

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 11, 2007
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF
CORRIDOR MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (CMIA) NOMINATIONS
FOR PROJECTS ON HIGHWAY 1

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;

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 the traveling public;

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 vehicles per day than any other 4-lane highway in Caltrans District 5 and among the highest statewide;

WHEREAS, no major modifications have been made to accommodate increases in traffic volumes 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, the Regional Transportation Commission has secured \$2.9 million in federal High Priority Project funds and committed \$200,000 in regional funds to the Highway 1 Soquel Ave. to Morrissey Blvd. Auxiliary Lanes project and has committed an

additional \$7.8 million in regional funds for the Highway 1 HOV Lane project; and

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

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

1. The Regional Transportation Commission hereby requests funding from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) to implement projects that will address congestion on Highway 1.
2. The Regional Transportation Commission intends to secure additional funds that may be needed to fully fund these projects.
3. The Regional Transportation Commission is committed to working with Caltrans, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and other local entities to develop a multimodal Corridor Management Plan that reflects and expands on findings from existing analyses of the corridor, and to continue work with the public aimed at identifying new funding sources to address traffic congestion in the Watsonville to Santa Cruz transportation corridor.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Tony Campos, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

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