NEWSWORTHY

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning is now accepting applications for the Transportation Planning Grant Program. The Division will award approximately $9 million in funding through six Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2013-14. These programs provide monetary assistance for transportation planning projects to improve mobility and lead to the programming or implementation phase for a community or region.

  The Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide is posted on the Division of Transportation Planning (DOTP) Grants website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html

  Applications are due via email by 5:00pm, **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**.

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to host a series of open houses for the California State Rail Plan (CSRP). Caltrans will be presenting the Draft of the CSRP, which establishes a statewide vision, sets priorities, and develops implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service in the public interest.

  To review the Draft Plan and comment, please join us at one of the five Open House meetings (Feb. 12, 14, 19, 20 and 21) throughout the state. Comments may be submitted at any of the Open House meetings. The public comment period will begin on **February 8, 2013 and end on March 11, 2013**. The Draft CSRP will be available on February 8, 2013 at: http://californiastaterailplan.com/project-materials

  If you have any questions in advance of the meetings, please contact us through the website at: http://californiastaterailplan.com/contact/

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

PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR JANUARY 17, 2013 COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implementing Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	**ADA Curb Ramp Project (0R8404)**	On Route 25 & 156 in San Benito and Rtes 68, 101, 183 in Mon Co. (Various)	ADA curb ramps and minor concrete	Fall 2012 to Winter 2012/2013	$569,615	SHOPP	Caltrans	Richard Rosales (FK)	Brough Construction Inc., Arroyo Grande	Contract Approval Nov 6. Begin construction approx. Dec 3. Contractor expects to start from south to north with one crew performing the work.
2.	**Hwy. 101/San Juan Road Interchange (31580_)**	On Route 101 near Prunedale.4 mile south of Dumbarton Road in Mon. Co. (PM 10.0-101.3)	Construct new interchange at San Juan Road and US 101	December 3, 2012 to Winter 2014	$46.2 Million	STIP/ CMIA/ ARRA	Caltrans	David Silberberger (JW)	Construction	Granite Construction/MCM is the Contractor for the project. Construction began Dec. 3. The immediate focus will be earthwork for bridge abutments.

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Imple-menting Agency	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
3.	**Hwy. 156 Improvement Project (34490_)**	On SR 156 in and near San Juan Bautista from The Alameda to 0.2 mi east of 4th St. near Hollister (PM 3.0/R8.2)	Widen 2 to 4 Lanes	Fall 2015 to Fall 2017	$47.2 Million	STIP, IIP, RIP, Demo, Local	Caltrans	Richard Rosales	PS&E	Sept. 29, 2011- Approval of Supplemental Project Report and Final Supplemental Env. Document. Nov 4 - Court dismissed first lawsuit. Currently Pending 2nd lawsuit filed Sept 14, 2011. Tentative hearing date set for 12-17-12