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GRANT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY 12 SAFETY CORRIDOR

State and local officials gathered today to provide final details on a state grant aimed at making travel on Highway 12 safer.

The California Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the Office of Traffic Safety, the Solano Transportation Authority, local law enforcement agencies, and State and local government officials joined together at a press conference in Suisun City to officially designate Highway 12 as a Safety Corridor.

"It's all about saving lives," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "Designating Highway 12 as a Safety Corridor puts a spotlight on this once rural highway now being called upon to carry an ever increasing traffic load. We can now devote the time and skills of numerous local, regional and state officials and organizations to craft the best short and long term solutions."

Designating Highway 12 as a Safety Corridor will enable the doubling of base fines for certain violations on SR-12 from the intersection of Interstate 80 in Solano County to the intersection of Interstate 5 in San Joaquin County. This grant, which will be a multi agency effort involving officers from Solano, South Sacramento and Stockton area CHP offices, as well as officers from Fairfield, Suisun City and Rio Vista police departments will be geared toward enforcing traffic safety along the entire corridor.

"With this grant, law enforcement will be able to expand ongoing efforts on State Route 12," said Teresa Becher, chief of CHP's Golden Gate Division, which includes that portion of State Route 12 in Solano County. "In addition to holding SR-12 motorists accountable for unsafe driving, we will now be able to provide a higher level of education and awareness regarding this roadway."

Also attending today's press conference were State Sen. Patricia Wiggins, Assemblywoman Lois Wolk and Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi who cosponsored the legislation making Highway 12 a safety corridor. Solano County Supervisor Mike Reagan, CHP Golden Gate Division Chief Teresa Becher, CHP Valley Division Chief Adam Cuevas, Caltrans Chief Deputy Director Dan McElhinney and Solano Transit Authority planning director Bob Macaulay.

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