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CAGTC Members Earn 20 Percent of FY22 INFRA Awards Highway and Multimodal Freight Projects of National Significance Receive \$1.5 Billion in Total INFRA Funding

WASHINGTON, DC (September 16, 2022) – Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded 26 projects funding through the fiscal year 2022 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) competitive grant program. Among the recipients are five projects sponsored or supported by members of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), including a \$150 million award for the California Department of Transportation and San Diego Association of Governments' Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project – the largest individual grant awarded among this year's INFRA recipients. Additionally, our engineering and consulting members developed or contributed to several other successful awards.

The INFRA program provides much-needed federal funding to advance multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance. Recognizing the importance of discretionary multimodal freight investment, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) allocated more than \$1.5 billion for FY22 INFRA grants – an increase of 67 percent over recent annual funding amounts. Moreover, the BIL raised the amount of funding available to non-highway freight projects from 11 percent to 30 percent annually, allowing for increased investment across our nation's multimodal freight system.

"The INFRA program is a critical resource to address large-scale freight infrastructure needs," said CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle. "The increased funding and additional flexibility for multimodal freight projects provided by the BIL will offer wide-ranging benefits at a pivotal time for our strained supply chains. Strategic investments in freight infrastructure will improve goods movement capacity and efficiency, spur economic growth, and support job creation. We congratulate our members who received INFRA awards and look forward to our continued engagement with USDOT throughout the implementation of BIL funding and programs."

The California Department of Transportation/ San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project will receive \$150 million to construct a new toll road (State Route 11) and Port of Entry facility. It also includes inspection equipment for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, zero-emission chargers for staff vehicles, a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility to be used by the California Highway Patrol and FMCSA, and deployment of intelligent transportation systems throughout the Port of Entry.

"SANDAG is pleased to learn about this vital investment to support construction of the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry," said **SANDAG Deputy CEO and CAGTC Board Member Coleen Clementson**. "It is a great example of what can be accomplished when federal, state, and local partners align to strengthen the nation's supply chain by shortening border wait-times and greenhouse gas emissions, transforming the way people and goods move throughout the San Diego region."

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The Illinois Department of Transportation will receive \$70 million for the CREATE WA-1 Segment: Ogden Junction project. The project is supported by **the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)** and **the City of Chicago**. The project will rehabilitate railroad track, upgrade signaling, and replace, remove, or rehabilitate 18 viaduct structures on an approximate 1.9-mile-long segment of the Western Avenue Rail corridor from Kedzie to 16th street. Approximately 10,000 feet of new track will be constructed and approximately 31,000 feet of track will be shifted. New power turnouts and crossovers will enable an automated path to be controlled by the dispatcher and new friction management equipment will be installed

“The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has created so many new opportunities for projects that will make our transportation systems safer and more resilient. We are proud of the INFRA grant awarded to the CREATE Program, a first of its kind partnership dedicated to improving rail safety and efficiency throughout the region,” said **CMAP Executive Director and CAGTC Board of Directors Treasurer Erin Aleman**. “The award for the Ogden Junction project brings us one step closer toward improvements in faster freight and supply chains, and decreasing congestion for those living along rail corridors.”

The Tennessee Department of Transportation’s I-40 Truck Parking and Bridges Replacement project will receive \$22.6 million to upgrade welcome center ramps to meet current standards, add approximately 125 truck parking spaces, and upgrade the adjacent bridge structures on I-40 over the Caney Fork River.

“Given the significant movement of freight along interstates in Tennessee, it is critical that we invest in truck parking and rest areas,” said **Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Butch Eley**. “As a fast growing state at the center of commerce and industry for our nation, Tennessee stands ready to respond to growth in travel and ensure safe movement of goods, freight and people throughout Tennessee.”

The Florida Department of Transportation will receive \$15 million for its I-4 West Central Florida Truck Parking Facility project. The project will construct a new truck parking facility with approximately 120 spaces, electric charging stations, and pedestrian infrastructure to access nearby commercial amenities. The truck parking facility will be connected to FDOT’s Truck Parking Availability System to help commercial vehicle operators find available parking locations and will include at least six electrical hookups to provide stand-by power for refrigerated trucks and auxiliary power for in-cab comforts.

The Washington State Department of Transportation will be awarded \$25 million for its Salmon Bay Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The project will rehabilitate the movable span of the Salmon Bay Bridge by replacing the counterweight, the counterweight truss, six of the eight bearings, and the counterweight links with steel members with a high resistance to fatigue.

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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