



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

FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

10:00am-12:00pm

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

Meeting Participants

George Gori, CHP San Jose
Tom Byington, CHP San Jose
Grant Boles, CHP Santa Cruz
Ramin Bolourchian, Caltrans D4 TMC
Nick Saleh, Caltrans D4
Jennifer Calate, Caltrans D5
Susana Cruz, Caltrans D5 PIO (teleconference)
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans D5 Planning (teleconference)
Devin Porr, Caltrans D5 Construction
Jacques van Zeventer, Caltrans D5
Jay R. Call, Santa Clara County Fire
Ian Larkin, Santa Clara County Fire
Scott Osborne, Santa Clara County Fire
Jarret Winter, Santa Clara County Fire
Brian Winterhalder, Santa Clara County Fire
Jeffrey L. Bates, Redwood Estates Service Association
Doug Ley, Redtree Partners
Ashley Keehn, KION News
Gary Richards, San Jose Mercury News (teleconference)
George Dondero, 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** –none were made



4. **Minutes of the March 15, 2017 Joint TOS Oversight Committee and Safe on 17 Meeting** were reviewed and accepted.
5. **Received Information Items** – Amy Naranjo discussed the 2016 Safe on 17 annual report that was completed in May 2017. It provides a summary of the collision and citation statistics for Hwy 17 as well as a discussion of the Caltrans projects that have been constructed during the year. Electronic copies of the report were provided with the agenda packet. Amy Naranjo also 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. Doug Ley, member of the public, proposed using the changeable message signs idea to show 'days since last' collision statistics and safety messages.
6. **Received Update on California Highway Patrol Safe on 17 Program Statistics and Public Information Efforts** – Sergeant Grant Boles from Santa Cruz CHP discussed the use of overtime hours during the winter. He stated that overtime incurred was charged to a FEMA grant CHP received for winter storm damage instead of Safe on 17 funds. Boles also stated that the total number of collisions on the Santa Cruz County side increased from previous years, with wet weather a contributing factor. Lieutenant George Gori from San Jose CHP shared similar updates for Santa Clara County. 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. **Santa Clara County Fire Department's Redwood Station – Letter to Request Emergency Addition of Guard Rail** – Captain Jarret Winter requested Caltrans install 20 to 30 feet of guardrail on northbound Highway 17 just north of Idyllwild Rd. Mr. Winter noted an increase in collisions in the area where vehicles have gone down the embankment and resulted in serious injuries and a fatality. Collisions at this location have resulted in lane closures and caused significant travel delays for motorists.
8. **Received Caltrans District 5 Highway 17 Project Update** - Devin Porr from CT D5 discussed the Hwy 17 Shoulder Widening and Concrete Guardrail project near Scotts Valley. The project runs from 0.4 miles south of Sugarloaf to 0.1 mile south of Laurel Rd. The project is planned to be completed by October 2017. Caltrans has a project to construct storm water mitigation improvements south of Sims Rd that is scheduled to be a long-term 2 year project. Devin Porr also discussed an emergency project underway just north of Sugarloaf Road at the White Chapel to install a soldier pile retaining wall and secure the roadway. Lane closures may extend up to 5 miles and will



require additional CHP enforcement. Kelly McClendon shared a video and brochure for the Highway 17 Access Management Plan.

9. **Received Caltrans District 4 Highway 17 Project Update** – Nick Soleh discussed two emergency projects on the Santa Clara County side of Highway 17. The project on the southbound lanes has been completed. The northbound project will be completed within a month. Both of these projects replace damaged undercrossing drainage. Caltrans is in the planning stages for identifying a location for a wildlife crossing, likely in an existing culvert.
10. **Received Traffic Operations Systems Updates** - Traffic Management Center (TMC) Update - Ramin Bolourchian stated that if anyone sees any problems with the changeable message signs (CMSs), to please contact the TMC. Jacques van Zeventer stated the importance of coordinating lane closures between counties for both Caltrans and CHP. The CCTV at the Fishhook is temporarily out of order. Caltrans is working on adding new CCTV's in Scotts Valley at Granite Creek and on the dynamic curve sign on southbound 17 before Glenwood Dr. Caltrans Quickmaps now features Waze traffic data.
11. **Approved Next Meeting Date** – Next Joint Safe on 17 Task Force & TOS Oversight Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 21, 2018 10:00 to 12:00 at CHP San Jose, 2020 Junction Ave, San Jose, CA 95131.

Respectively submitted by: _____

Amy Naranjo