

AGENDA: April 6, 2006

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission receive a detailed report from Caltrans about the project elements Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project and Public Awareness Program.

BACKGROUND

The RTC has made many decisions over the years confirming its support of the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project. The RTC, staff and Caltrans worked diligently to secure the funds for construction of this project and received an allocation of funds for the project at the September 2005 California Transportation Commission meeting. The project was advertised, a contractor has been selected and construction is scheduled to begin in early spring 2006.

DISCUSSION

At the last RTC meeting, Caltrans provided a brief status report about the Highway 1/17 project primarily focusing on the approval of funding for the project. A Press Release about the project sent to major media in the region from Caltrans is attached ([Attachment 1](#)). At the April RTC meeting, Caltrans plans to present the following:

- Overview of Operational Project Features
- Soundwall Locations
- Visual Simulations
- Timeline of Project Phases
- Traffic Impacts
- Public Awareness Program

In addition, Caltrans will provide information about two events to be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2006: the Groundbreaking event at 11:00 am (location will be announced) and the Information Meeting from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Opportunities Center, 222 Market Street.

SUMMARY

Caltrans will present detailed information about the upcoming Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project.

Attachment 1: Press Release from Caltrans

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