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AGENDA: 4/24/01

April 19, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TO IMPROVE THE HIGHWAY 1 CORRIDOR, INCLUDING
EXPANSION OF LANES

Dear Members of the Board:

Within the past several years, the traffic within the county, and to the mid and south county, has increased substantially. This is especially true along Highway 1, which was originally built in the 1940's and has not been expanded since that time. Highway 1 is a vital link within our community with tens of thousands of drivers from our county using it each day. It is also necessary for emergency services such as ambulance, fire and law enforcement to reach our residents. And very importantly, the virtual traffic gridlock at certain times of the day sends great amounts of unwanted traffic into our neighborhoods as drivers seek to avoid the highway, thereby creating unsafe conditions on our local streets.


The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is currently evaluating ways to widen the highway as part of its approved Regional Transportation Plan. Being studied are High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, which would provide a dedicated lane for both carpoolers and transit buses.


We believe it is important for our Board to take a position in support of expansion of Highway 1 and to be kept up to date on the progress of this project. We therefore recommend that the

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Board adopt the attached resolution indicating support for the actions taken by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to improve the Highway 1 corridor, including expansion of lanes.

Sincerely,


JANET K. BEAUTZ, Supervisor
First District


TONY CAMPOS, Supervisor
Fourth District

JKB/TC:ted
Attachment

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO IMPROVE THE
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WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has an opportunity to hear from members of the community on subjects of major concern to them at each of our regular meetings, as well as in less formal communications; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been made aware of a random sample survey of the voters of Santa Cruz County regarding their high level of concern regarding increased congestion in our county; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of Highway 1 through the addition of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction of travel has been identified as an effective means of enhancing transit bus service and relieving traffic congestion through the increased use of carpools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this resolution indicating support for the actions taken by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (Transportation Commission) to improve the Highway 1 corridor, including expansion of lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors encourages the Transportation Commission to aggressively pursue all potential funding sources and options (federal, state and local support) which would contribute to a timely completion of the expansion project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors encourages Transportation Commission staff to provide periodic reports to the Board of Supervisors and members of the public on the progress made in establishing expansion feasibility, costs and funding mechanisms, thereby ensuring that through open communication, members of the community will know what actions government is taking to address their concerns regarding roadway congestion.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of
_____, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Jane M. Scott
County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation
Commission

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