



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Andrew Bird
916.319.2011

April 26, 2018

Photo cutline: Assemblymember Jim Frazier, chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, speaks at the Caltrans Workers Memorial on Thursday, April 26, on the West Steps of the State Capitol. Credit: Office of Assemblymember Jim Frazier.

Frazier reminds motorists and workers to take extra caution during memorial for fallen Caltrans workers

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay), chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, today participated in the annual Caltrans Statewide Workers Memorial Ceremony on the steps of the Capitol.

This year's memorial paid tribute to Si Si Han, a Bay Bridge toll collector who was struck and killed by a driver who was allegedly under the influence when the box truck he was driving crashed into the toll booth. Also honored was Annette Brooks, a structural steel painter supervisor who was shot and killed while on the job last year in Rio Dell, CA.

Frazier used the memorial to remind Californians that the passage of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 means more Caltrans workers will be working on the state's roads and highways.

"About \$4 billion more dollars will hit the street in the form of increased maintenance activities and road repair projects," Frazier said during a brief address at the memorial. "Please, if you're a motorist, go slow for the cone zone. Do all you can to ensure these workers get home safely to their families. If you're one of those workers, be extra cautious. More road work may mean

fewer patient drivers. I'm looking forward to all of us gathering back here next year to report a perfect safety record."

Since 1921, 188 California Department of Transportation employees have been killed on the job. One of the biggest hazards is from motorists who do not exercise caution while driving where highway workers are present, Caltrans officials say.

Each year on statewide Worker Memorial Day, Caltrans honors these employees by placing their names on a memorial plaque in the lobby of the Caltrans Headquarters building in Sacramento. The ceremony is held in conjunction with Caltrans Safety Awareness Week.

###

Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.

CONTACT: Andrew Bird (916) 319-2011 Andrew.Bird@asm.ca.gov

