



Dear neighbor,

Over the last several years you've heard me talk about updates on funding the much-needed Highway 101 improvements. That work will widen the freeway by one lane and build new high-capacity interchanges at Tully and Capitol and add a direct ramp from Yerba Buena to Hwy 101. Earlier this year we celebrated the construction groundbreaking of the Tully Road section of the improvements. As you have no doubt seen on your trips into and out of the area, work is well underway (and ahead of schedule!) to add capacity to the Tully Road/Hwy 101 interchange and rebuild the old overpass. The extra lane on the freeway is also being added as we speak. But until now, we have not had the money to finish the Capitol/Yerba Buena part of the project.

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Good News!

I sit on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and last month we voted to ask the California Transportation Commission (CTC)--the state agency that makes major transportation funding decisions--to add more money so we can finish the entire job. Caltrans and the CTC staff have



recommended that we get a \$24 million dollar amount. Projects from all over the state are vying for these funds, so we really had to work hard to make this the number one priority from the Bay Area for funding.

This month the CTC will vote on whether or not to give us the rest of the money. That vote is scheduled for June 22 or June 23, and in anticipation of the vote, I have been working very hard with the MTC, Caltrans and Michael Burns and his staff from VTA, to build the case for us to receive funding. Carl Guardino, CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (and CTC Commissioner) has also been actively advocating for this project. If approved, this is a huge win for Santa Clara County!! It is a great amount of money given the current economy and all the projects that we have been competing against.

I will keep you posted but in the meanwhile, please keep your fingers crossed and thank you for continuing to stick with me on this. In so many community meetings I've held over the years, Highway 101 has been a top priority. I will be extremely relieved when I can cross this off my list and we can all enjoy a free flowing, safe commute along Highway 101.

Warmly,