



Advocate for the Heavy Construction Industry

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced the fast tracking of statewide “fix it first” construction work and increased road repairs. Attributing the ability to start these projects due to the recent passage of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1), 13 pavement projects will begin summer of 2017 with the expedited design of an additional 50 projects to begin this fiscal year.

“For the first time in 23 years, California is making a significant investment in the state’s transportation infrastructure,” said Michael Quigley, executive director of the California Alliance for Jobs. “SB 1 promised California motorists safer and improved road conditions, tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, and more money kept in their pockets from reduced car maintenance. Today’s announcement is the first down payment towards that commitment. ”

Caltrans is expediting more than \$285 million in road repairs across California months before the revenue from SB 1 even starts to accrue this fall. The road repair projects will include repairing and resurfacing hundreds of miles of highways to extend the service life of California roads, according to a joint press release from CalSTA and Caltrans.

SB 1 is estimated to generate \$54 billion over the next decade, split evenly between state and local investments, to fix transportation infrastructure across California.

SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to 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. When this work is finished, 98 percent of pavement on state facilities will be in good or fair condition, up from 85 percent today.