



DATE: April 30, 2007
TO: STA Board
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: State Route (SR) 12 Status Update

Background:

The STA's mission statement is "to improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality." There has been a long-running STA concern about safety on State Route (SR) 12, especially the segment between I-80 and the Rio Vista bridge. Recent auto accidents, both on the Solano County side of the bridge and the Sacramento/San Joaquin County side of the bridge have further heightened those concerns.

STA staff is providing a monthly update to the STA Board on the progress of safety efforts on SR 12, including discussions and actions taken by the SR 12 Steering Committee. This overall update is in addition to individual staff reports that will come before the Board from time to time. At the direction of Chair Intintoli, the report will include activities on SR 12 west of I-80, through Jameson Canyon.

Discussion:

The SR 12 Steering Committee is made up of Mayors Woodruff (Chair), Price and Sanchez, and Supervisors Reagan and Spring. The Committee met on May 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Rio Vista. The next meeting is set for Thursday, June 28; the location has not been set. Below is the status of the four-element approach to improve safety on SR 12.

Enforcement

The CHP has been granted 2,000 hours of overtime to use for stepped-up enforcement on SR 12 in Solano County. The CHP is still compiling April 2007 citation information. Attachment A shows the city of residence and the number of citations for these violators. As of April 30, the Office of Traffic Safety had not announced whether or not the CHP would receive an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant to conduct enhanced enforcement along the SR 12 corridor. If approved, the OTS Grant would help fund enhanced enforcement in partnership with local law enforcement agencies.

Education

At the May 3rd SR 12 Steering Committee meeting, a series of alternatives for a new public outreach campaign were presented. These include a new theme and graphics, and a community handout. The SR 12 Committee recommendations will be presented to the STA Board at its meeting. CHP and Caltrans have placed several lighted changeable message signs along SR 12 to alert drivers to on-going safety concerns and enforcement activity. STA staff will be participating in the community safety fair which will occur on May 19, from 10 to 2, at the Westfield Mall in Fairfield.

Legislation

Assemblywomen Lois Wolk has introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 112 to make the SR 12 Corridor from I-80 to I-5 a double fine zone for 5 years. The 5-year time frame will provide the double fine zone through the time frame for the major capital improvements that are scheduled to begin in 2008 between Rio Vista and Suisun City. The bill has received favorable votes in both the Assembly Transportation and Appropriations committees, and was approved by the full assembly. Senator Patricia Wiggins will carry the bill in the state Senate. No Senate hearing dates have been set.

Assemblywomen Lois Wolk has also introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 7 to make a segment on SR 12 between Olsen Road and SR 113 the Officer Lamoree Memorial Highway. The Assembly approved ACR 7 on April 26, 2007. The Resolution will not be scheduled for hearings before the appropriate Senate committees.

Engineering

Caltrans has completed painting the centerline as a double-yellow No Passing divider for all of SR 12 between Suisun City and Rio Vista, and has installed median-only or median-and-shoulder rumble strips from Currie Road to Drouin Drive. Channelizers are scheduled to be installed from Drouin Drive to Shiloh Road, but installation has not yet begun. A temporary concrete median barrier (aka "K-Rail") is scheduled to be installed from the Suisun City city limits to Shiloh Road, beginning later this year.

SR 12 Jameson Canyon

Attachment B reflects the scope of the funded Phase 1 work, schedule and funding sources. Doanh Nguyen of Caltrans will present this information at the STA Board meeting.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. SR 12 CHP Citations as of April 30, 2007
- B. Jameson Canyon Information Map