



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Immediately following the completion of the regular RTC meeting

**NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main St, 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA**

1. Oral communications

Any member of the public may address the SCCRTC Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item within the jurisdiction of the SCCRTC SAFE that is not already on the agenda. The SCCRTC SAFE will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the State Law, will not take action on items that are not on the agenda.

Speakers are requested to sign the sign-in sheet so that their names can be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

2. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the SCCRTC SAFE or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the SCCRTC SAFE may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to Consent Agenda items without removing the item from the Consent Agenda as long as no other SCCRTC SAFE member objects to the change.

3. Safe on 17 - California Highway Patrol Extra Enforcement (Resolution)

REGULAR AGENDA

No regular agenda items.

4. Adjourn

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TO: Regional Transportation Commission/Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

FROM: Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner

RE: Safe on 17 – California Highway Patrol Extra Enforcement

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission/Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to:

1. Expend \$50,000 per year not to exceed \$150,000 over a three-year period (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018) for continued extra CHP enforcement on Highway 17 in Santa Cruz County,
 2. Allow the Santa Cruz Area CHP to carry-over prior year funding balances for extra CHP enforcement on Highway 17 into future program years; and
 3. If the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (MTC SAFE) approves \$50,000 per year for a three year period (July 1, 2015 to June 31, 2018) for continued extra CHP enforcement on Highway 17 on the Santa Clara County side, extend the funding agreement with MTC SAFE to continue the Safe on 17 extra CHP enforcement for three years (July 1, 2015 to June 31, 2018).
 4. Extend the contract with CHP to continue the Safe on 17 extra CHP enforcement for three years with Santa Cruz CHP and if funding is approved by MTC SAFE, with San Jose CHP (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018).
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BACKGROUND

In 1998, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) initiated the Safe on 17 Program with the aid of a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The OTS grant was available from March 1999 to March 2002. During that period, injury collisions were reduced by 34% on Highway 17 through a combination of extra enforcement by the CHP, roadway improvements by Caltrans and a public information campaign.

In 2002, RTC SAFE entered into a three-year cooperative funding agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (MTC SAFE) and into a contract agreement with the CHP to continue providing extra CHP enforcement services on Highway 17. These agreements were

extended a number of times to continue extra enforcement through June 2015 at the same funding level.

DISCUSSION

The Safe on 17 program is still active today due to the interest of multiple agencies to continue to improve safety on Highway 17. The goal of the Safe on 17 program is to maintain the reduced collision rate achieved on Highway 17 during the OTS grant period. Since 2003, the extra enforcement by the Santa Cruz and San Jose CHP on Highway 17 has been funded by \$50,000/year from RTC SAFE and \$50,000/year from MTC SAFE. The RTC SAFE funds, generated from a \$1 fee on all vehicles registered in Santa Cruz County, are used to fund the extra CHP enforcement on Highway 17 in Santa Cruz County as well as other SAFE programs. The current RTC agreements with CHP and MTC SAFE expire in June 2015.

MTC SAFE staff will be recommending to MTC SAFE at their December board meeting to continue funding San Jose CHP for extra enforcement on Hwy 17. If MTC SAFE approves the funding for extra enforcement, the Safe on 17 program could continue as it has been for another three years based on RTC SAFE approval. If MTC SAFE does not approve the funding for extra enforcement for another three years, the extra enforcement on Hwy 17 could still continue on the Santa Cruz County side based on approval by the RTC.

Based on the program's continued success, staff recommends that the RTC SAFE approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1):

- Authorizing continued funding at an amount of \$50,000 per year for the Safe on 17 extra CHP enforcement for three year's (July 2015- June 2018) up to \$150,000, plus the prior year program fund balances; and,
- Authorizing the extension of the funding agreement with MTC SAFE (if funding is approved by MTC SAFE) and the extra enforcement contract with the CHP to ensure Safe on 17 extra CHP enforcement for an additional three years.

SUMMARY

The Safe on 17 funding and contract agreements for CHP extra enforcement on Highway 17 will expire in June 2015. Staff recommends continued funding for the Safe on 17 Program's extra CHP enforcement on Highway 17.

Attachments:

1. Resolution Authorizing Continuation of Extra CHP Enforcement on Highway 17 for Three-Years

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of November 6, 2014
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND SAFE FUNDS FOR EXTRA CHP ENFORCEMENT ON HIGHWAY 17 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2015 AND JUNE 30, 2018 AND TO AMEND OR ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) SAFE AND THE CHP TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF THE SAFE ON 17 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Safe on 17 Program's goal is to reduce injury and fatal collisions on Highway 17 and has been successful in achieving its goal;

WHEREAS, the CHP extra enforcement is a critical component of the Safe on 17 program;

WHEREAS, in 2012 RTC SAFE extended the contract agreement with MTC SAFE and the contract agreement with CHP to continue to provide extra enforcement on Highway 17;

WHEREAS, the cooperative funding agreement with MTC and the CHP contract agreement for extra enforcement on Highway 17 will expire on June 30, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently sufficient funds in the RTC SAFE account to provide funding to continue the "Safe on 17" project;

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

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to expend up to \$150,000, plus the prior year's program balance, in SAFE funds between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2018 to provide CHP extra enforcement on Highway 17 and to amend and/or execute the necessary agreements with MTC SAFE and the CHP to ensure continued implementation of the Safe on 17 program.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Eduardo Montesino, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

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