

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** TTAC Announcements

**ITEM:** 3A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive information on items of interest to TTAC members.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Steve VanDenburgh

**DISCUSSION:** Below is a summary of items of interest to TTAC members with the corresponding staff contact person.

### U.S. 101 Central Coast Meeting

The U.S. 101 Central Coast Coalition has scheduled a one-day meeting on October 13 with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to introduce the Coalition to the Commission, raise the profile of U.S. 101, and urge the Commission to support investment in U.S. 101 on the Central Coast. The workshop will focus the CTC's attention on the importance of U.S. 101 to the State and nation. With the Coalition's support, improving the U.S. 101 corridor on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County will be featured in the presentation.

This meeting is an opportunity to ask for state funding for the corridor that the CTC controls and impress upon the Commissioners that we are committed to continuing as a steadfast partner in delivering the U.S. 101 HOV Widening Project. The timing of the workshop and our request is ideal and is no coincidence – the 2012 STIP cycle is upon us, and the Commission is taking input on how the new scarce discretionary funding at its disposal should be programmed. SBCAG staff, and the Central Coast Coalition, thought this was the most optimal time to ask for a meeting in Santa Barbara County to discuss the need for the Coalition and the CTC to partner on investing in and improving the 101 corridor.

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