



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 6, 2014 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

NEWSWORTHY

- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) recently allocated \$138 million in new funding to 32 projects statewide that will improve highways, bridges and passenger rail, and further strengthen the state's economy. The allocations include about \$25 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$17 billion of these funds have improved transportation statewide.
- The CTC recently released its 2014 *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>
- Caltrans plans to release online the preliminary draft of the *California Freight Mobility Plan* soon for review and comment. Each chapter will be linked to the web site below once they are ready for review. If you would like to be notified as individual chapters are released for review, please email CFAC@dot.ca.gov. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/top/offices/ogm/cfmp.html>
- Caltrans recently released its first edition of *The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report*. The document tells how well the department is performing as it improves and protects California's transportation system. Essentially, it focuses on accountability and transparency using performance-based management and effective communication. It also notes the need for improvement in the following key performance elements: safety, mobility, sustainability, delivery and maintenance. More information is available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctjournal/2014-1/TheMileMarker_Jan2014.html.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans is accepting online applications only for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Section 5339 grant program. This new program provides funding for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, and bus-related equipment and facilities. Projects to construct bus facilities are *ineligible* for this grant cycle, but may be included in future funding years. A total of \$7.4 million is available statewide to small urban areas with populations between 50,000 and 200,000. Applications and all required plans and documents are due to Caltrans on **Friday, March 14, 2014**. Applications and guidelines are available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5339.html>.

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

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