion.

To track the progress of projects funded by SB 1, Caltrans established a Rebuilding California website: <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov>.

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