



## Director's Message

With the passage of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 this spring, Caltrans embarks on a decade-long task of smoothing our highways, strengthening our bridges, improving our traffic management systems and providing Californians with the full range of travel options.

Commonly known as SB-1, the funding and oversight package lays out specific performance targets for pavement, culverts and bridges, as well as the sensors, cameras, signals and electronic signs that make up our transportation management systems.

To meet those goals by 2027, Caltrans will replace or repair at least:

- 17,000 lane miles of pavement
- 55,000 culverts and drains
- 7,700 sensors, signals and signs
- 500 bridges

When we are done, 98 percent of the pavement on the state highway system will be in good or fair condition; 90 percent of our 200,000 culverts also will be in good or fair condition, as will 90 percent of our transportation management elements.

We will conduct our business in a fully transparent manner, detailing our progress to the public. The *Mile Marker* will continue its vital role as a window into our operations and tracker of performance metrics as it has since 2014. It will continue to ensure our efforts are transparent and that we are accountable for our actions.

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The revenue will begin phasing in later this year. In the meantime, we will accelerate our maintenance activities and speed the delivery of restoration projects. We are ramping up for the largest sustained effort to improve our system in generations.

This is an enormous challenge and let me assure you, the people of Caltrans will rise to it. **MM**

Malcolm Dougherty, *Director of Caltrans*

**Cover:** Crews use rapid-set concrete in 2015 to repair a section of Interstate 710 in the City of Commerce that was badly damaged when a gasoline tanker overturned and caught fire. No one was injured. Caltrans crews respond daily to emergency maintenance requests such as this, but now, with the passage of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, will have the means to focus on improving the condition of pavement, bridges, culverts and network of signals, signs and sensors throughout the state highway system.