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Board Approves Top Ten Priority Transportation Projects for 2024

Stockton, CA – Yesterday, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved its Top Ten Priority Transportation Projects for 2024, which will help secure funding for the most pressing transportation concerns in the county. For the coming year, the County’s top priority is the Grant Line Road Improvements project from Banta Road to 11th Street outside of Tracy. The project would widen and realign Grant Line Road to a four-lane road east of Banta Road and add paved shoulders to accommodate a bicycle route. The county is seeking \$15 million from state and federal partners to add to the local funds from Measure K and development fees.

“As we have seen unprecedented growth in the Tracy area, three of the top priorities for the county are centered in that area,” commented Board Chairman Robert Rickman, who represents the Fifth District. “The Board is committed to supporting efforts to secure resources for these improvements to ensure accessibility, support economic development, and improve traffic operations and safety along these corridors.”

Priority two is the widening of Interstate 205, adding managed lanes between Interstate 5 and Interstate 580. Several options for the managed lanes are being considered, including high occupancy vehicle lanes, toll lanes, or reversing lanes for transit services. The project is seeking approximately \$26 million to complete the preliminary engineering activities. Priority three is the 11th Street Corridor Improvements project, including median and intersection improvements along the four mile stretch of road that extends from I-5 to the Tracy City limit.

“Public safety and infrastructure are two essential local government services,” continued Chairman Rickman. “Thanks to Measure K tax revenue and development fees, we are able to provide local revenue to match state and federal funds to complete projects that impact our communities and quality of life.”

Public Works staff annually reviews projects and makes recommendations based on various project characteristics including transportation safety, regional benefits, economic development, and growth-related needs. The county’s priorities are funded wholly or partially through the State Transportation Improvement Program, Measure K, development fees, and/or other state and federal programs. The priority list will be shared with county legislative advocates, the California Department of Transportation, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments for consideration as regional project priorities are being established, which is the next step in the funding process.

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