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ECA Newsletter

John's Soapbox



Remember-this is an op-ed piece and I do not speak for the ECA or any of its members in this “Soapbox”. These are just my ramblings that hopefully you find thought provoking.

Help Me, Help You!

Ok-I am not Tom Cruise or even Jerry McGuire. But from time to time, I need your help to help you!

Roads in Sonoma County being paved in the 2025 season were decided on in 2023. Tomorrow-6-3-25-the Supervisors will decide which roads will be repaired in 2026,2027. Back in 2014, the Sonoma County Supervisors adopted and formalized the Long-Term Road Plan which adopted methodology to “tackle” the 1384 miles of unincorporated roads in Sonoma County over a 20-year period. We are around 50% into the 20-year program and the County is continuing to “stay the course”. We have had great fortune in having a great director of public infrastructure (Johannes Hoervetsz). Supervisors have continued to support the long-term road plan in good years and in not so good years (pandemic!). Our supervisors need to hear from you that you support their continued support of fixing our roads. Please consider writing to your supervisor that you support the proposed expenditures and road priorities for repair that they will vote on tomorrow. Supervisor contact information can be found on the ECA Website. Please consider sending them a note of support and thanks!

Public Infrastructure proposes spending about \$35 million to improve 43.3 miles of roads during the two-year period of 2026-2027. This is about \$808,000 per mile. Projects vary and some will cost more per mile than others depending on many factors. This is an improvement in the cost of repair compared to the 2024-2025 program that spent about \$1.26 million per road mile.

The entire Pavement Preservation budget is about \$47.8 million for two years. It is not clear where the remaining \$12.8 million of the funds will be spent (the \$35 million is spelled out, the other \$12.8 million is not). The estimated construction costs for the roads on the list do not include costs associated with design, environmental review, construction management or project contingencies. In addition, the program includes \$2 million for a countywide crack seal program.

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On Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hear the staff report on the agenda item for fixing roads. Here is the agenda item should you want to read all about your road of interest [SONOMA COUNTY - File #: 2025-0533](#).

Here is the specific list of roads being prioritized for the next 2 year cycle:

[Click HERE](#)

Obviously the ECA is not just about road repair contractors and suppliers. But we all know that if our “big boys” can get their backlog healthy with publicly funded road repairs, they do not need to go so heavily into private smaller projects that many of our other ECA members specialize in. Both public and private projects are the “lifeline” of material and service providers that make up the rest of the ECA membership. It is in our best interest to be ACTIVE and let our supervisor know we approve of the agenda item being considered tomorrow.

[Help me help you Jerry Maguire](#)

That’s All Folks!
John

**Special Promo from Bulk Exchange from
Public Officials Night**

Thanks to Team Ghilotti for being the Premiere Sponsor for PO Night again in 2025. Special shoutout to Bulk Exchange and Paul Foley for doing a video segment at our ECA PO Night a few weeks ago-here it is for your enjoyment:

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COMMITTEE NEWS

- A. **ECA Executive Committee** Recurring Meeting (Dan Giordani President, Kimber Lenning Carpenter Vice-President, Matt Storm Treasurer, Casey Wood Secretary, Mike Gulley Past President)-Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 11:00am-12:00pm from January through October, Place NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA - next meeting Tuesday June 24, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm
- B. **ECA Board of Directors** Recurring Meeting – Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 12:00pm -1:30pm from January through October, Place – NCBE Main Board Room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – next meeting Tuesday June 24, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.
- C. **ECA Government Affairs Committee** Recurring Meeting-Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30pm – 3:00pm from January through October, Place -NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – next Meeting Tuesday June 24, 2025 from **1:30pm to 3:00pm**- We are trying to line up Mayor Kevin McConnell from Petaluma and Council member Brian Barnacle from Petaluma for our guests.
- D. **ECA Specification Meeting** Recurring Meeting Every 4th Wednesday of the month from February through October from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Place-NCBE Main Board Room, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – **next meeting has been scheduled for 3-5pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 400 Aviation Blvd (the American Ag Building on road to airport). This meeting will have all the Public Works Directors in Sonoma County present. This is a rare opportunity to streamline and make more efficient the public projects that we depend on.**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We are looking for warm-hearted host-families who are proud to be Americans and want to show their way of life to a student(s) from TRYcamps Language School Finland, Scandinavia. We are asking for a plate on a table and a pillow on a bed. As a thank you for hosting, you get to choose a local charity or a church for the School's donation.

The students will have school & cultural activities during weekdays and there is support 24/7 from the teachers (US and Finnish).

HOSTING PERIOD: 7/1 - 7/17.2025 (about two weeks)

Please contact the Local Coordinator:
MS. LISA HARJAK
PHONE: 707 484 6953
OR EMAIL: HAULNEM1@SBCGLOBAL.NET



Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show

30th Anniversary



Sunday, June 15, 2025
Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa
9 am—4 pm

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ECA 32nd Annual Golf Tournament



Friday, July 11, 2025
Windsor Golf Club
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Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch, Gifts, Reception, Putting Contest, Tee Sponsor Special Ticket



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CPR / First Aid

July 16 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Training includes bleeding control, strokes, seizures, broken bones and other life-threatening emergencies. Adult/child/infant CPR & airway obstruction management covered. This course is designed as both a course for first-timers and as a refresher.

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Confined Space

July 17 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This course covers proper procedures for making entry into Permit Required Confined Spaces. Participants are prepared to operate in the capacity of Entrant, Attendant or Entry Supervisor during confined space operations. Participants are familiarized with CFR 1910.146 and how to properly employ the permit program. This course is a combination of classroom instruction and practical application in actual permit spaces utilizing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, meters and ventilation. This course is required by OSHA before an employee can enter a Permit Required Confined Space. Certification of completion is provided.

[Click HERE for Flyer](#)

CPR / First Aid

August 7 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Training includes bleeding control, strokes, seizures, broken bones and other life-threatening emergencies. Adult/child/infant CPR & airway obstruction management covered. This course is designed as both a course for first-timers and as a refresher.

[Click HERE for Flyer](#)

Competent Person / Trenching & Excavation

August 28 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The course will cover soil analysis, sloping, shoring and shielding, hazardous situations, excavation standards and more...

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From the Desk of Jim Persons

The Ripple Effect of Safety

When discussing injuries and the importance of working safely, we often discuss how an injury would affect an individual's immediate family or loved ones.

While this may be an effective method to provoke thought in an individual worker, the not-so-immediate effects of working unsafely need also to be discussed. There is often a far-reaching ripple effect of consequences from any incident that occurs, even if it does not result in injury.

To read more. [Click HERE](#)



Workplace Violence Program

Implemented – July 1, 2024

Senate Bill 553 requires employers to create, implement and maintain a Workplace Violence Program by July 1, 2024. Employers must also train their entire workforce.

The Workplace Violence Program must include a reporting mechanism (how is the employee going to report incidents), detailing who will be responsible for receiving complaints, and who will be responsible for identifying and mitigating workplace hazards.

Jim Persons has developed a Workplace Violence Program and Active Shooter Guidelines that meet the requirements of this new regulation. He can also provide training resources for your employees.

Contact Jim if you are interested in getting his help on a Workplace Violence Program, COVID-19 related issues or other health and safety programs.

email: jimpersons@safetypride.com or phone: 707-889-0881 or sign up for an upcoming class!



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Whether you're in search of workplace safety training to meet OSHA compliance requirements, Competent Person, Trench Safety, Confined Space, CPR/First Aid initial or update training or implementing a Safety Program ECA can help!

The best way to beat an OSHA citation is to never get one at all.

Email mary@nceca.org to set up a class today If you don't see a class you need listed please contact me.

CPR / First Aid: 3 hrs - \$95 per person

Confined Space: 3 hrs - \$150 per person

Competent Person / Trench Safety: 3 hrs - \$125 per person

Flagger Safety Training: 2 hrs - \$125 per person

Sexual Harassment—1 hr for Employees—\$45 per person ~ 2 hrs for Supervisors \$60 per person

Active Violence Emergency Response Training— \$100 per person



We want to highlight a member each week in our **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT.**

What we need from you is a short paragraph on what is happening at your company. New employees, new logo, a new move, exciting news, an update on your company or new equipment! What ever you want to share about your company with our members.

Email mary@nceca.org with your spotlight information and send in photos if you have them!

USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

- A. Resilient 37 Policy Committee Meetings (open to the public) – Next meeting March 6, 9:30-11:30 am-link [State Route 37 Policy Committee - Sonoma County Transportation Authority](#)
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission website-link [Meetings & Events | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)
- C. Sonoma County Transportation Authority-link [Sonoma County Transportation Authority | SCTA](#)
- D. Transportation Authority of Marin Website-link [Transportation Authority of Marin](#)
- E. Marin Builders Exchange website-link [Home - Marin Builders Association, CA](#)
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George Petersen Insurance Agency

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL ~ 2025—2026

In the event of an emergency, we have put together the Emergency Response Manual to help our community receive quick service from our members. The manual is sent to city and county agencies in case of an emergency so they will know who to call for services, equipment and materials.

Click [HERE](#) for the 2025-2026 manual.

Get Prepared Now! Here are some very useful tips from CalFire to get your own house/property "in shape" for fire season. [link](#)

Pocket Guide for CALOSHA For Contractors: Click [here](#) for the pocket guide you all need!





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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

For additional information, contact: NBCC Sonoma: Mackenzie Smith
[\(707\) 542-9502](tel:7075429502) / mackenzie@ncbeonline.com

Save the Dates for 2025!

Father's Day Car Show - Sunday, June 15 at Juilliard Park
ECA Golf Tournament - Friday, July 11 at Windsor Golf Club
ECA Luncheon at Glenn Smith's Home - Friday, August 29
Wine & Dozers Auction - Saturday, November 1 at Graton Resort & Casino
ECA Annual General Membership Meeting - Date/Time/Place TBD



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. SMART is looking to go on the June 2026 ballot for extension of the public sales tax measure. Should the SMART crew succeed in getting 48,000 valid signatures, the ballot measure could be a voter initiative, and the passage would only need 50% plus 1 vote. If 48,000 valid signatures cannot be collected and submitted by the end of 2025, the extension would go to the voters and need 2/3 majority—a much harder accomplishment. The ECA will be discussing very soon our level of support for this voter initiative, and you will see more information soon. Whether you ride SMART or not, the train system is very busy and many of our suppliers and contractors and service providers get work from SMART. It is my opinion that the ECA should support this effort to extend the sales tax measure and support SMART for the next 20 years! It is not just my opinion, it is the Board of Directors decision that matters, and we will be discussing this issue very soon!
2. SMART is opening the Windsor segment with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 13, 2025, at 2:00pm. Come join us right at the Windsor Train depot on Friday, 6-13-25.
Make a contribution to help us fund signature gathering.
Checks can be mailed to:
The SMART Initiative
422 Larkfield Center #134
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(Employer/occupation info required for individuals; no limit on contributions.)

Endorse the initiative – email with your name and title (if any) or the name of your organization, and we'll add you to our growing list of early supporters. info@thesmartinitiative.org

Volunteer or get more involved – reply and let us know your interest and availability, and we'll follow up with opportunities to plug in.
SMART is opening the Windsor segment with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 13, 2025, at 2:00pm. Come join us right at the Windsor Train depot on Friday, 6-13-25.
3. Small Business Expo - [North Bay Business Journal Events - San Francisco Bay Area Small Business Expo 2025](#)
4. Capitol Updates—Click [HERE](#)

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