



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES (SAFE)

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2006/2007 Transportation Funding – Protect Proposition 42

RAIL/TRAIL AUTHORITY

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

COMMUTE SOLUTIONS

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) to urge you to continue transfer of Proposition 42 funds to transportation programs in the FY2006/07 State Budget, and every year thereafter.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY WORKSHOP

We would like to thank you and the Legislature for including the transfer of Proposition 42 funds to transportation in the FY2005/06 State Budget. The transfer of these funds has allowed some of the backlog of regional and local transportation projects to finally move forward after years of delay due to funding shortfalls. Most notably, Caltrans District 5 is now preparing for construction of the largest safety and congestion relief project in our region, widening the Highway 1 and Highway 17 interchange for merge lanes, following allocation of \$40 million in of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Our Committee represents public works and planning departments from each of the local jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County, the local transit operator, local Transportation Management Associations, the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization, Air District, the University of California at Santa Cruz, and the local community college. Collectively we are responsible for operating and maintaining our transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, the lack of a reliable source of state transportation funds is one of the biggest barriers to meeting the needs of the region.

INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We face an enormous challenge to maintain our roads and transit service due to funding shortfalls. The cost of maintaining our roads grows exponentially with time and reducing transit service has a crippling effect on the entire transportation system. Please reinvest in state and local transportation systems: Direct Proposition 42 revenues to transportation in FY2006/07.

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sincerely,

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