



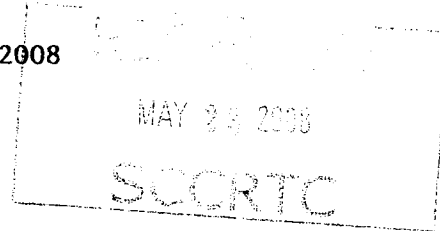
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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: HIGHWAY 1 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY RECOMMENDED
SUPPORT FOR 2008 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM FUNDING FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

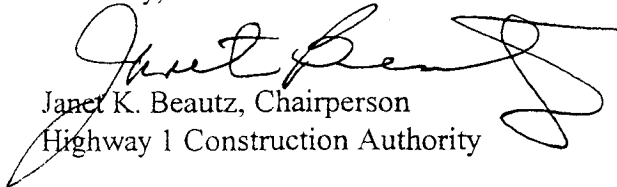
Dear Commissioners:

On May 19, 2008, the Santa Cruz County Highway 1 Construction Authority (HCA) Board of Directors met to discuss the California Transportation Commission's recommendations for the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program. The HCA Board of Directors is very concerned that the CTC staff recommendations do not meet the transportation needs of Santa Cruz County and voted to request that the California Transportation Commission give full consideration in supporting the SCCRTC's priority projects, as requested in their 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

We are especially concerned about potential delays to the Highway 1 HOV Lane project, which would significantly increase the cost of completing the environmental review document that is scheduled to be released for public review later this year. The HCA is also concerned about your staff's recommendation to exclude road rehabilitation projects. These projects are extremely important to the residents of Santa Cruz County, and we respectfully request that you provide this much needed funding for our local projects.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,


Janet K. Beautz, Chairperson
Highway 1 Construction Authority

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