

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of November 2, 2006, 2006,
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NOLTE ASSOCIATES, INC.,
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 a Project Study Report in 2002 for operational improvements on Highway 1 in Santa Cruz County including the construction of auxiliary lanes at select locations; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal to construct auxiliary lanes on Highway 1 between Soquel Avenue and Morrissey Boulevard has been determined to be a project of independent utility to the Highway 1 HOV Lane Project by Caltrans, and that auxiliary lanes between the Soquel Avenue and Morrissey Boulevard Interchanges would further reduce traffic congestion upon completion of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission, following a public hearing in November 2005, directed staff to prepare a cost and funding proposal for the development of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission programmed \$ 1 million in local and federal funds in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and subsequently amended the Commission's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget to begin work on the PA/ED phase of the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project; and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans and Commission staff believe the consultant team lead by Nolte Associates Inc. to be uniquely qualified to complete the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project in coordination with the construction of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project and the current PA/ED process for the Highway 1 HOV Lane Project; and,

WHEREAS, a proposed scope of work, schedule, and contract budget have been developed and reviewed by Caltrans and Commission staff to complete the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project; now,

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

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to complete negotiations and execute a consultant contract with Nolte Associates, Inc. to complete the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project at an amount not to exceed \$999,000 and to expend the funds for this agreement consistent with the adopted RTC budget.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to extend the term of the contract, negotiate, and execute amendments to the agreement provided that the amendments are within the intended scope of duties to complete the PA/ED phase and within the adopted RTC budget.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Ellen Pirie, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: Auditor-Controller
RTC Fiscal
Nolte Associates, Inc.