

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Lisa Powell, Transportation Planner
RE: 2006 Transportation Monitoring Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the *2006 Transportation Monitoring Report* (enclosed separately).

BACKGROUND

Since 1983, the Regional Transportation Commission has conducted a transportation monitoring program. Included within this program are traffic counts on major arterial roadways, screenline counts to support the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's regional traffic model and requested road segments for local jurisdictions, the University of California at Santa Cruz, and for the Federal Highway Performance Monitoring System. The program also includes conducting vehicle occupancy counts and truck counts on Highway 1 and 17, and analyzing transportation statistics compiled by Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, and others. Every two years staff produces and distributes the program's *Transportation Monitoring Report* to agencies and organizations involved in transportation issues and to interested individuals.

DISCUSSION

The *2006 Transportation Monitoring Report*, an update of the 2004 report, provides a summary of traffic volume information, vehicle occupancy counts, accident information, and other types of transportation information related to Santa Cruz County. In addition, the report contains synopses of many programs funded by the Regional Transportation Commission or in which the SCCRTC is involved.

A copy of the final report will be forwarded to commissioners after printing. Staff advises Commissioners to keep this copy of the report as a reference tool. Traffic volume data (Appendices A and B of the document) are distributed and frequently used by public agency staff, consultants, and members of the public. Traffic volumes are updated throughout the year and are available on the Commission's website (<http://www.sccrtc.org/commiss.html#tmr>).

SUMMARY

The *2006 Transportation Monitoring Report* includes information related to traffic monitoring counts, vehicle occupancy counts, as well as related information from various transportation programs conducted by the SCCRTC and other agencies. This report is updated every two years. Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the *2006 Transportation Monitoring Report*.

Attachment: *2006 Draft Transportation Monitoring Report*, (enclosed separately for Commissioners)