

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of October 5, 2006,  
on the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
FOR THE PROJECT APPROVAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PHASE  
OF THE HIGHWAY 1 SOQUEL/MORRISSEY AUXILIARY LANES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (Commission) identified the improvement of State Route (Highway) 1 with high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes as its highest priority in the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the State, acting by and through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), prepared and approved two Project Study Reports in 2002 to make Operational Improvements including the construction of auxiliary lanes at select locations and to construct HOV lanes on Highway 1 in Santa Cruz County; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal to construct auxiliary lanes on Highway 1 between Soquel Avenue and Morrissey Boulevard has been determined by be a project of independent utility to the Highway 1 HOV Lane Project by the Commission and Caltrans, and that auxiliary lanes between the Soquel Avenue and Morrissey Boulevard Interchanges would facilitate the traffic operation in this area with the completion of the Highway Merge Lanes project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has programmed local and federal funds in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Commission's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget to begin work on the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) phase of the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission and Caltrans agree that the Commission shall act on behalf of Caltrans to manage the PA/ED process for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project: and,

WHEREAS, the SCCRTC and Caltrans mutually desire to cooperate and to specify the terms and conditions under which the PA/ED phase of the project will be developed and financed;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to sign a Cooperative Agreement between the State of California and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and to take all necessary and appropriate actions to administer the responsibilities as defined in the Cooperative Agreement for the purpose of completing the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project.
2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the agreement as necessary to ensure completion of the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project in accordance with Federal, State and local requirements and priorities.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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Ellen Pirie, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: Caltrans