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FOR FREEWAY
EMERGENCIES (SAFE)

Chair James Ghielmetti
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RAIL/TRAIL
AUTHORITY

RE: 2006 STIP Augmentation - FSP Program Funding Request

Dear Chairman Ghielmetti:

COMMUTE
SOLUTIONS

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission requests that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) program 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation (STIP) funds to the Santa Cruz County Freeway Service Patrol Program (PPNO 923). We specifically are requesting \$100,000 per year for FY08/09 and FY09/10 at this time.

TRANSPORTATION
POLICY WORKSHOP

The Santa Cruz County's Freeway Service Patrol Program (FSP) maximizes the region's transportation capital investments by reducing non-recurrent congestion delay. Given the limited funds available for highway capacity and safety projects, capitalizing on the Freeway Service Patrol Program's 16-1 benefit/cost ratio, which measures congestion delay, fuel savings and emission reductions, is essential. The STIP funds allow us to provide FSP service on segments of both Highway 1 and 17, segments with the highest congestion and most collisions. The State FSP program funds are insufficient to provide this level of FSP service.

BUDGET &
ADMINISTRATION
PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE

Overall we are very pleased with the CTC staff recommendations. The Freeway Service Patrol Program is the region's next highest priority for STIP after those that have already been included in the California Transportation Commission's staff recommendation. Programming the requested funds will ensure continuation of this critical program. The Freeway Service Patrol program is of particular importance over the next few years as several significant construction projects are underway on Highways 1 and 17, where the FSP operates. The Freeway Service Patrol is also an important element of the transportation corridor management plan for the region.

INTERAGENCY
TECHNICAL
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Thank you for considering this request for 2006 STIP Augmentation funds for the Santa Cruz County Freeway Service Patrol Program. Please contact me or Grace Blakeslee of my staff at 831-460-3200 if you have any questions regarding this request.

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TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sincerely,



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