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RE: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- Right of Way Clearance is the last major activity necessary to complete the design phase of this project. Outstanding acquisition offers for temporary and permanent construction easements, and utility relocations are on going. The target completion date (3/1/05) for this work is at-risk because Caltrans is in a right of way funding shortfall again this fiscal year. Guidelines are being developed to detail a spending plan; in the meantime, work continues.
- The 2004 STIP was approved on August 5th. Construction funding is proposed in 2005; however, a lack of STIP funding this fiscal year may impact fund availability next year. The groundwork to qualify the project for GARVEE Bond funding is being put in place as a contingency plan to keep the project on schedule.
- The Cooperative Agreement for the Public Awareness Campaign (PAC) has been reviewed by Caltrans and will be sent out for review by the SCCRTC and City of Santa Cruz. This agreement details the responsibilities and timeframes for getting information about the project to motorists, residents, businesses, and emergency services.

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