



DATE: June 29, 2007  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning  
RE: State Route (SR) 12 Status Update

**Background:**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board approved several near term safety implementation recommendations for State Route (SR) 12 at their January 10, 2007 meeting. Immediate strategies were to 1.) Obtain an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant with Solano County's Law enforcement agencies, 2.) Sponsor state legislation to designate SR 12 Corridor as a double fine enforcement zone, and 3.) Re-engage the SR 12 Steering Committee to make recommendations to the STA Board with regard to strategies and actions to improve safety on SR 12.

The overall approach to improving safety on SR 12 is comprised of four (4) elements:

1. Increased Enforcement
2. Legislation
3. Education
4. Engineering

Monthly updates to these elements are provided to the TAC and STA Board.

**Discussion:**

*1) Enforcement*

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has been informed by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that the terms of Safe Corridor grants has been changed recently, as have the application requirements. CHP has therefore had to re-submit the application for the SR 12 OTS grant. CHP has been assured that the SR 12 OTS Safe Corridors Grant will be delivered once the revised paperwork is completed.

In the mean time, the Solano County office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) continues to use the overtime it has been allotted to conduct enhanced enforcement on SR 12 between Suisun City and Rio Vista. A similar enforcement program is occurring on SR 12 in San Joaquin County. The communities with the greatest number of cited drivers are Fairfield, Stockton, Suisun City, Rio Vista and Antioch. June 2007 citation statistics are expected to be available by the July STA Board meeting. Since the special enforcement program began, CHP has issued 1,244 citations, impounded 44 vehicles and made 3 arrests. The Solano CHP office has also conducted a comparison of accidents over similar time periods in 2006 and 2007, and concluded that total accidents are down about one-third.

2) *State Legislation*

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 112 to establish a double fine zone on SR 12 between I-80 and I-5. Assemblywoman Wolk also introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 7 to designate a portion of SR 12 as the Officer David Lamore Memorial Highway. Several amendments have been proposed to the bills. As they currently stand, ACR 7 continues to be solely the David Lamore Memorial Highway bill, and is on the consent calendar for the Senate Appropriations Committee later in the month. No opposition is anticipated. AB 112 is now written to set standards for establishment of and reporting on double fine zones, and establishes SR 12 between I-80 and I-5 as a double fine zone. The bill has passed all Assembly votes, as well as the Senate Housing and Transportation Committee. A hearing is set for July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senate Public Safety Committee. Staff will provide an update on the results of the hearing at the STA Board meeting.

3) *Education*

STA has published and begun distribution of the SR 12 STATUS information sheet. (See Attachment A.) Further educational and outreach activities are expected in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 as part of the OTS grant. Staff has also participated in the filming of a segment of the Fairfield Mayor's talk show, broadcast on local cable TV.

4) *Engineering*

Caltrans has completed installation of shoulder and median rumble strips, and has striped the entire centerline from Suisun City to Rio Vista as a double-yellow "No Passing" line. Changeable message and speed feedback signs have also been installed and activated. Soft median barriers are being installed from Rio Vista to Shiloh Road; STA staff will monitor their effectiveness and maintenance, and report to the Board periodically. Installation of the "K-Rail" concrete median barrier from Shiloh Road to Suisun City is anticipated later this summer. Shoulder widening and profile correction work is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008.

The next meeting of the SR 12 Steering Committee is set for September 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined. The meeting will provide an update on tasks accomplished to date and an anticipated schedule for additional measures.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. State Route (SR) 12 STATUS Newsletter