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Transportation Agency Announces “Bike Month” Mileage Competition Results

State Agencies and Departments Collectively Biked More Than 550,000 Miles in May

SACRAMENTO— The California State Transportation Agency today announced that state agencies and departments across California have reported more than 550,000 miles of biking during the “May Is Bike Month” statewide employer challenges.

“This Administration is committed to improving transportation—and public health—by supporting healthy and sustainable transportation options,” said Secretary Brian Kelly. “We led by example in May, collectively biking more than half-a-million miles to celebrate Bike Month.”

“May Is Bike Month” is an annual event that promotes bicycling in California by allowing employers and individuals to log commute, errand and recreation bike miles during the month of May. This year, all state departments and agencies logged 557,517 miles of biking as part of the small, medium and larger employer challenges. All participants biked a total of approximately 1.9 million miles, a twelve percent increase over last year’s mileage.

Californians are increasingly embracing the environmental and public health benefits of active transportation including cycling and walking. A recently released Caltrans California Household Travel Survey revealed that, statewide, 23 percent of household trips are made via non-car transportation, more than double the participation 10 years ago.

In response to this increased demand, and as part of its effort to modernize its operations, Caltrans recently endorsed National Association of City Transportation Officials’ guidelines that include innovations such as buffered bike lanes and improved pedestrian walkways. California is the third state in the nation to endorse these new design guidelines. Increasing opportunities for walking and bicycling in California helps improve public health and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Last year, Governor Brown signed legislation (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354) creating the new Active Transportation Program, which distributes funding for human-powered transportation projects and programs. The new \$360 million program replaced a

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patchwork of small grant programs with a comprehensive program that is more efficient. Caltrans began accepting applications from cities and counties in April 2014.

For more information on “May Is Bike Month,” including the latest mileage data, visit: http://www.mayisbikemonth.com/challenges_emp.asp?sizeSmall=on&sizeMed=on&sizeLarge=on&city=

The California State Transportation Agency, which launched July 1, 2013, is responsible for transportation-related departments within the state: Board of Pilot Commissioners, California Highway Patrol, California Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, High-Speed Rail Authority, New Motor Vehicle Board and Office of Traffic Safety. The Agency was formed as part of Governor Brown’s Government Reorganization Plan, which became law in 2012. For more information, visit www.calsta.ca.gov.

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