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SR 12 Steering Committee Meeting

June 28, 2007



Legislation

- **AB 112 (Wolk)**
 - Establish Double Fine Zone (DFZ) Criteria
 - Designate SR 12 from I-80 to I-5 as a DFZ



Senate Public Safety Committee Hearing
July 3, 2007, 9:30 a.m., Room 4203.

Legislation



20 State Route 12 supporters
attended the Senate Transportation
and Housing Committee Hearing
June 19, 2007

Legislation

■ ACR 7 (Wolk)

- Designate 2-mile section of SR 12 as the “Officer David Lamoree Memorial Highway”



Rio Vista Police Officer
David Lamoree 1979-2005

Currently with Senate
Appropriations
Committee



Education

SR 12 STATUS

Fact Sheet

- 5,000 copies distributed to:
 - City of Fairfield
 - City of Rio Vista
 - City of Suisun City
 - City of Vacaville
 - County of Solano
- Posted on STA website



May 2007

STA Board Priority #1: **12** Safety



The focus of the multi-agency strategy to improve safety on State Route (SR) 12 has four main components:

State Route 12 . . . Danger by the numbers

State Route 12 from I-80 to the Sacramento River is **25.5** miles long. **16** miles of that road is between Walters Road in Suisun City and Summerst Drive in Rio Vista.

From January 2000 through August 2006, there were

12 More than **900** of them were in the urban areas of Fairfield, Suisun City and Rio Vista.

51% of the

accidents were rear-end collisions in Fairfield or Suisun City, mostly at the intersections of SR 12 with Back and Pennsylvania Avenues.



Education
A series of alternatives for a new public outreach campaign are being considered by the SR 12 Steering Committee and the STA Board. These include a new theme and graphics, and this community handbook.



STA staff will be at the "Health and Safety Fair" at the Fairfield Westfield Mall on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10 am to 4 pm. SR 12 safety exhibits and literature will be available.

Caltrans has placed several lighted chargeable message signs along SR 12 to alert drivers to on-going safety concerns and enforcement activity.

Legislation

Assemblywoman Lois Walk has introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 112 to make the SR



state Senate, which is beginning serious Assemblywoman Lois Walk's current Resolution (C)



Driving Tips to Stay Alive!!

Here are the **TOP 5** things we can do to make travel on State Route 12 safer for ourselves and others:

- Don't drink and drive!** Intoxicated drivers are the biggest risk factor for fatal accidents on all California highways.
- Don't cross the double yellow line.** There is now a portion of SR 12 where crossing the yellow line is legal.
- Use headlights.** Headlights help other drivers see you, even in the daytime, and they are less likely to make risky moves if they know you see them.
- Watch your speed.** The speed limit on SR 12 is 55 mph from Suisun City to Rio Vista. The difference between 55 mph vs. 65 mph is only 4 minutes on this stretch. Plan ahead to get there safely!
- Focus on driving.** If you make even a small mistake due to a distraction, you may not have time to recover before catastrophe strikes.



Cell Phone Users:
Program CHP Dispatch into your speed dial:
707-551-4100
Call to report reckless drivers or accidents that you witness while driving.

Priority #1 (continued)

between Glen Road and SR 113 the Officer David Lamoreaux Memorial Highway. ACR 7 was approved by the Assembly and has been forwarded to the Senate.

Enforcement

A new sign posted on SR 12 states "reckless driving minimum \$2,500 fine." Reckless driving is technically driving any vehicle upon a highway in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) can issue a ticket for reckless driving when there are at least 2-3 moving violations, for example, speeding, unsafe lane change and following too close. Only 2 of these types of violations are necessary to be considered reckless if the violations are severe enough.

If the double fine issue is approved, this "reckless driving" violation will come with a minimum \$5,000 fine!

CHP has been granted 2,000 hours of overtime to use for stepped-up enforcement on SR 12 in Solano County. Since this effort began in mid-



SR 12 Steering Committee



The SR 12 Steering Committee was tasked by the STA Board to identify additional safety improvements and options for funding, and increasing public awareness of the safety concerns on SR 12. The members of the committee are:

Ed Woodruff, Chair (Mayor of Rio Vista)
Harry Price (Mayor of Fairfield)
Pat Wheeler (Mayor of Suisun City)
Ann Sporing (Superior, Solano County)
Mia Anderson (Fairfield Police Department)



Education

■ Health & Safety Fair at Westfield Mall in Fairfield

- May 19, 2007
- 85+ visitors to booth
- 50+ people received SR 12 STATUS Fact Sheet



Education

■ Public Service

Announcements (PSA)

■ “Fairfield Today” SR 12 Safety

Improvements Program to air in July 2007 on City of Fairfield’s Government Access Station Channel 26

■ Plans for radio PSA and future ‘bulletin board’ messages

■ Plans for inserts in community mailings

