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CTC APPROVES PACHECO PASS FUNDING

Supervisor Susanne Wilson announced today that the California Transportation Commission voted to approve $7.5 million for safety improvements along Pacheco Pass. The action came after yesterday's approval by a subcommittee which placed the item on the Commission's consent calendar.

Supervisor Wilson said construction of the project will begin after an Environmental Impact Report is completed. She stated the statement is expected to be negative.

The $7.5 million will finance widening of about two miles of the 25-mile highway. The median barriers and truck turnouts will be built along the most dangerous eleven (11) miles between the summit and the Casa de Fruta business complex.

"I'm glad we were able to convince the CTC of the state-wide significance of Pacheco Pass," said Supervisor Wilson, whose district includes that portion of Highway 152. "Many people throughout the State have been killed on the Pass," she went on to say.

Although the project was at the top of Santa Clara County's highway project list and was the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's third priority project in the nine Bay Area region, CTC had originally denied funding for this year. Today's reversal followed an appeal by MTC and recommendation by CTC staff to include the project.

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