

August 10, 2005

Wm. E. Reichmuth
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901

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

RE: Support for the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange Project

Dear Mr. Reichmuth and Ms. Waldron:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission staff has reviewed the Initial Study for the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange Project. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) would like to express its support for the safety and operational improvements proposed at this location. Located just south of Santa Cruz County's most southern border, this project provides an important interregional link to Santa Cruz County's primary transportation corridor.

The RTC recognizes the safety issues reflected by the high collision rates at this intersection. This project will offer much needed transportation safety improvements consistent with the Regional Transportation Commission's Goals and Policies 1.6 which emphasizes the importance of safety improvements at locations with higher-than average accident records.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions about the above comments, please contact Grace Blakeslee of my staff at 831-460-3219. Also, please continue to provide us with project updates, as appropriate, so that we may provide support for timely implementation of this project and interregional coordination as needed.

Sincerely,

Pat Dellin
Acting Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Tony Campos
Highway 1 Construction Authority
SCCRTC