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Secretary David M. Lanier Issues Statement on Road Repair and Accountability Act

SACRAMENTO – California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary David M. Lanier today issued the following statement urging the Legislature to pass SB 1 – the [Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017](#) – co-authored by Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assemblymember Jim L. Frazier Jr. (D-Discovery Bay):

“The most significant thing we can do this week to create good paying jobs in California is to pass the transportation bill.

“In addition to the \$5 billion per year in project funding, this transportation package includes \$25 million – or \$5 million per year for five years – for pre-apprenticeship job training. These programs provide at-risk youth, women, veterans and the formerly incarcerated with training in the construction trades. This investment will train California workers for jobs in California.

“The job training proposal in the transportation package builds on the California Workforce Development Board’s successful efforts in Proposition 39 pre-apprenticeship training pilots. These programs trained 1,000 at-risk youth, veterans and other disadvantaged job seekers in the construction trades, including green job skills.

“Multi-craft pre-apprenticeships provide local residents with training that can lead to good paying, middle-class jobs. Workers that have been underrepresented and need a helping hand at securing work opportunities are the focus of pre-apprenticeship programs. These programs help to create a pool of prepared and qualified local residents to fill jobs as they become available.”

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