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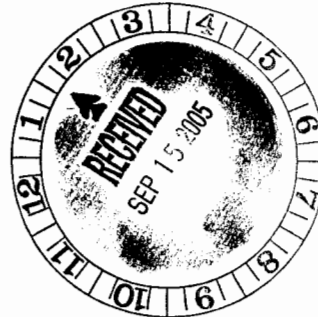
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September 12, 2005

Ms. Pat Dellin
Acting Executive Director
Santa Cruz Co. Reg. Trans. Comm.
1523 Pacific Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3911



Dear Ms. Dellin:

We are now accepting applications for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Program for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007. The applications are due to our office by December 1, 2005.

The Bicycle Transportation Account provides State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.

To be eligible for BTA funds, local agencies must have a Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) that discusses items (a) through (k) in Section 891.2 of the Streets and Highways Code. The appropriate regional transportation planning agency and the Bicycle Facilities Unit (BFU) must approve the plan. The BTP must have been adopted no earlier than four years prior to July 1 of the fiscal year in which BTA funds are granted (January 1, 2002 or later for FY 2006/2007).

In the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year, \$5 million of BTA funds will be available, the maximum amount an applicant may receive is \$1.25 million.

I have enclosed a copy of the revised BTA guidelines, along with the new application (we will only accept the new application format). This information is also available on our website, <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/>

We will accept one application from each agency. Please include one copy along with original, the application should be stapled, with any attachments fastened with a removable clip. Letters of support, brochures, news clippings and other items related to the project may be submitted with the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Mikie Wickersham, of my staff, at (805) 549-3074.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Giuliano".

MICHAEL A. GIULIANO
District Local Assistance Engineer

Enclosures

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