



For Agenda Of:

April 13, 2006

ITEM # 1

To: Sacramento Transportation Authority

Subj: **Freeway Service Patrol Safe Driver of the Quarter Award**

RECOMMENDATION:

Present the Freeway Service Patrol Safe Driver of the Quarter Award for the 1st Quarter of 2006 to Jim McGinnis.

DISCUSSION:

Much of the success of the Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program is due to the exemplary performance of our tow truck and service truck operators in the field. We rely on their professionalism, enthusiasm, and skill to rapidly locate and remove disabled vehicles from the freeway corridor. Since vehicle accidents and mechanical breakdowns are responsible for approximately one-half of all non-recurrent freeway congestion, the work they do has a tremendous impact on maintaining a smooth traffic flow.

The FSP program includes a quarterly and annual award program to acknowledge those drivers who best exemplify the program's ideals of professionalism, enthusiasm, and safety. Multiple criteria—developed jointly by CHP, Caltrans, and STA staff—are considered when selecting drivers to be recognized. These include routine demonstration of safety, service, courtesy and procedural compliance with the FSP Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

California Highway Patrol Officer Trevor Risbry, FSP Field Supervisor, has nominated **Jim McGinnis** for Driver of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2006. Jim joined the FSP Program in June of 2004, patrolling Interstate 80 between the Placer County Line and the Capital City Freeway split. Jim had among the highest number of motorist contacts during the first quarter of 2006 but remained confident and professional in handling each one. Officer Risbry will introduce Mr. McGinnis to your Board at today's meeting and further explain why he is so deserving of the award.

Respectfully Submitted,

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