

RESOLUTION NO. 96-117

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE FORMATION OF A
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES (SAFE)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of Division 3 of the Streets and Highway Code was added by Chapter 1350 of the Statutes of 1985 providing for the establishment of a SAFE, if the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo and a majority of the incorporated cities of the County San Luis Obispo having a majority of the population adopt a resolution providing for the establishment of the authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that installing emergency call boxes will improve the safety of the motoring public and facilitate timely roadside assistance to 100% of drivers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council bases its findings on a survey of San Luis Obispo county residents that found 76% of the general public support the installation of call boxes on state highways in the county, even if it meant paying an additional \$1 per year on their vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, across the state, the establishment of call box programs has proven to stretch the limited resources of the California Highway Patrol, reduce traffic congestion in congestion areas, and enable a quicker, more efficient response to roadside breakdowns and incidents and save lives at a nominal cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles hereby supports the concept of forming a Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies for the purpose of establishing a call box program in San Luis Obispo County pursuant to Section 2550 of the Street and Highway Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles supports the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies in San Luis Obispo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, this 17th day of September, 1996 by the following vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Iversen, Martin, Picanco, and Macklin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


Walter J. Macklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Richard J. Ramirez, City Manager/Clerk