



# The Greenbelt

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## HWY 156 NEWS AND COMMENTARY

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Results from a long awaited traffic and revenue study have put the kibosh on the proposed toll road near Oak Hills, at least for a while. Level II analysts just recently determined that even after some fifty years of charging drivers to use the toll road, there would remain in a 98-119 million dollar shortfall in the costs of building and maintaining the roadway.

The Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) voted to proceed with the HWY 156 interchange project at Castroville Blvd/Blackie Rd that is to be funded by Measure X money.

The official word from TAMC regarding where we are in finding a long term solution to HWY 156 is addressed in their website:

“Highway 156 will be an on-going discussion and study for years to come, in part because of the cost and in part because there is no easy fix. TAMC will continue to explore funding options. Incremental projects such as Castroville Blvd interchange will assist in making the route safer, but the cost of coming up with the ultimate solution is years away.”

So folks, the work continues. Personally, I am putting my effort toward getting our stretch of HWY 156 declared a “Safety Enhancement Zone,” a measure that could lower speed limits and double the fines for offenders.

## 2017 HOLIDY DECORATING CONTEST WINNER

This year, there were many homes that were wonderfully decorated. The one home that stood out this year belonged to Todd and Kimber Fridey on Charter Oak. Congratulations for winning this years Holiday Decorating Contest. They lit up their yard on Charter Oak with a high-tech arrangement of lights and music that was broadcasted on an FM frequency so you could listen while in your car. Thank you to all that participated in decorating their homes and yards.

# HOA DUES INCREASE REMINDER

As a reminder, your bi-monthly dues has increased by \$10 starting this January. If you have your payments scheduled through your bank's bill-pay system, please remember to adjust that amount accordingly. There is a drop box available at 9907 Pampas Path for your payments.

## CONTACTING YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board of Directors are of Oak Hills residents that volunteer their time and work very hard to make our neighborhood safe and desirable to reside in. They welcome your suggestions, ideas, concerns and comments. You may e-mail the Board at: **theboard@oakhillshoa.org**, send a letter to PO Box 689 Castroville, CA 95012 or you can attend the monthly Board meetings that are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Prunedale Library Community Meeting Room at 7pm. (Location may vary)

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