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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

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RE: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

We have made significant progress in the items needed to complete the design phase of the project; however, none of these constraints has been cleared yet. We understand your desire to go for a CTC funding allocation in September, and are working to accelerate the remaining work items to try to meet that date.

- Currently, the project plans are being reviewed for bidability/buildability, specifications are being written, and cost estimates are being verified. Reviews are being expedited at both the District and Headquarters levels.
- Utility Relocation Plans from PG&E, SBC, Comcast, and the City of Santa Cruz are needed to certify the right of way requirements for the project. We met with PG&E and SBC on August 2. PG&E, SBC, and Comcast have agreed to provide the plans and estimates necessary for the 1/17 project on September 12. We also need plans and estimates from the City for sewer and water conflicts by that time.
- Cooperative Agreements for the Public Awareness Campaign and mitigation to impacts to the City caused by highway construction (additional police enforcement, sidewalk construction, minor pavement widening); and TDM (Travel Demand Management) strategies are being prepared for signature by the City and SCCRTC.

We will continue to look for ways to speed up any of these processes.

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