



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 20, 2013 COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS' MEETING

NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans recently released the *County-Level Economic Forecast 2012-2040*. This document will assist local and regional agencies in their planning and travel forecasting efforts. Updated annually, the report provides a consistent set of long-term socio-economic forecasts for each county in California. The full report is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/eab/socio_economic_files/2012/2012_Socio-Eco_County_Forecasts_Full_Report.pdf
- A booklet titled, *How Caltrans Builds Projects* is now online. The booklet gives a concise overview of Caltrans' delivery process for projects that will improve or maintain the state highway and interstate systems. It also provides a list of resources for further reference. The booklet is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/index_files/How_Caltrans_Builds_Projects_HCBP_2011a-9-13-11.pdf#zoom=75
- The Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program addresses the repair and reconstruction of federal-aid highways and roads, and trails on federal lands, which have sustained serious damage from a natural disaster or catastrophic failures from an external cause. MAP-21 continues this program with some changes in requirements. More information is available at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/erp/erp.html>
- In April 2013, District 5 held its annual Litter Day and sponsored 137 clean-up events district-wide. In the northern counties (San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey), Caltrans cleaned more than 96 miles along the shoulder. In the southern counties (San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara), 284 shoulder miles were cleared of litter and debris. All the clean-up crews were given credit for participating in the Keep California Clean (Earth Day) special event.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

A call for projects is under way for the 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 6. Up to \$150 million is expected to be available for this call. **Applications are due Friday, July 26, 2013**, and should be submitted to the attention of the District Local Assistance Engineers. Applications received or postmarked later than that date will not be accepted. Applications, program guidelines and more information are available at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_now.htm

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Caltrans recently awarded nearly \$250 million to improve public transit and air quality statewide. Proposition 1B will fund 127 projects to upgrade transit service and stations, acquire eco-friendly buses, and create numerous jobs. The 2006 voter-approved transportation bond is providing \$3.6 billion over a 10-year period to improve public transit in California. These projects include the following for the Council of San Benito County Governments:

- Upgrade transit fueling infrastructure - \$87,000
- Transit maintenance and operational improvements - \$79,500
- Customer Service Enhancements - \$96,579

Please Submit Maintenance Service Requests at the Following Link: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/>

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