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Transit News for Summer 2011

Submitted by Brad Christian

Wow, it's been busy times in the Transit Division! We have great news on two fronts. **The StaRT bus system was part of a study of the Modesto metropolitan area done by the Brookings Institute's Metropolitan Policy Program. The first of its kind study ranked the Modesto metropolitan area 10th out of 100 metropolitan areas in the United States for effectively connecting people with their jobs!** The transit study reviewed the services of the County's Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) and the City of Modesto's Modesto Area Express (MAX) in compiling the rankings for the Modesto metropolitan area.



Because public transit is such a critical part of the economic and social fabric in metropolitan areas, the high ranking for the Modesto metropolitan area shows the importance the two transit systems play in the lives of Stanislaus County residents. The study showed 90% of the people in the Modesto metropolitan area lived near a transit stop as compared to a 100 metropolitan area average of 69%. The Study can be accessed at:

http://www.brookings.edu/reports/2011/0512_jobs_and_transit.aspx. We are very proud of the accomplishment.

The second good news is the **Easy Rider** Trip Planner is alive! After much technical fun and games, **Easy Rider** is now working on all of the County's Transit Operators' websites. The County Transit Division, as project lead, has worked with the other County transit operators to make this happen. It's a great tool for County residents to help meet their transit needs. Check it out at www.srt.org

The Division also has service changes and fare increases that go into effect August 1st, so we will be busy gearing up for those as well as working on the many other projects we have.



Here's a picture of our website with the **Easy Rider**

Transit Division's website is: www.srt.org
Passengers may call StaRT at 1-800-262-1516 for route information.

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Ethics Quotes

Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us.”

"Health & Safety Byte"

Submitted by Laura Janovich

If you are planning a road trip, keep in mind the "Move Over Law" if you approach a work zone in your travels.

You can get assistance planning your road trip by logging onto:

www.roadtripusa.com

Happy Trails!

Public Works is now 368 days without a reportable accident/injury!

See page 2 for more information.

Hatch Road—Photo Summary

Submitted by Chris Brady



Pavement grinder removing the westbound shoulder.



Rough graded pavement widening to the north of the existing roadway.



First lift of asphalt concrete paving of the roadway widening.

What Record Did Public Works Break?

Submitted by Laura Janovich



Records are for one thing and one thing only...
To be broken!

We broke our record of 228 consecutive accident free days on February 8th 2011. We have been making and breaking a new record every day ever since! In the fiscal year 2010-2011, we distributed \$8,250 in “Bingo” gift cards. That translates into 330 “Bingo’s” and does not include the “Blackout” game which total cost was \$450. The absence of accidents and injuries has saved the County hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On June 26 2011, we hit the “One Year” milestone. We did have a few near misses, but addressed those issues immediately and put corrective measures in place to avoid repeat incidents. Several conditions were brought to our attention and addressed immediately before a near miss could even take place.

Safety has become a way of life for all of us. We are aware of the risks, but take the precautions to avoid the accident. As a result, we are healthier, have a few more spending dollars, and we all go home safe to our families and friends.



What’s New in the Geographical Information System (GIS) Corner?

Submitted by
Aron Harris

We are happy to announce the addition of a new 2010 aerial to our collection on the web base GIS, and we have also added a new way to lookup recorded maps. Now you can search by a map number for survey, parcel, and subdivision maps. The format used to search is a three digit number followed by “RS” for Survey, “PM” for Parcel Map, and “M” for Subdivision (ex: 000RS000, 000PM000, or 000M000). Once you start typing the recorded map number it will display a list of maps you can choose from.

<http://gis.stancounty.com/giscentral/public/map/esri/flex/recordedmaps/flex/index.jsp>

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025PM066	Parcel Map		Turlock
025PM102	Parcel Map		County
025PM005	Parcel Map		County
025PM080	Parcel Map		Turlock
025PM108	Parcel Map		County

Heron Point Launching Facility

Submitted by Jose Ramirez

The Heron Point Boat Launching Facility Project (located in Woodward Reservoir Regional Park, Oakdale) was awarded in November 2010 to Ross F. Carroll, Inc. The Department of Public Works has partnered with the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide project management, engineering design, and construction oversight for this project. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,088,855, which is funded by the State of California Boating and Waterways Grant and Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation Public Facility Fee funds.

The project consists of the following: demolition of the existing boat ramp; construction of a new boat-launching ramp; installation of a boarding float; addition of rock slope protection; construction of a new parking area; construction of a new restroom facility; installation of a fish-cleaning station; installation of a sanitary sewer a water distribution system; installation of an electrical and lighting system; drainage system; construction of a kiosk; and landscaping and irrigation.

The improved Heron Point Facility will definitely be attracting many boaters, fisherman, swimmers, and families to Woodward Reservoir. The anticipated date of completion for this project is summer 2011.



Concrete Boat Ramp Pour



Installation of Environmentally Friendly Bank Protection



Rip-Rap Slope Protection



Concrete Boat Ramp

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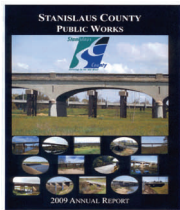
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2009 Annual Report, go to:

<http://www.stancounty.com/publicworks/pdf/annual-report.pdf>

Making a Difference

Submitted by Diane Haugh

May 20, 2011 I saw the conclusion of another mentor year with a mentor celebration hosted by the students in the mentor program at Shackelford School. Four individuals from Public Works volunteered one hour a week throughout the school year to read with a student. Matt Machado and Sharon Andrews mentored Cesar, and Laurie Barton and Diane Haugh read with Marlynn. The students participating in the program are selected by their teachers. Students generally need extra attention in the areas of reading and comprehension. The benefits of the mentor program are amazing. Student test scores increase an average of 10 points for those involved. A side benefit is the relationships that are formed. It's extremely rewarding to make a difference in a young person's life. If you would like to join the team in the next school year, please contact Sharon Andrews at 525-4181. She is Public Work's site coordinator and would be happy to get you signed up!



Diane Haugh, Marlynn, and Laurie Barton



Matt Machado, Cesar, and Sharon Andrews



Relay for Life 2011 Team

May 14 & 15
Johansen High

A group of Public Works employees, friends and family volunteered their time and money to support the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

The team name was Debbie's Team. Our Captain was Julie Serrano, and team members were Linda Allsop, Sharon Andrews, Marjorie Blom, Jon Brandt, Kianna Briones, Lisa Cardozo, Isabel Castorena, Ally Elder, Keimi Espinoza, Debbie Hamilton, Aron Harris, Gabriella Jones, Sylvia Jones, Todd Jones, Seth Lowman, Yolanda Magdaleno, Sherry May, Diane Rodrigues, and Frank Serrano.

The team exceeded their goal and donated over \$1,500 to the cause. Great work! Thank you to those who donated and participated in this event.



Staff Updates

New Staff:

Chad Johnson, LS (Assistant Engineer/Surveyor) joined the Survey Division on April 30th.

Sheila Németh (Administrative Secretary) joined the Design Engineering Division on May 21st.

New Grandchild:

Mike Tackett (Senior Road Maintenance Worker) has a new grand-daughter. Brianna Rose was born on April 5th.

Special Award:

Brian England (Road Supervisor) has a special announcement. His daughter Brittney was named Reserve Officer of the Year with the Ceres Police Department.

Best wishes and congratulations!

