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**Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Will Kempton
Director of the Department of Transportation
(Caltrans)**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Will Kempton as Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

"Public infrastructure is a core responsibility of government," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "An extensive and reliable infrastructure, especially in transportation, is essential to a strong economy and a favorable business climate - top priorities of mine for California. Will brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and practical experience to the Department of Transportation; under his leadership I expect Caltrans to enhance the quality of life of all Californians and the state's leading position in global commerce."

Since January 2003, Kempton has served as the assistant city manager of the City of Folsom where he is responsible for all operating functions of the city, including community development, neighborhood services, parks and recreation, utilities and public works (including transportation). From 1992-2002, he was a partner at Smith, Kempton & Watts, a private public affairs consulting firm with a significant emphasis on major infrastructure programs -- particularly, transportation-related. From 1985-1992, he served as executive director of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority in San Jose, CA. Prior to that, Kempton served in a number of positions at Caltrans, including Assistant Director for Legislative and Congressional Affairs from 1980-1985.

"I am honored the Governor has entrusted me with this important responsibility," said Kempton. "I look forward to continuing the improvement of our state's transportation infrastructure through efficient and effective maintenance and the swift and safe completion of the highways, bridges, and other projects necessary to keep Californians moving and our economy going strong."

Kempton, 57, of Folsom, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of San Francisco. This position requires Senate confirmation and the statutory salary is \$123,255. Kempton is a registered Democrat.

The California Department of Transportation is located within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Caltrans constructs, operates and maintains 50,000 miles of highway and freeway lanes. In addition, Caltrans provides intercity rail passenger services under contract with Amtrak and assists local governments with the delivery of transportation projects, as well as other transportation-related activities.

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Traffic Notice

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October 28, 2004

RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 129/SILLMAN ROAD INTERSECTION BEGINS IN WATSONVILLE NEXT WEEK

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Caltrans will install a left-turn pocket and reconstruct the intersection of Hwy 129 and Sillman Road in Watsonville beginning next Wednesday, November 3.

The left-turn pocket will be off Hwy 129 onto Sillman Road and requires the widening of Hwy. 129 and Sillman Road.

Work on the \$377,000 project will begin on November 3 and is expected to end in early January of 2005, weather permitting.

Lane closures with one-way reverse traffic controls will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Motorists can expect 5-10 minute delays while work is underway.

Caltrans reminds motorists to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

For traffic updates on Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, the public can call the Caltrans District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit the Caltrans District 5 website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm

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November 2, 2004

Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3911

Dear Ms. Wilshusen:

**ISSUES RAISED AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2004 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING**

This letter is in response to questions raised by Commissioner Reilly's at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's (SCCRTC) Board meeting on October 7, 2004

Question: Could reclaimed water be used for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lane Project?

Response: Using reclaimed water for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lane Project is not feasible at this time for the following reasons:

- Municipal reclaimed water is not available.
- A permanent detention basin would be required to use storm water runoff for irrigation. Unfortunately, the Highway 1 corridor has no available space for the basin. Diverting the storm water runoff would be detrimental to the riparian wildlife habitat and natural sediment flow to the creeks.
- The Department has complied with the City of Santa Cruz Municipal Code for water conservation by implementing the city's guidelines into the landscape design for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lane Project. We will be using water-thrifty plants, a bubbler irrigation system, and bark mulch in the plant basins.
- Our storm water strategy on this project is to slow the runoff, filter it of sediment, encourage ground infiltration, and dissipate the water energy at the outfall. We plan to utilize vegetated ditches and vegetate the culvert outfalls in Branciforte and Cabonera Creeks. The creek channels are being reconstructed to improve fish habitat and we are using biotechnical slope stabilization techniques to control streambank erosion.

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"Caltrans improves mobility across California"

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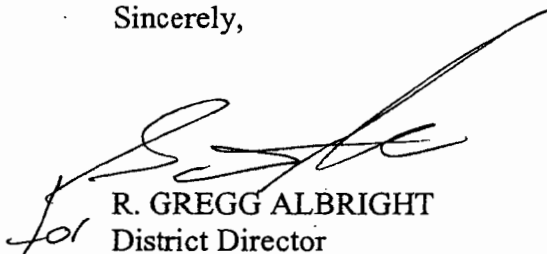
October 14, 2004

Question: How shall the safety issue at the Morrissey Boulevard and Highway 1 intersection be solved?

Response: The Department will address the safety issues related to the Morrissey Boulevard intersection in a forthcoming response to correspondence from Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent, Alan Pagano. We are working to address his concerns and will inform the Commission on our action plan.

Thank you for relaying this information so that it may be included in the board members' agenda packets for the next meeting. Should you need further information regarding the Department's responses, please call Charles Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planner, at (805) 549-3432.

Sincerely,



for
R. GREGG ALBRIGHT
District Director

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**Election Results by Jurisdiction, Supervisorial District, etc
Measure J - County Transportation Sales Tax**

Needed 2/3 (66.66%) to pass
Semi-Official Results from votescount.com

	Yes	No	% Yes	% No	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)
Santa Cruz County	41,420	55,371	42.8%	57.2%	148,185	102,619	69
1st Supervisorial District	8,720	11,497	43.1%	56.9%	30,832	21,285	69
2nd Supervisorial District	10,376	11,360	47.7%	52.3%	31,695	22,732	72
3rd Supervisorial District	8,258	15,337	35.0%	65.0%	35,714	25,464	71
4th Supervisorial District	5,067	4,653	52.1%	47.9%	16,653	10,400	63
5th Supervisorial District	8,999	12,524	41.8%	58.2%	33,291	22,738	68
City Of Santa Cruz	8,909	16,652	34.9%	65.1%	38,905	27,644	71
City Of Capitola *	1,666	2,241	42.6%	57.4%	6,185	4,137	67
City Of Watsonville **	4,306	3,663	54.0%	46.0%	13,931	8,578	62
City Of Scotts Valley	2,438	2,435	50.0%	50.0%	7,341	5,102	70
Unincorporated Area	24,101	30,380	44.2%	55.8%	81,823	57,158	70

* Measure P - Capitola's 1/4 cent sales tax passed: 59.7% Yes; 40.3% No (3,840 people voted on it)

** Measure Q - Watsonville's 1/4 cent sales tax failed: 37.2% Yes; 62.8% No (8,193 people voted on it)

November 2004
Election Results for Local Transportation Sales Tax Measures Statewide

Contra Costa County - Passes

Yes 70.5%
No 36.2%

San Mateo County – Passes

Yes 75.3%
No 24.7%

Marin County – Passes

Yes 71%
No 29%

Santa Cruz County – Fails

Yes 42.8%
No 57.2%

Sacramento County - Passes

Yes 74.8%
No 25.2%

Solano County – Fails

Yes 63.8%
No 29.5%

San Bernardino County - Passes

Yes 79.4%
No 20.6%

Sonoma County – Passes

Yes 66.7%
No 33.3%

San Diego County - Passes

Yes 66.68%
No 33.32%

Ventura County – Fails

Yes 40.4%
No 59.6%

Compiled by Self-Help Counties Coalition.