

# More money allocated to Aptos parking plan

Traffic and parking in Aptos Village will get a little more attention because of additional funds allocated last month by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

The board approved a request for \$5,100 so that planning consultant Jeff Oberdorfer could hire a specialist on traffic circulation, make a topographical map of Soquel Drive between Trout Gulch Road and T. Hopkins right-of-way that will identify property owners, and schedule a fourth public workshop on the issue.

Oberdorfer said the specialist will be from DKS Associates of Oakland, a firm of transportation engineers. The firm will tie down specifics on traffic circulation in Aptos Village, Oberdorfer said.

So far, two of four public workshops on the Aptos traffic problem have been held.

The third workshop, Oberdorfer said, will be scheduled in early February, and the fourth will be in early March.

In the first two workshops, Oberdorfer discussed with residents the possibilities of making Soquel Drive one-way in the Village area of Aptos, changing and increasing the parking patterns, and installing left-turn lanes and/or median strips.

When a final proposal is adopted, a refined traffic plan will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for enactment.

"I think it (a plan) should be implemented in a couple of years," Oberdorfer said. "I think there's widespread support in the community to do something about the traffic flow and support from the Board or they wouldn't have given us the additional money."