



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SAN BENITO COUNTY

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NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans recently released its 2013 Version 3 of the *Main Street, California: A Guide for Improving Community and Transportation Vitality*. This document incorporates livability and sustainability principles into main street projects and helps balance the need for an efficient multi-modal transportation facility with local needs for a community's main street. More information is available at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/mainstreet/>
- The California Transportation Commission recently released its 2013 *Preliminary Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines*. This document describes the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for developing, adopting and managing this program. It is a working group product with representatives from Caltrans, government agencies' and active transportation stakeholders with expertise in pedestrian and bicycle issues, including the Safe Routes to School programs. More information is available at:
<http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>
- This winter, Caltrans is using a new, innovative tow plow on Interstate 80's rugged Donner Pass. The tow plow swings out from behind a traditional plow to clear snow from two lanes of traffic. It also applies a brine solution to prevent black ice from forming before or after a storm. For California's motorists, Caltrans' new Quick Map app shows up-to-the-minute chain control information. More information is available at:
<http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>
- Caltrans encourages motorists to do their part in keeping roadways clear and drivers' safe. When major storms are forecast, they should visit the Caltrans website for the latest traveler information. They should also plan to stay off the roadways during inclement weather conditions and, when travel is necessary, carry an emergency kit with such items as water, food, flashlight, blankets, road flares, and a battery-operated radio.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Caltrans is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Transportation Planning Grant Programs. A total of \$5.3 million will be awarded for the following: Partnership Planning for Sustainable Transportation (\$2.5 million), Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities (\$1.8 million), and Transit Planning for Rural Communities (\$1 million). These programs support multi-modal transportation systems improving mobility and accessibility for all users. This grant cycle will **not** offer awards for the Community-Based Transportation Planning and Environmental Justice programs for this fiscal year only. The one-year hiatus is to review and re-evaluate the grant program objectives' and improve delivery as well.

Applications are due to Caltrans 10 a.m. Monday, February 3, 2014. The applications, guidebook and more information are available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

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

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