



**CSanta Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

**AGENDA
Thursday, September 7, 2017**

**NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th floor
Santa Cruz, CA**

Immediately following the completion of the regular RTC meeting

1. Oral communications

Any member of the public may address the SCCRTC Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item within the jurisdiction of the SCCRTC SAFE that is not already on the agenda. The SCCRTC SAFE will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the State Law, will not take action on items that are not on the agenda.

Speakers are requested to sign the sign-in sheet so that their names can be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

2. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the SCCRTC SAFE or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the SCCRTC SAFE may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to Consent Agenda items without removing the item from the Consent Agenda as long as no other SCCRTC SAFE member objects to the change.

No consent items

REGULAR AGENDA

3. California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide SAFE Call Box Coordination Contract
(Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner)

- a. Staff report
- b. Resolution

4. Adjourn

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TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission/Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

FROM: Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner

RE: California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide SAFE Call Box Coordination Contract

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), serving as the regional Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to execute a new contract with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for the Santa Cruz County share of the Statewide CHP Callbox Coordinator Position.

BACKGROUND

Through a partnership with the CHP and Caltrans, the SCCRTC, serving as the Santa Cruz County SAFE, has operated a highway call box motorist aid system. The system consists of 75 call boxes available to be used by motorists to obtain assistance for vehicle breakdowns, report collisions or other incidents, and obtain assistance in case of emergency situations.

DISCUSSION

All SAFEs throughout the state, including Santa Cruz County SAFE, are required to pay their proportionate share of the statewide CHP SAFE Coordinator Position. The CHP SAFE coordinator is responsible for the review and approval of plans for the implementation and modification of call box systems on state highways. The CHP SAFE coordinator is also responsible for facilitating collaboration between CHP and regional SAFEs, providing regional SAFEs with annual vehicle registration fee estimates from the State Controllers office and calculating the appropriate level of CHP staff resources throughout the state to ensure appropriate implementation of regional call box systems.

A new contract with the CHP for the CHP SAFE Coordinator Position is needed to cover FY 2017/18 – FY 2018/19. Santa Cruz County SAFE's proportion of the CHP SAFE coordinator position in FY 2017-18 will be approximately \$680. SCCRTC SAFE's proportional share of the billing "factor" is determined at the beginning of each fiscal year by comparing the number of motor vehicles registered within each SAFE's boundaries to the total number of motor vehicles registered in all counties

which have entered into SAFE Agreements with CHP. The billing factor is then multiplied by the annual SAFE Coordinator Position annual personnel costs.

Staff recommends that the SCCRTC approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a new two-year contract with the CHP for FY 17/18 – FY 18/19, with the possibility to extend the contract one additional year, in the amount not to exceed \$1,360.

SUMMARY

California Streets and Highways Code section 2557 requires regional SAFEs to pay their proportionate share of the statewide CHP SAFE coordination position for the review and approval of plans for the implementation of call boxes on state highways. Staff recommends approving the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a new two-year contract with the CHP for FY 17/18 – FY 18/19, with the possibility to extend the contract one additional year, in the amount not to exceed \$1,360.

Attachments

1. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a new contract with CHP for the Statewide SAFE Coordinator

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation
Commission

on the date of September 7, 2017

on the motion of Commissioner

duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL,
FOR THE CHP STATEWIDE SAFE COORDINATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission serves as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) for Santa Cruz County and as such collects a \$1 vehicle registration fee for all vehicles registered in Santa Cruz County to provide a system of roadside call boxes along state highways and other motorist aid projects;

WHEREAS, as the SAFE the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission contracts with various entities to implement and maintain the call box system including with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to oversee the statewide call box system; and

WHEREAS, State law requires SAFEs to pay their proportionate share of the statewide CHP SAFE coordinator position,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the CHP for the statewide CHP SAFE coordinator position for a term of two years beginning on July 1, 2017, with the possibility of a one year extension, in the amount not to exceed \$1,360.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to approve any necessary amendments to said agreement within the approved budget.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Zach Friend, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: Auditor-Controller
RTC Fiscal
California Highway Patrol