

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of December 7, 2006
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM
THE CORRIDOR MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (CMIA) FOR THE
HIGHWAY 1 HOV LANE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the \$19.9 billion Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 was approved by voters in the State of California as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B includes \$4.5 billion for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program to be distributed by the California Transportation Commission to projects that provide demonstrable congestion relief, enhanced mobility, improved safety, and stronger connectivity to benefit traveling Californians; and

WHEREAS, Highway 1 is the most congested roadway in Santa Cruz County and the second most congested roadway on the Central Coast;

WHEREAS, Highway 1 experiences average daily traffic volumes of over 114,000, more vehicle per day than any other 4-lane highway in Caltrans District 5;

WHEREAS, no significant modifications have been made to accommodate this increase since the roadway was built in the 1950s;

WHEREAS, travelers on Highway 1 experience significant delays, with speeds on Highway 1 regularly falling below 15 miles per hour and peak periods extending over 7 hours per day;

WHEREAS, congestion on Highway 1 significantly impacts safety and travel times on local streets and roads;

WHEREAS, Highway 1 provides a critical link between economic, educational, residential, and recreational centers in Monterey County, Santa Cruz County, and the San Francisco Bay Area;

WHEREAS, express bus service, carpooling, and vanpooling would be more efficient and attractive to travelers with the addition of a dedicated carpool/bus lane;

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission has committed \$8 million of regional funds available for highway and road projects, to improvements on Highway 1 since 2002;

WHEREAS, state and federal funds distributed to the region are insufficient to fund major improvements to highways in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the RTC has identified the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project as its highest priority,

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to nominate the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Lane project for funding under the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA).
2. The Regional Transportation Commission, by adopting this resolution, does hereby state that:
 - a. The Regional Transportation Commission will provide additional matching funds as they become available and seek the generation of new funding sources to increase the local match for the project;
 - b. The Regional Transportation Commission is committed to working with Caltrans, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and other local entities to develop a multimodal Corridor System Management Plan that reflects and expands on findings from existing analyses of the corridor.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS
NOES: COMMISSIONERS
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Ellen Pirie, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

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