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Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Member Projects Receive \$265 Million in INFRA Grant Awards

WASHINGTON, DC (July 31, 2019) – The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) proposed 10 large and 10 small projects to receive funds from the fiscal year 2019 INFRA discretionary grant program. Of these, three Coalition for America's Gateway and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) member projects were awarded a total of \$265 million in federal funding with full costs exceeding \$743 million. The INFRA program was authorized by Congress in the 2015 FAST Act to make investments in the nation's most critical freight and highway needs.

"The INFRA grant program is highly-competitive and I congratulate our members for earning an award in this funding round," said CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle. "Among the largest awards ever granted, Ports America Chesapeake partnered on the Howard Street Tunnel Project, which has been a decades-long effort to address a major freight infrastructure need in our nation's transportation network."

The Maryland Department of Transportation will be awarded \$125 million to raise the vertical clearance of Baltimore's Howard Street Tunnel to facilitate movement of double-stack trains on an important freight rail corridor.

"On behalf of Ports America Chesapeake, we want to thank Governor Hogan, the Maryland Congressional delegation, and the many stakeholders who provided unwavering support to secure this critical federal funding. This project, coupled with our significant private investment at Seagirt Marine Terminal, will allow for continued growth at the Port of Baltimore and will strengthen our position to inland markets," said Bayard Hogans, Vice President, Ports America.

CAGTC Member **Ports America Chesapeake** presented on the merits of this freight project this year at the CAGTC annual meeting. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#).

Additionally, the Arizona Department of Transportation will be awarded \$90 million to add capacity on a rural, mountainous stretch of I-17 north of Phoenix. CAGTC member **Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)** is the regional planning body for the greater Phoenix region.

"Drivers traveling between Phoenix and Flagstaff—including commercial freight traffic—will enjoy the benefits of these flex lanes in reducing costly delays," said MAG Executive Director Eric Anderson. "The vital economic and transportation interests served by I-17 is the reason MAG has committed \$50 million to the project." The MAG funding will help build additional lanes along the 17-mile stretch between the north Phoenix suburb of Anthem and Black Canyon City as part of the larger I-17 improvement project.

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The City of Temecula, CA, will be awarded \$50 million to construct a two-lane northbound collector/distributor system along I-15. The **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)** provided important support to the City of Temecula as this project will generate regional economic, mobility, and safety benefits via travel time savings, safety, and emissions savings.

“Alleviating congestion in the six-county SCAG region is vital, both in terms of quality of life and economic impact. We proudly supported the City of Temecula’s efforts to secure this much needed INFRA funding to help relieve congestion at one of the region’s worst traffic bottlenecks and ensure that we can maintain safe and efficient movement of people and goods,” said Kome Ajise, Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments.

CAGTC applauds these members on their successful grant applications.

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America’s intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC’s main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org