



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 6, 2013 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans is working to implement its *Smart Mobility 2010: A Call to Action for the New Decade*, a new multi-modal, sustainable transportation approach that integrates land uses. Caltrans is researching and reviewing sustainability tools, guidance and best practices developed or initiated throughout the nation since *Smart Mobility* was released in January 2010. This major investigation has gathered input from 30 transportation agencies throughout California and the nation. The preliminary results are available online at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/smf_files/Caltrans_Smart_Mobility_Preliminary_Investigation_3-21-13.pdf#zoom=75
- 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), more than 96 miles along the shoulder were cleaned. 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.
- The Federal Highway Administration will host four free webinars in May and June 2013 on assessing the vulnerability of transportation infrastructure to climate change and extreme weather events.

The webinar series are scheduled as follows:

- Session 1: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30
- Session 2: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12
- Session 3: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20

Registration and more information are available at:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/climate_change/adaptation/webinars/

- Caltrans recently released its 2013 *Environmental Justice and Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Handbook*. This document provides guidance on grant contracting, project initiation and implementation, and contract management. It is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/ej_cbtp_toolbox_files/FY13-14_docs/EJ_CBTP_Handbook_2013_Final_Revised_1-29.pdf#zoom=65

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

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

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

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