



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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NEWSWORTHY

- Currently, Caltrans has 643 ongoing construction contracts statewide, totaling more than \$12.4 billion. This includes 49 contracts in District 5, totaling more than \$461 million. These figures do not include minor projects totaling less than \$270,000.
- Caltrans is installing new signs statewide reminding motorists to *Move Over* for highway workers, the California Highway Patrol, other law enforcement personnel and emergency responders. The new signs will feature the following messages: *Move Over or SLOW for Stopped Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles*, and *Move Over or SLOW When Amber Lights Flashing*. In addition, more than 700 existing electronic highway message signs statewide will display, *Move Over or Slow for Workers, It's the Law*. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/moveover>.
- Caltrans urges motorists not to use electronic devices while driving and focus on getting to their destination safely. A recent survey showed that many Americans continue to use cell phones or other electronic equipment while driving despite warnings that it causes roadway crashes, injuries and even death, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More information is available at: <http://www.ewsp.com/opinion/analysis/41921-national-highway-traffic-safety-administration-survey-finds-660-000-drivers-using-cell-phones-or-manipulating-electronic-devices-while-driving-at-any-given-daylight-moment.html?tmpl=component>
- Caltrans recently released the 2013 *Addressing Climate Change Adaptation in Regional Transportation Plans – A Guide for California MPOs and RTPAs*. The guide will provide the information and tools necessary to include climate assessment and adaptation into future planning efforts. It is available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/climate_change/documents/FR3_CA_Climate_Change_Adaptation_Guide_2013-02-26_.pdf

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

A call for projects will soon be under way for the 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 6. This program now includes federal funding for High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) eligible projects. Up to \$150 million is expected to be available for this call with the minimum and maximum for each agency anticipated at \$100,000 and \$1.5 million, respectively. Applications will be due in June/July 2013. Caltrans is currently updating the guidelines and application forms, which will be available online soon. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm>

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