

Brown asks Trump for fast review of 10 California infrastructure projects

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California Gov. [Jerry Brown](#) sent a list of 10 infrastructure projects to President [Donald Trump](#) on Friday requesting an expedited environmental review.

According to a [copy of the letter obtained by the Silicon Valley Business Journal](#), the projects include the San Jose-San Joaquin Valley stretch of California's high-speed rail project, emergency repairs to the Oroville Dam spillway, a "managed lane" for U.S. 101 in San Mateo County and demolition of what remains of the eastern span of the Bay Bridge.

"These projects will enhance public safety and strengthen our economy," Brown wrote. His letter noted that the Oroville Dam repair was an emergency project that has already been exempted from state environmental review.

Brown's letter came on the same day that the [National Governors Association](#) began its annual meeting in Washington. As a whole, the nation's governors are supportive of Trump's promise to spend \$1 trillion to improve the nation's infrastructure and have forwarded 428 different projects to the White House that they want to see funded, according to a report by Reuters.

Trump [issued an executive order on Jan. 24](#) to expedite key energy and infrastructure projects. "Too often, infrastructure projects in the United States have been routinely and excessively delayed by agency processes and procedures," it said.

Under the order, governors may submit projects to the White House Council on Environmental Quality, which has 30 days to decide whether the project qualifies as "high priority" based on its "importance to the general welfare, value to the nation, environmental benefits and such other factors as the Chairman deems relevant."

According to Brown's letter, six of the projects are focused on central and southern California, including the widening of a portion of Interstate 10 in Los Angeles County and the building of a 4.2-mile streetcar line in Orange County. The remaining four directly impact the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento region. They are:

- **Highway 101 Managed Lane Project in San Mateo County:** To provide congestion relief in one of the Bay Area's most critical highways.
- **San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge Demolition Project:** To speed up demolition of the old bridge.
- **California High-Speed Rail Project:** To build the Silicon Valley-to-Central Valley connection, among other elements.
- **Oroville Dam Spillway:** To complete emergency repairs.

Earlier Friday, Brown announced he would spend \$50 million from the state's general fund and reallocate \$387 million from the \$7.5 billion water bond issue approved by voters in 2014 to pay for flood control, according to the [Sacramento Bee](#).