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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission March 2, 2006 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Project:

Caltrans announced that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has approved full funding for the Highway 1/17 project. The project was the only project out of 19 in the state to receive funding by the CTC director's delegated authority. The three year project – which will add a lane in each direction roughly between Morrissey Boulevard/La Fonda on Highway 1 and the Pasatiempo exit on Highway 17 -- is expected to begin construction in April or May.

Highway 1/HOV Lane Project:

The Regional Transportation Commission heard a quarterly report about the environmental analysis and preliminary design for the Highway 1/HOV Lane project. Included were project status updates for the cultural and biological analyses as well as the traffic modeling efforts.

An update was also provided on the auxiliary lanes project between Morrissey Boulevard and Soquel Avenue.

Executive Director:

The Commission approved the hire of the top candidate for the Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission, George Dondero II. The new director is expected to begin in April.

Resolution for Caltrans District 5 Director

The Commission presented a resolution of appreciation to Gregg Albright, Caltrans District 5 Director since 2002, who was recently appointed Deputy Director for Planning and Modal Programs at Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento. The Commission appreciates Mr. Albright's dedicated service to Santa Cruz County. Cheryl Willis has been appointed interim Director for Caltrans District 5. Caltrans is recruiting for a permanent District 5 Director.

Upcoming SCCRTC and Committee Meetings (please call 831/460-3200 to confirm):

Commission Meetings

Thursday, April 6, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Government Center
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Thursday, May 4, 9:00 am
Capitola City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola

Transportation Policy Workshop-Commission meetings

Thursday, March 16, 9:00 am
Thursday, April 20, 9:00 am
Commission Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, March 13, 7:00 pm
Monday, April 10, 7:00 pm
Commission Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 11, 1:30 pm
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Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 16, 1:30 pm
Thursday, April 20, 1:30 pm
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Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged.

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