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City of Saratoga Hosts Workshop on State Route 85 Express Lanes Project

WHEN: Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Joan Pisani Community Center
Multipurpose Room
19655 Allendale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

WHY: Since early 2014, residents in Saratoga have been taking a growing interest in the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project proposed by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The project would convert approximately 27 miles of existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes to Express Lanes that solo-drivers would be able to use for a fee. Additionally, the project would add a second Express Lane on State Route 85 between Interstate 280 and State Route 87.

The City submitted a letter to VTA and Caltrans commenting on the environmental impact analysis of the project and identified that more in depth analysis is required to fully understand the potential impacts of the project to Saratoga residents. This letter is available on the City of Saratoga website at www.saratoga.ca.us/highway85.

The City will be hosting this workshop on April 21 to receive additional input from Saratoga residents on the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project. The meeting will be facilitated with a heavy focus on participant interaction. Attendees will work on identifying issues associated with the project as well as brainstorm potential solutions. The City Council will use the ideas generated from this workshop to help inform future actions and positions on the project.

A map of Saratoga, California, showing the layout of streets. A blue line represents State Route 85, running diagonally from the top center towards the bottom right. A red outline highlights a specific area in the center of the city, which is shaded in yellow. A large, semi-transparent grey rectangle is overlaid on the map, containing the title text.

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The public is invited to join the Saratoga City Council at this workshop to discuss concerns regarding the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project, as well as potential options for the future. The meeting will be conducted in a format that will allow for dialogue and interaction among attendees throughout the meeting.

For additional information about this meeting, please contact Saratoga City Clerk Crystal Bothelio at 408.868.1269 or ctclerk@saratoga.ca.us. For more information about the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project, visit www.vta.org/85expresslanes or www.saratoga.ca.us/highway85.

