



## DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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### NEWSWORTHY

- Governor Brown recently appointed three agency secretaries' in response to the major state government reorganization. He appointed Marybel Batjer of Reno, Secretary of the Government Operations Agency; Anna Caballero of Salinas, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency; and Brian Kelly of Sacramento, Secretary of the Transportation Agency (formerly the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency). This reorganization reduces the number of state agencies from 12 to 10 and eliminates, or consolidates, dozens of departments and entities. The changes are expected to improve coordination and efficiency, and make government more responsive to the public. More information is available at: [http://gov.ca.gov/docs/Cover\\_Letter\\_and\\_Summary.pdf](http://gov.ca.gov/docs/Cover_Letter_and_Summary.pdf)
- The Transportation Agency recently formed the California Freight Advisory Committee in response to MAP-21. Caltrans is currently developing the *California Freight Mobility Plan*, an update to the 2007 *Goods Movement Action Plan*. The revised plan will address current freight conditions and issues across all modes and regions in the state and identify important trends. It will also discuss community impacts, trucking, new legislation, regional differences and linkages, and greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. More information is available at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ogm/california\\_freight\\_mobility\\_plan.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ogm/california_freight_mobility_plan.html)
- Caltrans recently updated its *Public Participation Plan* for gathering input on statewide planning and programming efforts, including the *California Transportation Plan* and the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. MAP-21 emphasizes providing early and continuous opportunities for public comment. The document is available at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/osp/ppp\\_files/CTPE\\_PPP\\_Final\\_052913\\_dg\\_29.pdf#zoom=75](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/osp/ppp_files/CTPE_PPP_Final_052913_dg_29.pdf#zoom=75)
- 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](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/eab/socio_economic_files/2012/2012_Socio-Eco_County_Forecasts_Full_Report.pdf)

### LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) recently allocated \$1 billion toward 153 projects statewide to improve transportation and spur economic growth. The allocations include nearly \$541 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. These projects include the following:

- SCCRTC – \$2.4 million for the Broadway-Brommer Street Bike/Pedestrian Path in Santa Cruz.
- Caltrans – \$382,000 to upgrade metal beam guardrail, construct concrete barriers and upgrade drainage features at various locations on Highway 1 from the South Aptos underpass to just north of Highway 9 in Santa Cruz County. This project will help reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions.
- City of Santa Cruz – \$450,000 to install a traffic signal and construct protected left-turn lanes at the Soquel Avenue/Park Way intersection in Santa Cruz. This project will reduce collisions, delays, travel times, widen the sidewalk and improve access to transit.

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