

Exhibit A:  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FY 2004-05 WORK PROGRAM

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Introduction

In general, the Commission's budgetary and work program responsibilities are separated into three parts:

- Part 1: Commission Planning Program and Projects Funded Through the Commission's Operating Budget
- Part 2: Local Jurisdiction Planning Projects Funded by Federal STP/CMAQ Funds
- Part 3: Surface Transportation Program (STP) Exchange Program

Part 1, projects performed by and for the Commission, appears in the budget in Section III: Operating Budget Detail by Work Program. Parts 2 and 3, pass through grant programs administered by the Commission, are in the Commission's budget as Section IV: Pass Through Grants and Programs. Only Part 1 is included in the Work Program.

Overview of Commission Work Program for FY04-05

An early task for the FY04-05 SCCRTC work program will be transition of oversight of the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project to the recently-formed Highway 1 Construction Authority Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The SCCRTC will oversee the PA/ED contract until JPA staff is in place and the project is transferred. After the PA/ED is transferred to the JPA, SCCRTC staff will continue to participate in the technical Project Development Team.

The FY04-05 SCCRTC work program includes continuing work on public information and other implementation activities for the November 2004 local transportation sales tax measure Expenditure Plan. The RTC's Expenditure Plan Subcommittee may continue meeting in FY04-05. The proposed work program includes another public opinion poll, potentially as an exit poll.

In FY04-05, the Commission will retain a coordinating role with Caltrans on the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project between the Highway 1/17 Interchange and Morrissey Boulevard. Construction, originally set to begin in 2004, has been delayed due to state funding issues, but Caltrans project implementation activities are continuing. The SCCRTC is involved in coordinating with Caltrans and City of Santa Cruz staff on the public information program, final design issues and construction scheduling.

Completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be a focus in FY04-05. This relatively minor update and the environmental review will continue to be prepared in close coordination with AMBAG and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, including a coordinated environmental review.

The SCCRTC will continue to carry out its responsibilities to monitor and coordinate with Caltrans and local agencies on timely implementation of state highway and local projects with state or federal funding participation. Staff will continue to monitor the activities of the California Transportation Commission vis-à-vis incorporation of the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for Santa Cruz County, prepared in April 2003, into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). SCCRTC staff will continue to assist local agencies in monitoring and meeting funding deadlines for State Transportation Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funded projects. Another continuing task is working with Caltrans on reviewing Project Study Reports for other highway improvement projects and project development activities.

Specialized transportation tasks are featured in the beginning of FY04-05 as the Commission establishes and staffs a Task Force for Paratransit Coordination.

Traffic monitoring, the Commute Solutions rideshare program and bicycle planning are on-going programs that are de-emphasized in the FY03-04 work program in order to spend staff resources on higher priorities.

The SCCRTC budget and work program continues to include the Community Traffic Safety Coalition's (CTSC) bicycle-pedestrian education program through the schools and the Bike to Work program operated by the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Agency. The multi-year publicity campaign for the One Day in Five campaign is currently on hold but may be included in a future amendment. FY04-05 CMAQ funding for the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association is included in the budget and work program, pending RTC consideration of the evaluation in May 2003.

Implementation of ADA and digital upgrade of the SAFE call box system will occur in FY04-05. Freeway Service Patrol program services will be analyzed and may be reduced for the sake of cost efficiencies.

Various public participation tasks are a large part of the FY04-05 work program as the public's interest in local transportation projects increases, and opportunities to inform the public and gain input from the public abound.

Activities related to the Rail/Trail Authority will continue to be

performed in FY 04-05 focused on acquisition of the rail line, and subsequent planning for a bike/pedestrian path along the rail right of way.

The work program continues to include consideration or implementation of cost-effective changes to individual administrative services as time and funds permit.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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Work Program and Budget

This task includes developing the annual work program and budget in cooperation with AMBAG and CALTRANS; budget and work program revisions; quarterly progress reports as required by AMBAG, CALTRANS and the FHWA; and reports required by other grantor agencies such as the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meetings to discuss development and administration of the Commission Work Program and Budget are included in this work element. Participation in annual meetings with federal and state agency representatives about the Overall Work Program is also included in this work element.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to investigate and pursue new grant and other funding sources for Commission programs and initiatives.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Plan Coordination**

Plan coordination includes a variety of tasks associated with maintaining a coordinated approach to transportation planning on a local, regional, state and federal level. This work element is closely linked with the work element which follows, Land Use/Transportation Planning Coordination, and the Transportation Improvement Program work element (641).

Ongoing tasks include meetings with representatives of AMBAG, CALTRANS, SCMTD, Cities and the County as needed to coordinate planning and project development activities; conducting meetings of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee; attending meetings of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies group, the California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) and the California Transportation Commission; coordinating with Chambers of Commerce, community groups and task forces, etc., on transportation issues; and reviewing other planning documents.

This work element includes reviewing legislation and developing recommendations for SCCRTC positions on state and federal legislation. Tasks include meetings with state and federal legislators, and, with the assistance of our Washington Assistant, close monitoring and advocacy of federal transportation funding and policy. Also included are activities to protect Transportation Development Act funds and transit funds, and monitoring State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other state transportation funding proposals.

This work element continues to emphasize coordination with CALTRANS and other state and local agencies on funding and planning programs. Administrative coordination for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funded planning projects of other entities is included in this work element. This work element also includes assistance to local agencies on transit and bikeway grant programs and application procedures; coordinating with the County, Cities, SCMTD, and UCSC on transportation funding issues; and coordinating with the County of Santa Cruz Human Resources Agency on Welfare to Work transportation issues. Coordinating with the newly formed Joint Powers Authority will also be included in this work element into the future.

Staff work on air quality planning coordination is also part of the Plan Coordination work element. Tasks include continued coordination with AMBAG and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District on air quality issues such as implementing transportation control measures (TCMs); and coordinating with the TSM tasks (work element 631).

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to work with Interagency Technical Advisory Committee members and other transportation partners to cooperatively develop and pursue grant opportunities for transportation studies, programs and projects.
- Continue to monitor, inform the Commission and coordinate with state funding initiatives as they develop.
- Continue to work with AMBAG to ensure that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and conformity determinations are kept current, so that state and federally funded projects are not delayed.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Land Use/Transportation Coordination**

This element emphasizes early and continued coordination between the Commission and local agencies on land use development projects and land use plans with transportation implications and on transportation plans and projects with land use implications. SCCRTC Commission and staff comments on environmental review documents prepared by other agencies are part of this work element. This work element also includes review of draft land use, transportation and transit plans, general plans and major development plans.

Regional Transportation Commission staff, in consultation with the planning staffs of the local jurisdictions, UCSC, and SCMTD, continue to discuss the coordination of land use and transportation issues and projects. The goal is to share information and provide mutual early input, based on the Commission's Regional Transportation Plan policies, on upcoming plans and projects.

Due to other priorities and limited staff, SCCRTC staff work for this work element has been downscaled from prior year levels.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to participate in the Planning Director's Roundtable.
- Provide early input on general plan updates prepared by local jurisdictions.

**Public Information and Participation**

The overall purpose of this work element is to inform the public and to elicit their participation and input on transportation projects, programs, plans, and policies. This task involves providing information to the public and soliciting input from the public on regional transportation issues utilizing the media, the internet, in-office contacts, presentations to local organizations, and public participation programs associated with special projects. The development of the SCCRTC Annual Report and the production of an Awards Program are included as part of this work element. This work element also features regular updates and completion of the overhaul of the Commission's website and study sessions on relevant transportation projects, as appropriate. Materials and supplies costs for these projects are included in the Administration work element.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Emphasize public information programs associated with the November 2004 transportation ballot measure.
- Continue to identify and utilize opportunities for improving the reach of public information materials and services so that low income and minority populations are well informed and have the opportunity to provide input on regional transportation projects, programs and policies.
- Continue to enhance the usefulness of the Commission's website and the level of usage of the RTC packet e-mail notification system.
- Coordinate with AMBAG on update of the Public Involvement Plan for the AMBAG region.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

614 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning and Safety Education Program**

The focus of this work element is two-fold: coordinating and advancing bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs throughout the county; and implementing a countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Education Program through the County of Santa Cruz' Community Traffic Safety Coalition. This work element also includes partial funding for the Bike to Work program operated by the Santa Cruz Transportation Management Association.

This work element includes staff support for the Commission's Bicycle Committee; analysis and ranking of STP/CMAQ, TEA, and other state and federal bicycle grant applications; ongoing bicycle planning support to the Cities, County, CALTRANS and other public agencies around specific bikeway projects and funding programs; processing of bike-related Transportation Development Act claims; continuation of the Bikes Secure bicycle parking subsidy program with funds from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District; coordinating with Congressman Farr and Monterey Bay agencies on the Sanctuary Trail project; and coordinating with the County on study of a trail in San Lorenzo Valley.

Due to other priorities and limited staff, SCCRTC staff work for this work element is downscaled in FY04-05 relative to prior years.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Encourage local jurisdictions to develop or update their pedestrian facilities plans and continue to pursue funding for the development of these plans.
- Continue the bi-lingual bicycle/pedestrian safety education program at elementary schools operated by the Community Traffic Safety Coalition.
- Continue to work with Congressman Farr's staff, AMBAG and other Monterey Bay agencies on the Sanctuary Trail project.
- Continue to monitor meetings on development of a public use trail in the San Lorenzo Valley, parallel to Highway 9.
- Complete implementation of the Bike Secure program to provide subsidies for bike parking around the county.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Specialized Transportation Planning**

The coordination of planning for transportation services and programs to serve the County's elderly and disabled communities is the focus of this work element.

This task includes working on specialized transportation planning issues with the Commission's Elderly and Disabled Committee, the CTSA, the Volunteer Center, SCMTD, and its Metro Accessible Services Transit Forum (MASTF), and other local public and private agencies involved in providing specialized transportation.

Included in this work element are: assistance to local jurisdictions and the transit district in ADA related pedestrian issues; facilitation of the local review and scoring of FTA Section 5310 (formerly Section 16 grant) applications; monitoring the state grant process for specialized transportation capital purchases; and coordination with SCMTD, its Metro Accessible Services Transit Forum, and the CTSA on implementation and evaluation of Metro's Americans with Disabilities Act Program.

The work of the RTC's Task Force for Coordination of Paratransit Services is expected to continue into early FY04-05.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Complete the work of the Task Force on Paratransit Coordination and present conclusions or recommendations to paratransit providers and the public.
- Continue to work with SCMTD's Metro Accessible Services Task Force (MASTF) on coordination and communication.
- Continue to implement the pedestrian planning program of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.

622           **Long-Range Planning/Regional Transportation Plan**

Preparation of the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be completed during FY04-05. The 2005 RTP will be a minor update, focused on updating financial projections and project lists. The timing is driven by the need to secure air quality conformity of the two-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) prepared by AMBAG in 2004. The MTP will be based on coordinated financial analysis and the project lists adopted in the RTPs by the SCCRTC and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. The three agencies are also coordinating on environmental review of the plans via a unified Environmental Impact Report.

This work element also involves implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including coordinating with AMBAG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County on long-range planning activities. Included is coordination with AMBAG work on its Metropolitan Transportation Plan, its regional transportation model and population forecasts. This work element also includes working with local jurisdictions to ensure that RTP policies and projects are included in local jurisdiction long range planning activities.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Complete the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan and environmental review process in coordination with preparation of long range transportation plans by AMBAG and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).
- Continue to work with Caltrans and local agencies to implement the Regional Transportation Plan's projects and policies through their planning and capital improvement programming actions.
- Continue to coordinate with AMBAG on upgrade of the regional transportation model and on its population forecasts.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Commission's traffic monitoring program involves collecting and reporting data on the County's transportation network.

Seven-day, two-directional traffic counts are taken at various locations throughout the county throughout the year. A Transportation Planning Technician is employed part-time for this program. This work element includes coordinating traffic counts for UCSC, AMBAG, the cities and the County, and an annual traffic monitoring report. Traffic counts are used by land use development proponents, local jurisdictions, and other government agencies to assess current and future traffic patterns.

In addition, this work element includes monitoring and updating other base use data, e.g., population, housing, employment, land use, vehicle registration, vehicle occupancy, accidents, etc.

Due to other priorities and limited staff, SCCRTC staff work for this work element is being downscaled somewhat (March 2004 amendment).

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Prepare and distribute the Annual Traffic Monitoring Report.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Transportation System Management (TSM)**

For this work element, the Commission works with other agencies, organizations, and employers to encourage the use of transportation alternatives and to foster relatively low cost improvements to the transportation network. Major tasks involve provision of technical assistance to the Santa Cruz Transportation Management Association (SCATMA) and to the Pajaro Valley TMA (PVTMA); review of air quality plans and actions of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District related to transportation control measures; and coordination with the Commute Solutions Rideshare Program.

Also included in the work element is coordination with Caltrans and the CHP on Traffic Operation Systems (TOS) improvements, relatively low cost projects designed to improve the efficiency of the transportation system. Staff continues to work with Caltrans Districts 4 and 5 and the CHP to identify enhancements to the TOS system on Highways 1 and 17.

Staff work on Park and Ride lot development continues to assess the need and identify potential locations for new, expanded or enhanced park and ride lots, both dedicated and shared-use (contract lots). The process of getting a new park and ride lot in service often takes an extended period of time. Commission staff continues to be responsive to opportunities as they arise.

Due to other priorities and limited staff, SCCRTC staff work for this work element has been downscaled relative to prior year levels.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to identify and pursue opportunities to develop and enhance park and ride lots.
- Continue to work with the Traffic Operations System Oversight Committee to identify and pursue Traffic Operations System improvements for Highways 1 and 17 and to improve operational aspects of the system.
- Continue to work with Caltrans Districts 4 and 5 on coordinating with the San Francisco Bay Area Traffic Management Center and the Central Coast Traffic Management Center.
- Continue to work with the SCATMA and the PVTMA on employer-based transportation management programs.

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**Transportation Improvement Program**

The Transportation Improvement Program work element involves programming funds for transportation projects and programs and working with implementing agencies to encourage appropriate and timely implementation of transportation projects and programs.

In early FY04-05, staff will monitor how the California Transportation Commission integrates the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for Santa Cruz County into the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The RTC may need to hold a new programming cycle or reprogram projects for Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds. Last year, the Commission programmed three years of CMAQ funds to on-going programs, with the caveat that the later two years of funding would be considered after the RTC receives evaluations on these programs. The federal reauthorization bill is expected to be approved during FY04-05 and it may include higher levels of STP/CMAQ funding. Finally, there is also a possibility that the Monterey Bay Region may lose access to CMAQ funds in 2005. Any of these scenarios could result in a programming process during FY04-05.

A key focus of this work element is assisting Caltrans in getting funding allocated to proceed with construction of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project. This work element also assists in funding approvals and agreements for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project and other high priority regional projects.

Ongoing tasks for this work element include coordination with Caltrans, AMBAG and the California Transportation Commission regarding programming of projects through state and federal funding programs such as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, and the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program; working with the various transportation implementing agencies including Caltrans, SCMTD, local jurisdictions and other project lead agencies on developing and implementing all types of transportation projects; and continued efforts to program, maintain funding for and encourage timely implementation of state highway and local projects with state or federal fund participation.

This work element also includes amendments as needed to the RTIP, including the following funds which the Commission programs: STIP

Regional Share funds and Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (STP/CMAQ) funds. These amendments are then coordinated with AMBAG for its Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The RTC also works with FHWA, Caltrans, AMBAG, the local jurisdictions, UCSC and SCMTD on other ISTEA implementation tasks, such as administering STP Exchange funds which are passed through the Commission to other entities.

The SCCRTC continues to work with Caltrans to monitor both major and minor state highway projects and to fulfill its STIP project monitoring and project delivery responsibilities. The Commission continues to work with our counterpart regional agencies, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on the development of implementation policies and procedures for the STIP. The Commission provides status reports on the delivery of projects it programs, and provides assistance to local agencies in delivering projects on time and within budget.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to work with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission on obtaining funding for construction of all or parts of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project, the Rail Acquisition Project, and for other STIP funded projects.
- Perform RTIP amendments as needed to protect future year funds.
- Continue to work with the lead agencies for STIP and STP/CMAQ funded projects on project delivery issues including preparation of periodic project delivery status reports.
- Continue to work with Caltrans on developing operational and safety improvements for Highway 17.
- Continue to advocate for continuation of CMAQ funds to be received in the Monterey Bay region.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**Rail/Trail Authority**

This work element involves the Regional Transportation Commission functioning as a Rail/Trail Authority, the lead agency for acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way and subsequent development of a bicycle and pedestrian path adjacent to the rail line.

This work element includes completion of negotiations with Union Pacific regarding acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way. Tasks associated with these negotiations include completing the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, and continuation of work with rail acquisition experts and the negotiating team to draft a purchase and sales agreement, a trackage rights agreement, and a business plan for ongoing oversight and management of the rail line right-of-way. It is expected that the branch line acquisition will be completed in FY 04-05.

Preparation of a Rail/Trail bike and pedestrian path master plan and environmental review will follow acquisition.

*Special Objectives for 04-05:*

- Complete Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Business Plan.
- Following acquisition, prepare a master plan and environmental review for the rail line bike and pedestrian path project through a consultant contract.
- Continue to work with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, Caltrain, AMTRAK and Caltrans Division of Rail to support the establishment of a rail station at the Pajaro station for any new or expanded rail passenger service on the coast mainline.

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**Highway 1 Widening - Planning**

This work element includes close coordination and monitoring of Caltrans work on the initial project to widen the Highway 1 freeway, the Highway 1/17 - Merge Lanes project. SCCRTC staff will continue to participate in the Highway 1/17 Project Development Team and the Commission will receive reports from Caltrans on progress on the next elements of project implementation, including final design, right of way acquisition, construction scheduling, soundwalls and public information. A focus of work during FY04-05 will be accessing programmed state funds to begin construction on the full project or on initial stages which can stand alone, such as soundwalls.

Development of long-term funding for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Project, from Morrissey Boulevard to Larkin Valley/San Andreas Road will continue to be a key concern in FY 04-05. In addition to proposing the local transportation sales tax measure for the November 2004 ballot measure, the Commission will consider programming funds to the Highway 1 project from its funding sources, including Regional STIP funds and STP/CMAQ funds, as appropriate. Finally, the Commission will continue to work with the Commission's Washington Assistant and federal legislative staff to secure an earmark of funds for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project in the federal reauthorization bill.

RTC staff will continue to participate in the Project Development Team for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Project and otherwise coordinate with the Highway 1 Construction Authority on project development activities.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to participate in the Project Development Team (PDT) and work closely with Caltrans and the City of Santa Cruz on Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project design and implementation issues, including the public information and involvement process
- Participate in the Project Development Team (PDT) overseeing the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project.
- Continue to work with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, the Highway 1 Construction Authority and the Project Development Teams to identify and implement ways to secure funding for and expedite the Highway 1 improvement projects.
- Continue to work with federal legislators to secure a federal earmark for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project.

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**Highway 1 PA/ED**

This work element includes consultant contracts, RTC staff work, and pass-through funding to the County of Santa Cruz as the host agency of the Highway 1 Construction Authority (HCA) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project.

It is expected that the JPA staff will be in place in early FY04-05 and that the RTC will complete transition of the project oversight tasks and funding agreements to the JPA during the summer. RTC staff will coordinate closely with County and JPA staff during the transition.

*Special Objectives for 04-05:*

- Continue to guide the consultant work on the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project until the Highway 1 Construction Authority Joint Powers Authority is ready for the transition.
- Complete the transition of oversight of the PA/ED to the JPA, timed with when the JPA is in place.

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WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT

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**"Commute Solutions" Ridesharing Program**

Through Commute Solutions, the Commission provides direct services to individual Santa Cruz area commuters and major employers to encourage the use of alternative transportation modes, telecommuting and alternative work hours.

This program has three primary functions: to provide personalized ridematching services; to promote carpooling, vanpooling and other transportation alternatives to commuters and students on Highway 17, Highway 1, and throughout the county; to promote the use of sustainable transportation modes through incentives, information dissemination, and promotions; and to assist major employers in implementing trip reduction programs. By calling 429-POOL, an individual can access Commute Solution's personalized ridematching and transportation information services.

The Commute Solutions services are marketed through targeted promotional campaigns, on-site transportation fairs at major employment sites, coordination with employer groups like the Santa Cruz Area and Pajaro Valley Transportation Management Associations, and year round marketing activities. This work element continues to include the Vanpool Subsidy Program, funded by Air District AB2766 funds. The Don't Drive One Day in Five Campaign to encourage Santa Cruz County Commuters to use alternative transportation modes more frequently, started in FY02-03, is on hold and may be added to the work program at a later date.

Due to other priorities and limited staff, SCCRTC staff work for this work element has been downscaled relative to prior year levels.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Consider continuing implementation of the Don't Drive One in Five Campaign, a large-scale advertising campaign encouraging commuters to use alternative transportation modes and strategies, once work program priorities allow and after the program's evaluation is considered by the Commission.
- Improve the Commute Solutions website and materials to maximize public access to alternative transportation programs and projects operated by various providers.

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**Service Authority for Freeway (SAFE)**

The Santa Cruz Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) operates the County's highway callbox system and works with the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans on highway safety projects and programs.

Tasks include continuing to work with the California Highway Patrol and contractors on the operation and maintenance of the callbox system and on the Safe on 17 program of enhanced CHP enforcement on Highway 17. This work element is related to the Transportation Systems Management work element (work element 631).

In FY03-04 the Commission identified the appropriate measures needed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the potential for other system upgrades. Implementation will occur during FY04-05.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Complete implementation of call privatization, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements and digital upgrades to the SAFE callbox system.
- Continue to provide funding to the California Highway Patrol, along with funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, for continuation of enhanced CHP enforcement as part of the Safe of 17 program.

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**Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)**

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) project involves commute hour and weekend tow truck patrol of Highways 1 and 17 to assist stranded motorists and thereby help maintain traffic flow.

The Freeway Service Patrol is implemented in cooperation with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the California Highway Patrol, and Caltrans. The service will be monitored and recommendations for service revisions will be made based on analyses of usage statistics and availability of revenues.

*Special Objectives for FY 04-05:*

- Continue to work with the FSP programs across the state, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol to maintain and increase state funding for FSP programs.
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- Consider revisions to FSP services based on analysis of usage and availability of funding.

**PART II:**  
**LOCAL JURISDICTION PLANNING PROJECTS FUNDED BY FEDERAL**  
**STP/CMAQ FUNDS**  
**FY 04-05**

(page 23 in budget)

No projects.

**PART III:**  
**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) EXCHANGE PROGRAM**  
**FY 04-05**

(page 22 in budget)

The STP Exchange Program involves exchange of State funds for federal funds for approved STP funded projects. This section will be updated when new STP Exchange funds are programmed.

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