



**JOINT MEETING OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
SYSTEMS (TOS) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND
SAFE ON 17 TASK FORCE**

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
10:00am-12:00pm

**CHP San Jose
2020 Junction Ave, San Jose, CA 95131**

Meeting Participants

Heather	Adamson	AMBAG (teleconference)
Nick	Saleh	Caltrans D4
Debra	Nelson	Caltrans D4 Legislative Affairs
Ernesto	Ramirez	Caltrans D4 Maintenance
Earl	Sherman	Caltrans D4 Maintenance
Victor	Gauthier	Caltrans D4 PIO
Rocquel	Johnson	Caltrans D4 PIO
Ramin	Bolourchian	Caltrans D4 TMC
Jennifer	Calate	Caltrans D5 (teleconference)
Devin	Porr	Caltrans D5 Construction
Susana	Cruz	Caltrans D5 PIO (teleconference)
Kelly	McClendon	Caltrans D5 Planning (teleconference)
George	Gori	CHP San Jose
Lance	Hedrick	CHP San Jose
Ian	Troxell	CHP Santa Cruz
Stephen	Terrin	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Dave	Darcey	Redwood Estates resident
Cheryl	Darcey	Redwood Estates resident
Jeffrey L.	Bates	Redwood Estates Service Association
Andrea	Eberle	representing Assemblymember Mark Stone
Domingo	Candelas	representing Senator Jim Beall (teleconference)
Gary	Richards	San Jose Mercury News (teleconference)
Jarret	Winter	Santa Clara County Fire
Brian	Winterhalder	Santa Clara County Fire
Luisa	Rapport	Santa Clara County Fire PIO
Shannon	Munz	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Amy	Naranjo	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission



1. **Introductions** – Introductions were made.
2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda** –none were made
3. **Oral Communications** –Redwood Estates residents Dave and Cheryl Darcey expressed concern for the increased number of collisions at Big Moody Curve (just south of Redwood Estates) during wet weather and suggested using high friction surface treatment (HFST) to reduce slippery road conditions from standing water and mud runoff. Lieutenant Gori from CHP San Jose stated that their new Community Oriented Policing (COPS) enforcement unit will respond to the resident’s concerns and increase enforcement activities in the area. Devin Porr from Caltrans D5 stated there are plans to install HFST at a number of locations on Highway 17 slated for completion in 2022.
4. **Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Joint TOS Oversight Committee and Safe on 17 Meeting were reviewed and accepted.**
5. **Received Information Items** – Amy Naranjo from SCCRTC provided an update for the Freeway Service Patrol program, including potential options to increase existing and expand service using funds from Measure D and State Bill 1. Amy Naranjo discussed a number of news articles that were published related to Highway 17.
6. **Received Update on California Highway Patrol Safe on 17 Program Statistics and Public Information Efforts** – Sergeant Lance Hedrick from San Jose CHP stated total collisions in 2017 on the Santa Clara County side of Highway 17 decreased from the previous year and regular and overtime citations increased. Lieutenant George Gori provided information about CHP’s traffic safety committee and COPS enforcement team to address problem areas in Santa Clara County, including Highway 17. Lieutenant Ian Troxell from Santa Cruz CHP stated total collisions, injury crashes, and regular/overtime citations decreased in 2017 from the previous year. He cited an increase in CHP presence and patrol mileage has had a deterrent effect on reckless driving. CHP Santa Cruz also received a grant to provide 3,000 hours of DUI enforcement on Highway 17 in 2018. CHP Santa Cruz and San Jose shared traffic updates and safety messaging using social media (Twitter and Facebook). CHP Santa Cruz also pushed messaging from Cruz511.org.
7. **Received Caltrans District 5 Highway 17 Project Update** - Devin Porr from Caltrans D5 provided updates for various projects. The project at Sugarloaf has been accepted as complete (soil nail wall, roadway refurbish; enhanced median barriers, and shoulder widening. The slope stabilization project at Pasatiempo is ongoing and 1 year ahead of schedule. The plant



establishment period is expected to take place by end of June 2018. The structure installation to address a slide under the roadway near the Wedding Chapel is complete, Caltrans is waiting for dry weather to complete the slope and final touches along the roadway. Caltrans is also getting started on a minor project to improve maintenance vehicle pullout areas on Highways 1 and 17.

- 8. Received Caltrans District 4 Highway 17 Project Update** – Victor Gauthier is the new public information officer for projects on the Santa Clara County side of Highway 17. He expressed appreciation for the task force and opportunity to meet the various members. Earl Sherman provided updates for maintenance, noting Caltrans D4 received grant funds from the Fire Safe Council for fire breaks and tree/vegetation cleanup and is experiencing challenges with employee turnover and adequate staffing. Mr. Sherman also clarified that maintenance uses dense grade material to fill potholes because open grade material may potentially cause traction issues if mud/slide debris permeate the roadway surface.
- 9. Received Traffic Operations Systems Updates** - Traffic Management Center (TMC) Update - Ramin Bolourchian stated updating the messages that appear on the changeable message signs (CMSs) can be challenging due to software limitations, and if anyone sees any problems with the CMSs, to please contact the TMC. He also promoted Caltrans Quickmap, which features live traffic cameras, planned lane closures, and CMS messages.
- 10. Additional Items** – The group held an open discussion to brainstorm ideas about collaborating with navigation mobile applications (like Waze and Google Maps), providing personalized traffic advisories, restricting construction lane closures to Monday-Thursday nights, limiting truck traffic during certain hours, and improving public information and safety campaign messaging.
- 11. Approved Next Meeting Date** – Next Joint Safe on 17 Task Force & TOS Oversight Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:00 to 12:00 at Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

Respectively submitted by: _____

Amy Naranjo