

Safe on 17 Task Force & Traffic Operations Oversight Committee

March 20, 2024



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“The Safe on 17 Task Force was formed to develop and implement collision reducing strategies, such as additional CHP enforcement, traffic safety improvements, and public education.”





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Information Item

Safe on 17 CHP Enforcement

Partnership with CHP and MTC SAFE to provide additional traffic enforcement on Highway 17 to ensure safe driving speeds.

- **Current agreements expires June 30, 2024**
- **New 3-year agreements to continue funding additional CHP for Highway 17**
- **\$100,000 annual contribution from RTC**
- **\$50,000 annual contribution from MTC**



Information Item

Freeway Service Patrol

FSP clears vehicle accidents, picks up dangerous items left on the roadway and helps stranded motorists.

Last year in numbers:

- 548 assists on Highway 1
- 671 assists on Highway 17
- Hwy 1 FSP: Mon-Fri 6:00am - 9:00am, select weekends
- Hwy 17 FSP: Mon-Fri 6:30am - 9:30am, Sun 1-7pm



Information Item

Call Boxes

Roadside call boxes also provide an important service for motorists without cell phones, and in areas with unreliable cellular reception.

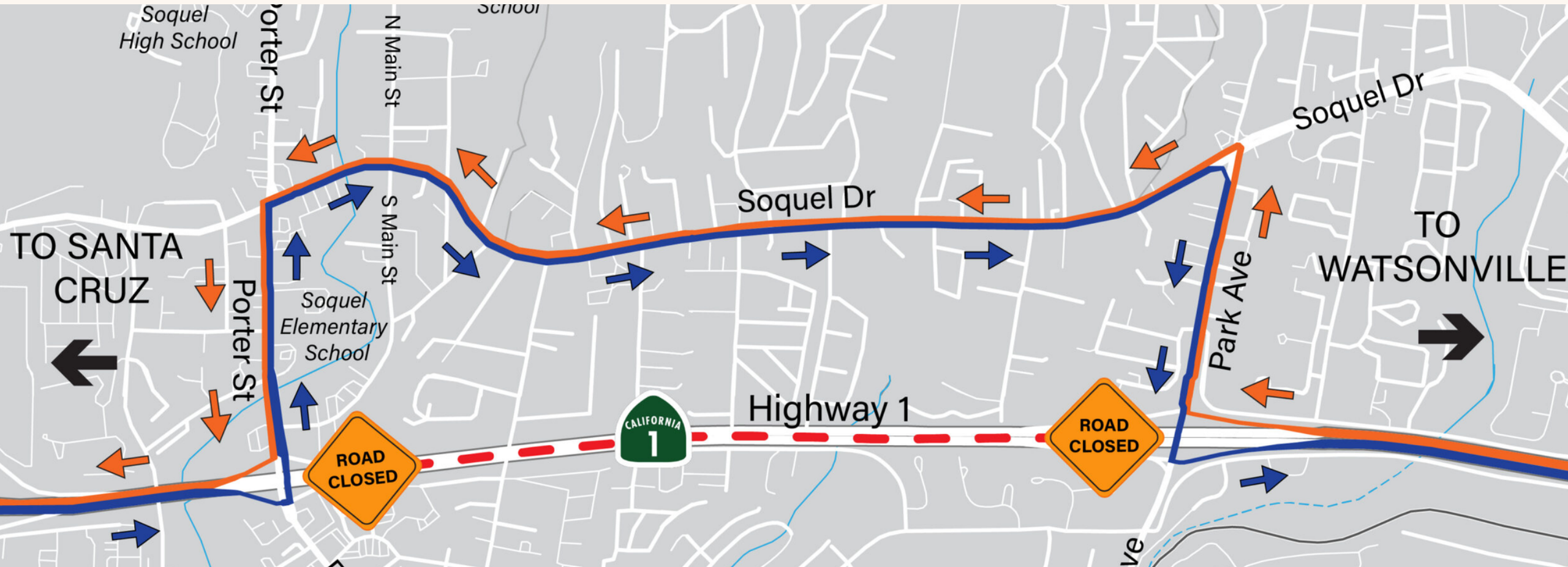
- 70 call boxes located throughout Santa Cruz County
- 19 call boxes on Highway 17
- 511 mobile call box in Santa Clara County

Information Item

Highway 1 Bridge Demo

3/20 update - Closure cancelled due to forecasted rain

24-hour full closure scheduled between Bay Avenue/Porter Street and Park Avenue for crews to demolish the Capitola Avenue overcrossing. **March 23-24 starting at 7 p.m.**





Information Item

Safe on 17 Annual Report

Reviews the work done by the CHP, Caltrans, SCCRTC and other stakeholders to continue to improve safety on Highway 17.

2023 Summary

- 636 total collisions on Highway 17
- 5 fatal collisions and 197 injury collisions
- 822 overtime citations issued
- 923 overtime hours logged

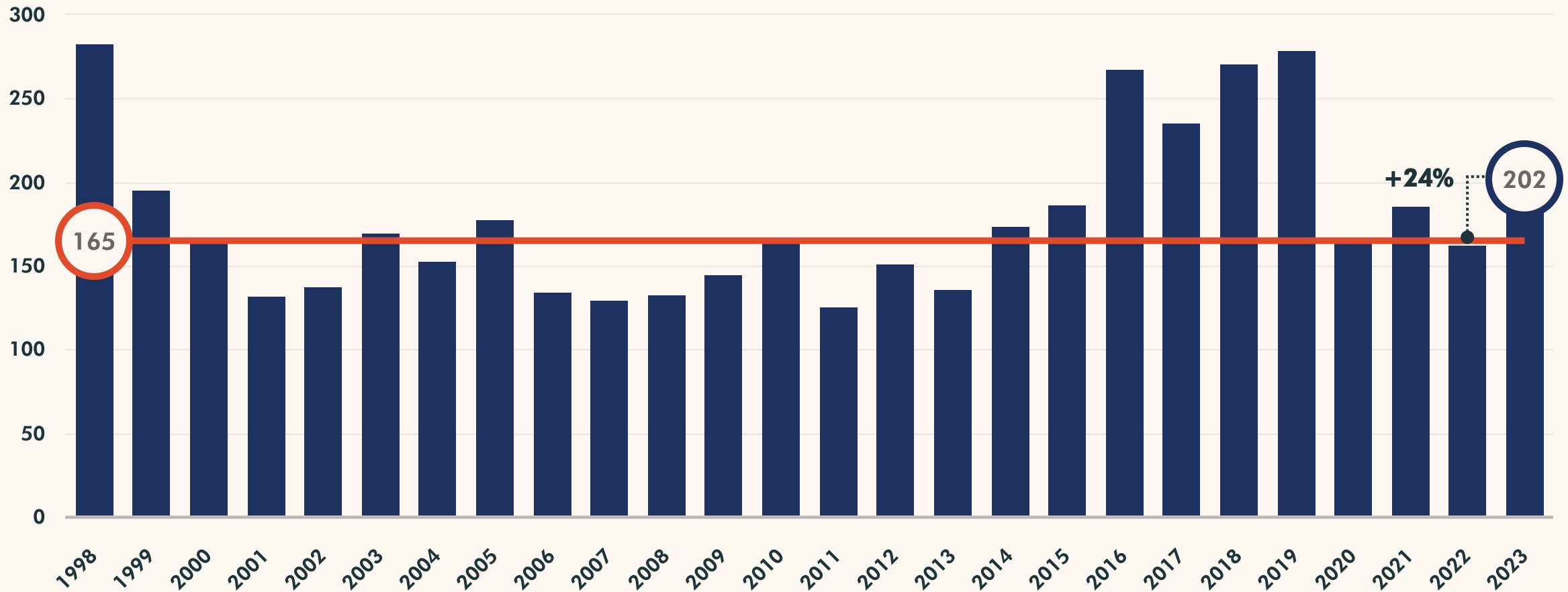


Enforcement Activities

Collisions, Citations, and OT Hours

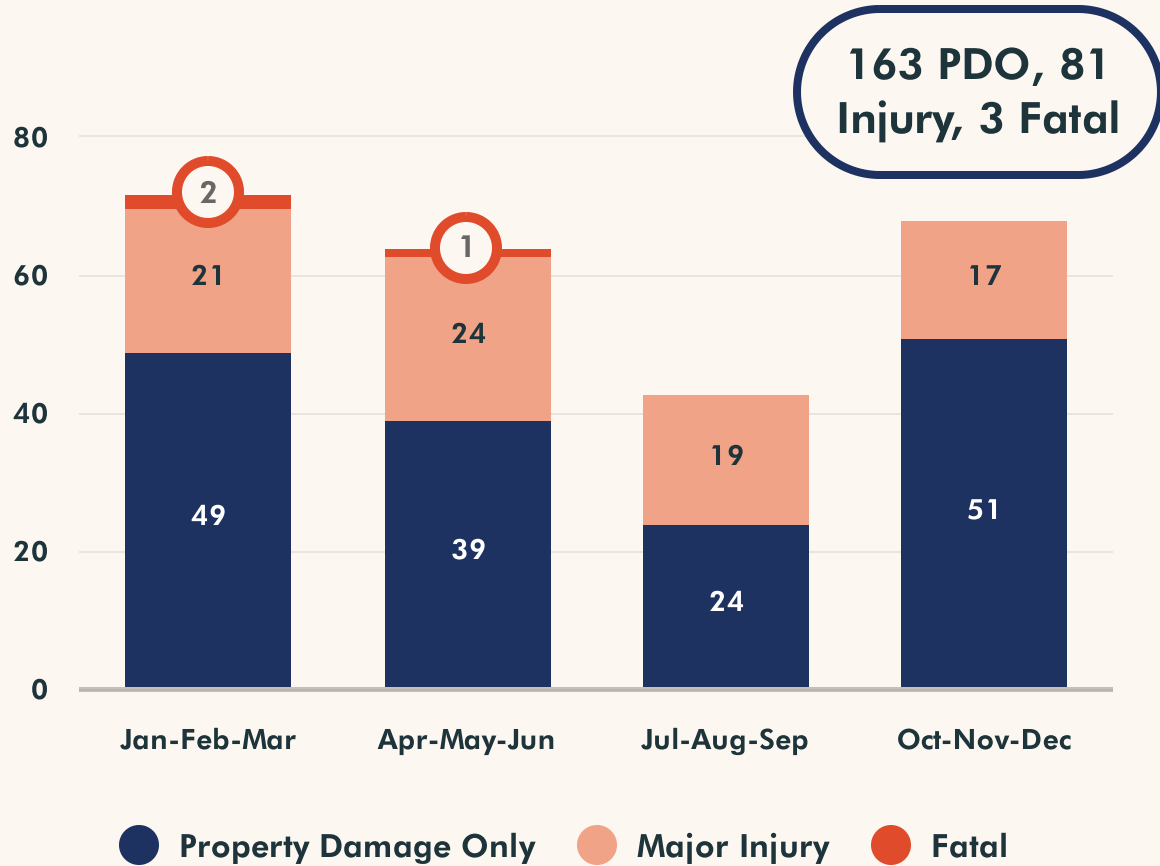
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Injury & Fatal Collisions on Highway 17



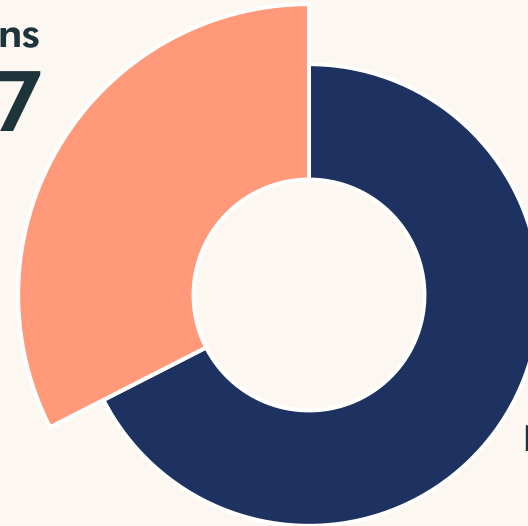
2023 Statistics

CHP Santa Cruz



247 Collisions on Highway 17

Overtime Citations
727

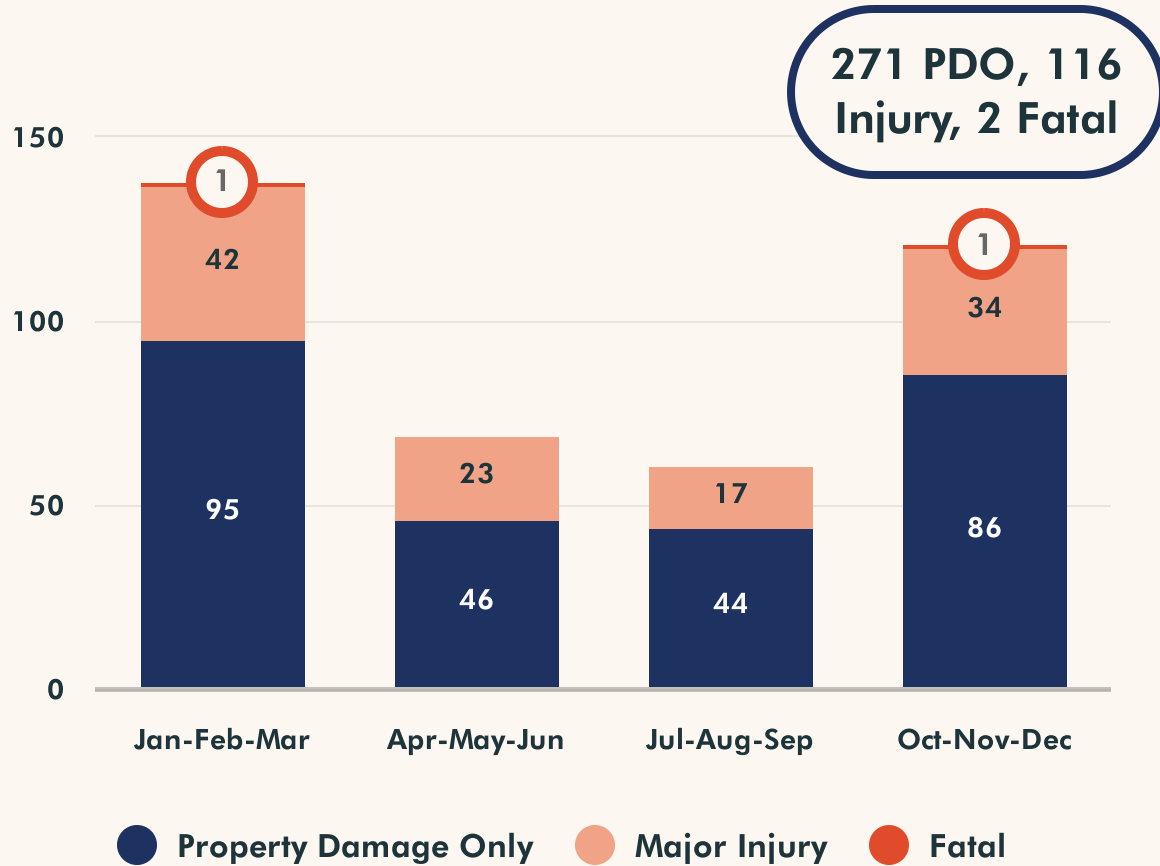


Regular Citations
1,509

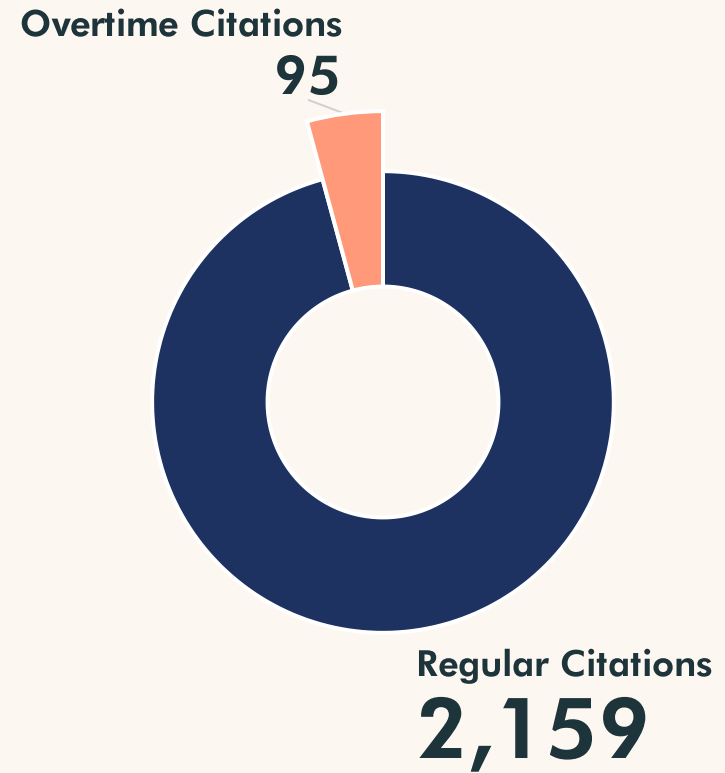
759 Overtime Hours

2023 Statistics

CHP San Jose



389 Collisions on Highway 17



164 Overtime Hours

Upcoming Highway 17 Enforcement

FY 23/24 Funds

- \$50k remaining for Safe on 17 enhanced enforcement through June 2024 for CHP San Jose and CHP Santa Cruz
- Use it or lose it funds
- Discuss plans for Spring and Summer enforcement



Upcoming Public Information Activities



START SMART DRIVING EDUCATION FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS

In an effort to prepare young drivers to drive responsibly, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is offering new driver education classes for new drivers and their parents. *Start Smart*, presented by the CHP, addresses such topics as the safe driving practices, the rules of the road, and new driver license requirements. Contact your nearest CHP Area office to confirm your registration to this **FREE** class.

Funding is provided by the Office of Traffic Safety, Start Smart Teen Driver Safety Education Grant.

NEXT CLASS

March 28th, 2024
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Aptos Library
7695 Soquel Dr.
Aptos, CA 95003

GET ADVICE

- Rules of the Road
- License Restrictions
- Distracted Driving
- Inclement Weather
- DUI

CONTACT

CHP - Santa Cruz Office
831-219-0200

Public Information Officer
Israel Murillo



Safety, Service, and Security



AGE WELL, DRIVE SMARTS SENIOR DRIVER EDUCATION CLASS

Take part in the California Highway Patrol's (CHP) Age Well, Drive Smart Senior driver education class. Age Well, Drive Smart was developed to assist senior drivers, 65 years of age and older, to continue to drive safely. This is a **FREE** class taught by a CHP Officer and co-taught by a CHP Senior Volunteer. The curriculum addresses such topics as aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment, and more. Contact your nearest CHP Area office to confirm your class registration.

Funding is provided by the Office of Traffic Safety, Keeping Everyone Safe Grant.

NEXT CLASS

March 27, 2024
09:00 am to 11:00 am

If interested, please reach out to
Officer Murillo. Deadline is March
26, 2024, to sign up.

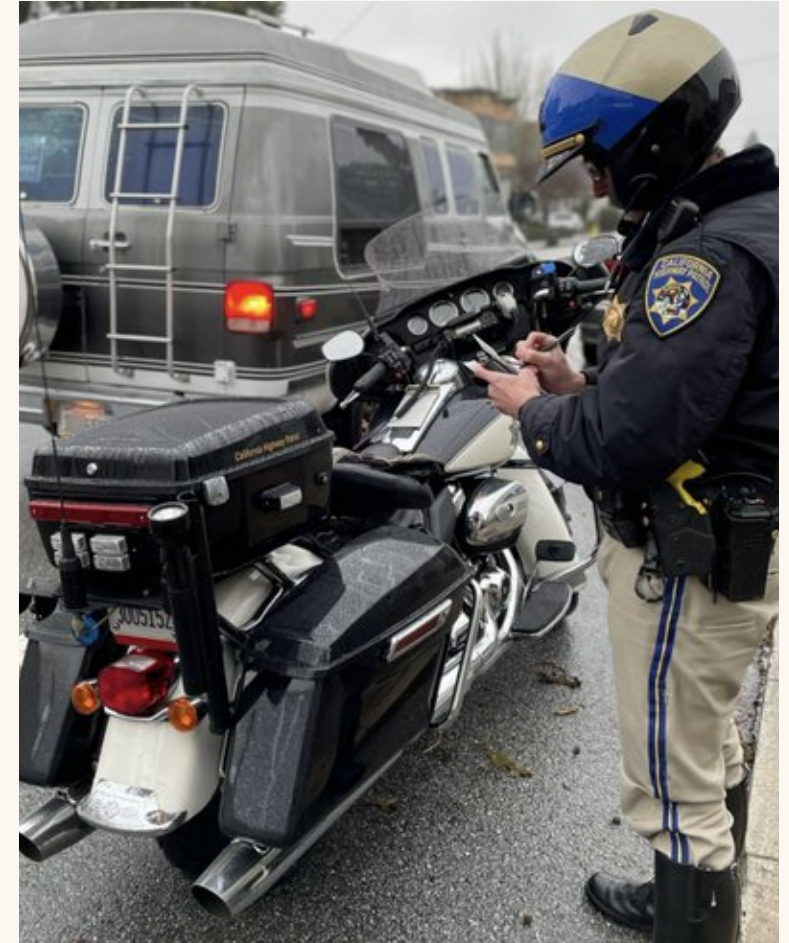
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GET ADVICE

- Tune Up Driving Skills
- Rules of the Road
- Safe Driving Practices
- License Re-Exam's

CONTACT

CHP - Santa Cruz
RSVP: (831) 219-0200
Classes fill up quick!



Start Smarts Teen Driver Education

Age Well Drive Smarts

B.A.D.G.E.S



Caltrans Updates

Construction & Maintenance Projects

April 3rd, 6:00pm -7:30pm

Virtual Community Meeting

Caltrans is developing a Resiliency and Adaptation Plan from SR 1 in Santa Cruz to the I-280/I-880 interchange in San Jose.



SAFE ON 17 TASK FORCE MEETING

Update on State Route 17 Resiliency and Adaptation Plan

Matt Welker, Caltrans District 5

Santa Cruz County Construction Projects



Jarvis Slide Rock Fence

Construct rock fence/barrier at Jarvis Slide to stabilize the slope. Project near COMPLETION.



High Friction Surface Treatments

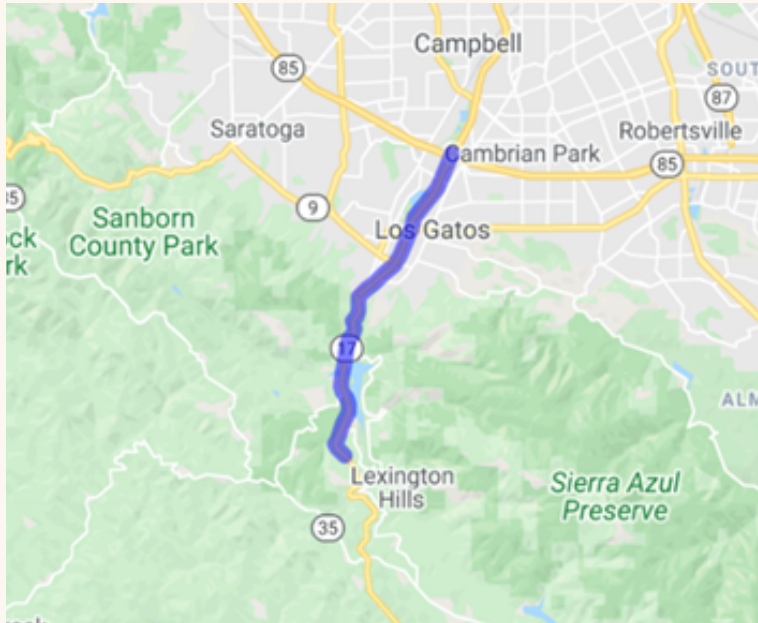
Grind pavement, place Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), and apply High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) and contrasting surface treatment to improve safety.



Wildlife Habitat Crossing

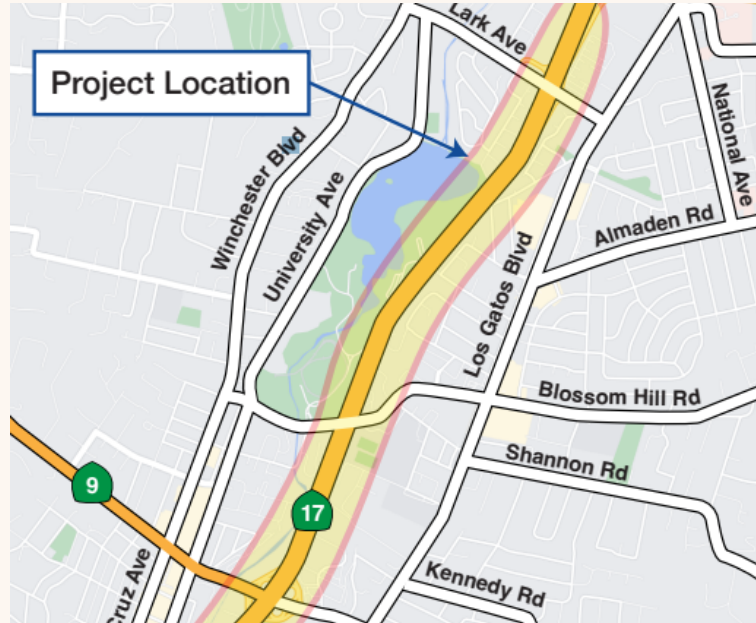
Construct wildlife undercrossing. Project in CLOSE OUT.

Santa Clara County Projects



Roadway Improvement Project

Preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement and improve ride quality. Project near **COMPLETION**



Corridor Congestion Relief Project

Construct improvements on SR 17 and upgrade the SR 17/SR 9 interchange in the Town of Los Gatos. Project **IN DESIGN**



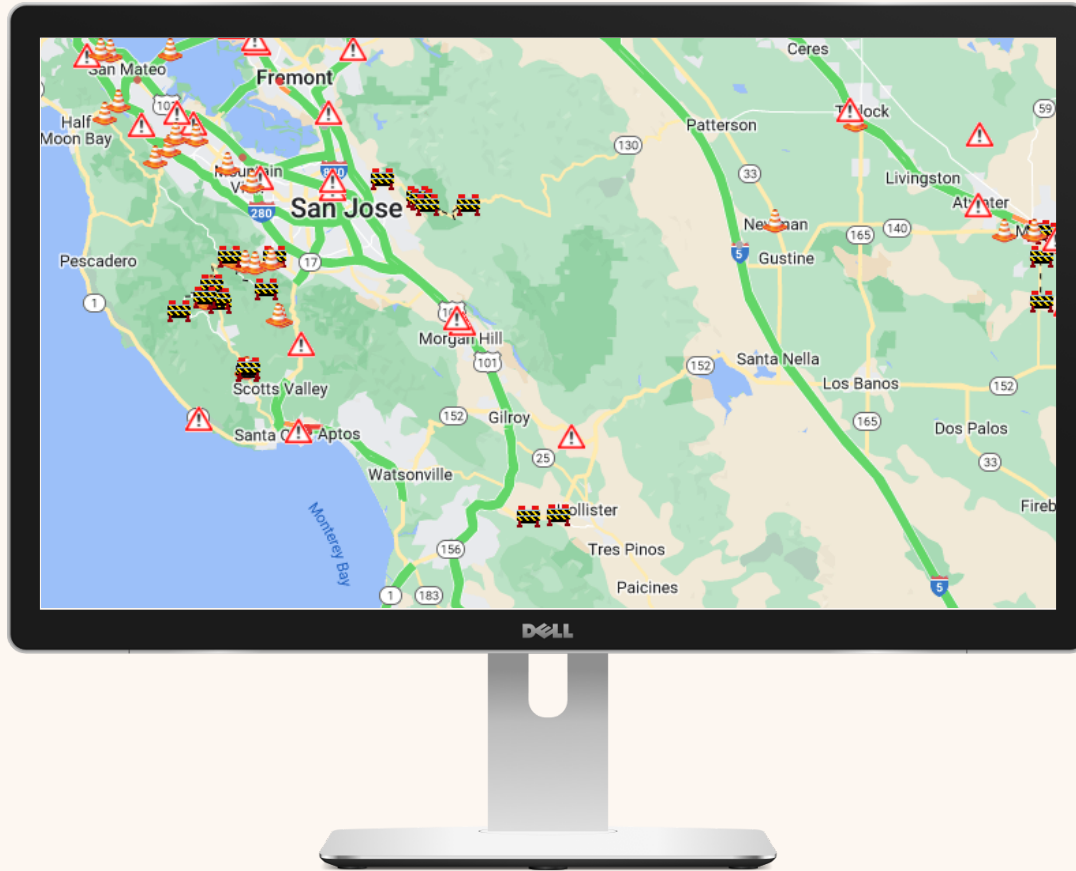
Wildlife & Trail Crossings

Construct wildlife undercrossing to improve motorist safety by reducing the potential for collisions with wildlife (and recreational users). Project **IN ENVIRONMENTAL**



Traffic Systems Operations Updates

Caltrans Quickmap



Real-time Traffic Conditions

Includes current traffic speed, lane and road closures caused by construction and maintenance work, changeable message signs, highway cameras, and more.



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Push Notifications

Receive alerts on your mobile device for nearby road closures, emergencies, and other traffic updates.



Redwood Estates Rd.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 09:19:07 PDT



Alma Ct

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 09:17:08 PDT



Jessie Way

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Moody Curve

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Los Gatos Farms Rd

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Old SCR Hwy

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