



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Freeway Service Patrol Program

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Highlights

The Freeway Service Patrol roving tow trucks:

- **Reduce the number of traffic jams** by quickly clearing accidents, debris and other incidents
- **Lessen the chain of further accidents and bottlenecks** caused by passing drivers
- **Save fuel and cut air-pollution emissions** by reducing stop-and-go traffic
- **Help stranded motorists**

The professional FSP drivers are trained, certified and supervised by the California Highway Patrol.



Program Description

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) operates the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program in Santa Cruz County. This program consists of two tow trucks patrolling Highway 1 from Highway 9 to State Park Drive and Highway 17 from Mount Herman Road to the Santa Clara County Line (see map on reverse side). FSP tow trucks remove disabled vehicles from the highway at no cost to the motorists. They reduce the congestion on the highway by quickly clearing accidents, debris, and other incidents and allowing traffic to return to normal conditions. They commonly perform tasks such as changing a flat tire, jump-starting a vehicle, or providing gas. Service is available during weekday commute hours and on a limited schedule on weekends. The FSP program is designed to reduce congestion, improve safety, and reduce fuel consumption and auto emissions by minimizing the congestion associated with collisions and other incidents. The cost benefit ratio for the Santa Cruz County FSP program is 3:1. Funding for this program is provided by Caltrans and the RTC.

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