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SLOCOG Awarded \$2.2 Million in Funding to Expand Rail Service on the Central Coast

San Luis Obispo, Calif. (March 6, 2019) – Today, the [California State Transportation Agency \(CalSTA\)](#) announced the award of **\$13.1 million of Senate Bill 1 State Rail Assistance (SRA) funding** to advance nine projects throughout the state. These projects add to the \$64.2 million approved in 2018, bringing cumulative SRA awards to \$77.3 million for projects. These projects are focused investments to expand intercity rail service across the state, reduce air pollution, and ease traffic congestion – with an emphasis on emerging corridors, like the Coast Route.

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) award of \$2.2 million will be used by the [Coast Rail Coordinating Council](#) (CRCC) and its member agencies to complete a *Coast Rail Corridor Service Implementation Plan* and pre-construction activities for a new intercity rail station in King City.

SLOCOG is the facilitating agency for the CRCC, a group of transportation agencies working together to bring improved frequency, speed, reliability, and ease of use to intercity passenger trains on the coastal route between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Member agencies include SLOCOG, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC).

“Improving passenger rail service along the Central Coast Corridor will help alleviate traffic congestion on Highway 101 and make the Central Coast more accessible for commuters, tourists, and residents,” said Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham (R-San Luis Obispo). “I am glad to see the state recognize our unique transportation needs and appreciate its willingness to invest in our region’s future.”

Click [HERE](#) for the full list of new SRA projects awarded.



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About SLOCOG

The [San Luis Obispo Council of Governments](#) (SLOCOG) is an association of local governments in the San Luis Obispo region. Its members include San Luis Obispo County and its seven cities (Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, and San Luis Obispo) as well as unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County. The central purpose of SLOCOG is to examine common regional problems and suggest solutions. SLOCOG provides transportation planning and funding for the region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. In addition to preparing the region's long-range transportation plan, SLOCOG plans and provides funding for public transit services, highway and roadway improvements, and other alternative methods of transportation.

About SBCAG

The [Santa Barbara County Association of Governments](#) (SBCAG) is a regional planning agency comprised of Santa Barbara County and all eight incorporated cities within the county, including: Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Goleta, Carpinteria, Guadalupe, Solvang, and Buellton. SBCAG distributes local, state, and federal transportation funds and acts as a forum for addressing regional and multi-jurisdictional issues.

About SCCRTC

The [Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission](#) (SCCRTC) is an autonomous regional transportation planning agency headquartered in downtown Santa Cruz. Created by the State of California in 1972 to carry out transportation responsibilities that cross city-county boundaries in Santa Cruz County.

About TAMC

The [Transportation Agency for Monterey County](#) (TAMC) serves as Monterey County's regional transportation planning agency and is a state designated agency responsible for planning and financial programming of transportation projects. TAMC's mission is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities in Monterey County.

About VCTC

The [Ventura County Transportation Commission](#) (VCTC) serves as Ventura County's regional transportation planning agency and is a state designated agency responsible for planning and financial programming of transportation projects. VCTC's mission is to improve mobility within Ventura County and prioritize funding to meet transportation needs. To fulfill that mission, VCTC establishes transportation policies and priorities ensuring an equitable allocation of federal, state and local funds for highway, transit, rail, aviation, bicycle and other transportation projects.