SB 1 is a landmark transportation investment to rebuild California by fixing neighborhood streets, freeways and bridges in communities across California and targeting funds toward transit and congested trade and commute corridor improvements. SB 1 is a job creator. The White House Council of Economic Advisors found that every $1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure supports 13,000 jobs a year. SB 1 gets to work putting people to work to rebuild California.

» SB 1 invests $5.4 billion annually over the next decade to fix California’s transportation system. It will address a backlog of repairs and upgrades, while ensuring a cleaner and more sustainable travel network for the future.

» SB 1 funds will be protected under a constitutional amendment (ACA 5), which safeguards new dollars for transportation use only. ACA 5 will be on the ballot for voter approval in November 2018.

WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

The transportation bill will fund an additional $1 billion for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) over the next ten years — that’s an additional $100 million per year that will go to cities, counties and regional transportation agencies to build more bike paths, cross-walks and sidewalks.

California has ambitious goals to double walking and triple bicycling trips by 2020, and reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities by ten percent each year. SB 1 will help Caltrans reach these goals.

The ATP has helped fund projects like the SMART Pathway Project, a multi-modal corridor running alongside the SMART train route in Sonoma County, and the Whittier Greenway Trail East Extension, which closes a gap in the bikeway network creating a cross-county connection of active trail systems in Los Angeles County.

At least one-quarter of ATP funds are designated to disadvantaged communities.

WHY INVEST IN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS?

It’s imperative to have sustainable, multi-modal transportation that includes more than just roads. The Active Transportation Program provides options for other methods of transportation that will enhance public health and improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

» Redirecting traffic off the roadways reduces air pollution, curtails traffic congestion and improves safety.

» Bicycle and pedestrian projects expand healthy travel choices, while meeting air-quality goals, promoting a low carbon economy and meeting environmental standards.

» Bicycle and pedestrian projects will lead to improved connections between local and regional roads, public transit, and intercity and passenger rail.

» Designing safe streets that provide room for bicycling and walking helps children and adults increase physical activity.