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SAN BERNARDINO STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

SB 1 funding making it possible to accelerate this and other road projects.

Residents will have safer, smoother roads.

The City of Montclair announced today it will begin construction of the San Bernardino Street Rehabilitation Project on June 4, 2018. The project will resurface the roadway spanning from Benson Avenue to Mills Avenue. The work includes traffic signal improvements; curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement; new asphalt pavement and a designated bicycle lane. Because of funding from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, drivers will benefit and see road improvements much sooner than anticipated.

"SB 1 provides funding for every community in California to make needed road safety improvements to our local streets and roads," said Michael Hudson, Public Works Director/City Engineer. "The San Bernardino Street Rehabilitation Project will make driving much safer in the City of Montclair and improve the quality of life for our residents. And because of SB 1 funding, we were able to begin this project much earlier than anticipated."

SB 1 funding allows the City of Montclair to fast-track projects that have been delayed for too long. Below is a list of projects that are on the fast track to completion due to SB 1:

- Monte Vista Avenue Improvements: Design of the street improvement project is being paid for by SB1 funds. Project limits will be from the Interstate 10 Freeway to Holt Boulevard. Design is scheduled to begin in October 2018.
- **Holt Boulevard Improvements:** The project will resurface Holt Boulevard from Ramona Avenue to Mills Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.
- North Montclair Traffic Signal Interconnect Project: Design of the traffic signal improvement project is being paid for by SB1 funds. Design is scheduled to begin in 2019.
- A full list of road projects possible because of SB 1 can be found here: <u>HTTP://REBUILDINGCA.CA.GOV/</u>

"SB 1 will generate \$5,000,000 for the City of Montclair over the next decade," said Hudson. "We haven't seen an investment in transportation like this in more than two decades. It's a welcome relief for the residents of Montclair."

Statewide, SB 1 is expected to generate more than \$5 billion annually for road repairs, to fill potholes, make seismic safety improvements to bridges and overpasses, and repair local streets and freeways. Funding in SB 1 is split equally between state and local governments. SB 1 also includes accountability provisions and constitutional protections, such as the creation of the Office of Inspector General, to ensure the funding is spent wisely and on transportation projects only.

California has a backlog of \$130 billion in needed road maintenance projects (\$57 billion in state highways; \$73 billion in local streets and roads). Not surprisingly, bumpy roads are putting considerable wear and tear on vehicles. It is estimated that the average California driver pays an additional \$762 annually for car repairs due to driving on poor roads.

"SB 1 is an investment and a game-changer for drivers in Montclair," continued Michael Hudson. "SB 1 gives us an opportunity to catch up on years of unfunded maintenance needs that have plagued our roadways and cost drivers for years. Every driver will benefit."