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July 22, 2005

Pat Dellin
Acting Executive Director
SCCRTC
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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RE: Support for Highway 1 at Salinas Road Interchange Project

Dear Ms. Dellin:

Highway 1 along the California coast and in Monterey County supports tourist, agricultural, and commuter travel. On an average day, Highway 1 in north Monterey County supports 23,600 vehicles per day. The combination of high traffic volumes and an at-grade intersection at Highway 1 and Salinas Road in north Monterey County, poses a critical safety problem. This intersection has the most number of accidents on a State highway in Monterey County.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) in partnership with Caltrans is proposing to solve this safety problem by constructing a new interchange at Highway 1 and Salinas Road. The new interchange will separate traffic movements and reduce the number of accidents in the project area.

Community and stakeholder support of the project will be critical in keeping the project on schedule. TAMC would like to request that your organization send a letter to Caltrans during the environmental comment period.

A draft document is currently circulating for public comment. Comments will be accepted until August 12, 2005. The document is available for review online at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/salinas_rd/salinas_ded.pdf. Please send your comments to:

Wendy Waldron
Caltrans, District 5
50 Higuera St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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You are also invited to attend a public hearing on the project (public notice attached):

Thursday, July 28, 2005
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ohlone School Auditorium
21 Bay Farms Road
Watsonville, CA

Thank you for sending your comments on this critical safety project to Caltrans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Rheinheimer or myself at (831) 775-0903.

Sincerely,



Wm. E. Reichmuth, P.E.
Executive Director

Enclosure: Public Notice for Salinas Road Interchange Project

cc. Richard Rosales, Project Manager