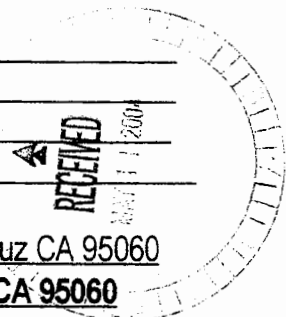


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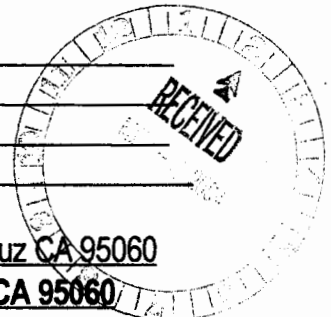
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From: RamarDJ@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 7:57 AM
To: Karena Pushnik; info-d5@dot.ca.gov
Cc: Tamrinbay@aol.com
Subject: Soundwalls for Hwy 1/17 Merge Lanes Project
Dear SCCRTC and CalTrans,

We, the neighbors in the Prospect Heights area were very pleased to see plans underway to break out soundwall construction to ensure that the sound mitigation our neighborhood deserves is provided as quickly as possible. (Project Status Update dated March 17, 2004)

We understand that the overall Hwy 1/17 Merge Lanes project is now dependent on the approval of CTC STIP funds. This decision is scheduled to be made on Sept. 5, 2004. (Project Status Update April 23, 2004) If the approval is not in place to ensure the target August 2005 start date, when will the decision be made to officially break out the soundwall as a separate project?

How can we, as the affected neighbors, assist, support and drive the soundwall project? We all are eagerly anticipating the relief from the noise that these soundwalls will provide our neighborhood. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Jill Ramar
817 Morrissey Blvd, Santa Cruz
831-426-8421

From: luis_duazo@dot.ca.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 4:03 PM
To: RamarDJ@aol.com
Cc: Karena Pushnik; info-d5@dot.ca.gov
Subject: Re: Hwy. 1/17 Project

Dear Ms. Ramar:

I appreciate you taking the time to express your support for the 1/17 Merge Lane Project, and the soundwalls associated with it. You and many others have been consistent in expressing your desire to construct soundwalls ASAP. At this point we are finalizing design details and right of way acquisitions for an August 2005 construction start date for the complete 1/17 Merge Lanes Project. Unfortunately, funding availability is unclear at this time. In September 2004 the 2004 STIP will be adopted by the CTC, at which time we will know if this project is funded to go 8/05.

If funding is not available for the complete 1/17 Merge Lanes Project in 8/05, a separate soundwall project will be split out. This decision will be officially made once the STIP is adopted in September with the idea that the "soundwall only" project could make the same 8/05 construction start date.

The SCCRTC and Caltrans support this project, and are looking at ways to keep advancing this project in spite of the State's current financial situation.

If you have any questions, or need any further information you can contact our Public Information Office at (805) 549-3138.

Luis Duazo
District 5 Caltrans Project Manager

Tom -

Thanks for the clarification. The Draft EIR (DEIR) will be released either at the May 20 Transportation Policy Workshop or next month. There will be a public hearing about 3/4 of the way through the 45 - 60 day comment period. We'll send out a notice to all those people who have expressed interest in the project about the DEIR, where to find it, schedule for input, etc.

Comments received on the DEIR will be addressed in the Final EIR.

- Karena Pushnik
Senior Transportation Planner
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-----Original Message-----

From: snry27@juno.com [mailto:snry27@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2004 4:45 AM
To: Karena Pushnik
Subject: Re: EIR for Recreational Rail Program

Karena:

Oops! I was copying the title of the documents I was reading from my memory and mis-quoted. I have seen the Initial Study, Preliminary Project Report, an RFP, and Preliminary Analysis of Recreational Rail Options. I have gotten through the entire package and will have a few additional comments. Did the Draft EIR get released yet, or is it going to be next month. I will send you more comments on the documents I have later this week. I hope you can get some benefit from my point of view. In the meantime, you have my initial reactions below.

- Tom Irion

On Thu, 6 May 2004 16:10:23 -0700 "Karena Pushnik" kpushnik@sccrtc.org writes:

Tom Irion -

Can you please confirm which document you are reviewing?
The draft EIR for Recreational Rail has not yet been released.

- Karena Pushnik
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-----Original Message-----

From: snry27@juno.com [mailto:snry27@juno.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2004 5:57 PM

To: Karena Pushnik

Cc: Linda Wilshusen

Subject: EIR for Recreational Rail Program

Karena:

I have only been able to read about half of the document so far. If tomorrow is the day for comments, I have just a few:

-Noise levels of RDC cars are typically lower than an ordinary city bus. They have larger mufflers, the engines are well insulated and out of direct "earshot."

-The references to street speed limits are totally irrelevant and should be deleted. Railroad speed limits are determined by sharpness of curves, steepness of grades, condition of the track structure, etc. NO CONNECTION should be implied to motor vehicle speeds or any other motor vehicle laws. Trains are not motor vehicles. Speeds are regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration.

-I think the two storage tracks are a waste of money. For an operation of this length, a single siding should be more than sufficient.

-In my opinion, this service should be construed as a diesel rail transit operation. Comparison to fares of the Roaring Camp Railroad and their Big Trees operation may not be appropriate. A greater service to the public would be to operate more like a transit system with ease of boarding and detraining at the various points of interest. A

Roaring Camp sort of operation will have limited chance to handle this sort of on-off traffic. That is the type of traffic that will make the greatest contribution to reduced traffic and air pollution. More frequent service, an extension of the route to the Boardwalk (near where the Big Tree trains lays over), and transit type of fares should be considered. Day passes for around five dollars would be appropriate. A subsidy may be necessary to make this operation work.

If your presentation is made in June, I will have this reading finished and send you additional comments. We are about to open a new line at work and I have been up to my nostrils in pre-opening business. Sorry to have to give you this partial commentary.

Best Regards

Tom Irion

From: Karena Pushnik

Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 10:24 AM

To: 'OLoyaLane@aol.com'

Subject: RE: Santa Cruz County

Kirsten, Leflora and Jason –

Please refer to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) web site for more detailed information. Click on the transit icon or any of the rail issues.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is pursuing the Caltrain extension from Gilroy to Salinas. You can contact TAMC @ 775-0903. There will be a new Caltrain stop in Watsonville Junction/Pajaro just over the Santa Cruz County border in Monterey County. The RTC has included a relatively small amount of funds (\$5 million) for the Pajaro station in Expenditure Plan of transportation projects for the ½ cent sales tax measure anticipated to go to voters with the November 2004 election. The main project for the sales tax measure is Highway 1 Widening with High Occupancy Vehicle lanes (\$340 m).

In terms of rail related activities in Santa Cruz County, three things are being pursued:

- Acquisition: The RTC is in negotiations with Union Pacific to purchase the railroad right of way between Pajaro and Davenport
- Recreational Rail Service: The RTC is developing a draft Environmental Impact Report for passenger rail service between Capitola and Aptos with an extension to Seascap. This is considered a minimum passenger rail operating segment needed to access voter-approved Proposition 116 funds to acquire the rail right-of-way.
- Coastal Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail: This project would develop a bicycle/pedestrian path adjacent to the tracks within the rail right-of-way (ROW). This project is dependent on RTC acquisition of the ROW, because the current owner Union Pacific would not allow such uses. Funds to develop this project are also included in the tax measure Expenditure Plan.

Hope this helps.

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-----Original Message-----

From: OLoyaLane@aol.com [mailto:OLoyaLane@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 9:44 PM

To: karena.pushnik@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Subject: Santa Cruz County

To Whom it may concern,

We are three students from Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA. We are working on a project where we need to research the budget, plans, and execution of the Cal Trans Train from Pajaro to Santa Cruz. If you or

anyone else in your department could please respond to us and let us know if anyone would be available for an interview regarding this topic, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kirsten Henry
Leflora Cunningham
Jason Reiter

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Park [mailto:michael@somonokio.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2004 1:33 PM

To: jan.beautz@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; ellen.pirie@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; mardi.wormhoudt@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; tony.campos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; mark.stone@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; dnortondesigns@msn.com; rdelapaz@ci.watsonville.ca.us; skennedy@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us; ranndo@aol.com; keoghs1@pacbell.net; ereilly@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us; paspence@charter.net

Cc: Regional Transportation Commission; Linda Wilshusen; Karena Pushnik

Subject: Unimproved roads = \$42.8 million extra in vehicle maintenance

"One out of four of the nation's major metropolitan roads -- interstates, freeways and other critical local routes -- have pavements in poor condition, resulting in rough rides and costing the average urban motorist \$400 annually in additional vehicle operating costs, according to a new report released today by The Road Information Program (TRIP), a Washington, D.C.-based national nonprofit transportation research group." (From the press release)

Based on this study, Santa Cruz County automobile commuters are paying an extra \$42,840,000 every year to fix their cars because of unimproved roads. This further underscores the fact that delays in expanding and improving local highway infrastructure are not only frustrating, but costly as well.

What could you do with an extra \$400? You could:

- + Give a pair of socks to 120 homeless people.
<http://tinyurl.com/35ual>
- + Purchase a human soul.
<http://tinyurl.com/2opuk>
- + Purchase three mountain bikes for your family.
<http://tinyurl.com/2gql4>
- + Take three of your friends and learn to surf.
<http://tinyurl.com/2slqo>
- + Purchase a wheelchair for a disabled person.
<http://tinyurl.com/3yfku>
- + Register for six 3-unit classes at a community college.
<http://tinyurl.com/2szyk>
- + Purchase a three-month supply of diapers for a newborn.
<http://tinyurl.com/2sahc>

Clearly, the continued foot-dragging of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission in starting and finishing expansion and improvement projects for local roads results in many lost opportunities for county residents, who are forced to spend their hard-earned money on extra vehicle maintenance costs.

Please fix our roads and expand Highway 1!

--Michael Park

1st District, Santa Cruz

TRIP press release, April 28, 2004

<http://www.tripnet.org/national/BumpyRoadsPR042804.htm>

Bumpy Roads Ahead, April 2004 (Full Report, PDF)

<http://www.tripnet.org/BumpyRoadsStudy042804.PDF>

Numbers used to calculate local costs:

126,000 workers age 16+ (US Census)

107,100 (85%) drive-alone commuters county-wide (US Census)

Michael Parks –

Your e-mail was received and will be forwarded to the SCCRTC for their consideration.

- Karena Pushnik

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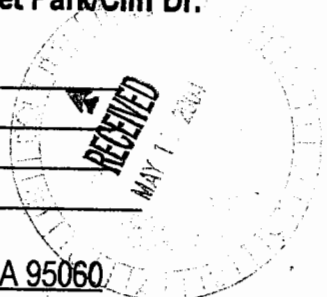
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