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SERVICE AUTHORITY  
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EMERGENCIES  
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RE: Draft 2006 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

COMMUTE  
SOLUTIONS

Dear Mr. Van Berkel:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2006 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The projects listed for Santa Cruz County in the Draft SHOPP are consistent with one of the *2005 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan* goals to "preserve and maintain the existing transportation system, emphasizing safety and efficiency". Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission staff would like to submit the following comments for your consideration when finalizing the 2006 document and in preparing future versions of the SHOPP.

TRANSPORTATION  
POLICY WORKSHOP

BUDGET &  
ADMINISTRATION  
PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE

In general, we were disappointed that the draft list of projects for the 2006 SHOPP was not developed in consultation with the Regional Transportation Commission, its Interagency Technical Advisory Committee, its Transportation Operation Oversight Committee and the Safe on 17 Task Force. We understand that District 5 staff was concerned that members of the community might have been disappointed if project lists developed in partnership did not match what Caltrans Headquarters decided to include in the official draft document, but as a programming agency we understand quite well that preliminary proposals do not always become programmed projects. We hope in the future to be offered the opportunity to provide input on what is proposed for future SHOPP programs.

INTERAGENCY  
TECHNICAL  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Please revise the description for the Highway 152 Roadway Preservation Project (EA 491801) to accurately represent the limits of the project as: IN AND NEAR WATSONVILLE FROM JCT 1/152 TO 0.04 KM E OF BEVERLY DRIVE (NORTH) (KP T0.53/3.0) – Rehabilitation roadway.

ELDERLY & DISABLED  
TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please revise the description for the Highway 1 Collision Reduction project to clarify the limits of the project. The current description reads "In Santa Cruz from Morrissey to Route 1." We suspect that the ending point is not supposed to read "Route 1."

Please include more information regarding the type of improvements planned for the collision reduction project on Route 129 (EA 49680K).

EA 0L9301, SCr 17-0.0/6.5 Rehab is not shown on list, however it is our understanding that this project will be amended into the 2004 SHOPP. If this amendment does not occur within the 2004 SHOPP, we request that the project be included in the 2006 SHOPP.

Finally, it must be noted that while RTC staff strongly supports the inclusion of three collision reduction projects on Highway 17 within the 2006 SHOPP (given the extremely high injury and fatal accident rates on this roadway), the other projects do not necessarily reflect the region's highest safety, maintenance, and mobility priorities. We are very concerned that the SHOPP will be using significant amounts of the guaranteed state and federal funds that are available for transportation, leaving only highly speculative funds for the high priority safety, system maintenance, and mobility projects identified in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Rachel Moriconi of my staff at (831) 460-3203.

Sincerely,

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## Draft 2006 SHOPP Project List Santa Cruz

Sorted by: County, Program  
Category, Route and Post Miles

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<u>Route</u>	<u>Post Miles</u>	<u>Location/Description</u>	<u>PPNO</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Program Code</u>	<u>Prog Year</u>	<u>State RW</u>	<u>State Const</u>	<u>State Total</u>
<b><u>Collision Reduction</u></b>									
129	7.9/8.2	Near Watsonville - east of Rogge Lane		49680K	201.010	2007/08	37	3,183	3,220
17	6.1/12.5	North of Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley to Summit - guardrail upgrade	0706	0L760K	201.015	2008/09	6	4,371	4,377
17	8.9/9.9	North of Santa Cruz, Glenwood Cutoff and North of Laurel - new guardrail	7007	0L700K	201.015	2009/10	11	5,628	5,639
17	6.1/6.5	Near Scotts Valley near Santa Village Road - construct concrete guardrail	4001	0G400K	201.015	2009/10	81	5,628	5,709
1	15.34/16.8	In Santa Cruz from Morrissey to Route 1 - replace metal beam barrier replacement	7011	0M710K	201.020	2007/08	0	4,244	4,244
<b><u>Roadway Preservation</u></b>									
152	T0.3/1.9	In Watsonville - <del>Route 101 to Pennsylvania Drive</del> rehabilitate roadway	4918	491801	201.120	2006/07	57	12,857	12,914
<b><u>Mobility</u></b>									
1	8.3/16.8	Near Santa Cruz - Freedom Blvd to 1/17 - Install TMS Field Elements (VDS,CCTV,HAR,EMS, & CMS)	0900	0C900K	201.315	2009/10	0	3,584	3,584
17	0/12.5	Near Santa Cruz and Scott's Valley - Install TMS Field Elements (Vehicle Detectors, CCTV, & HAR)	0170	0G170K	201.315	2009/10	0	6,303	6,303
Total Santa Cruz							192	45,796	45,988

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