

# History

## ROAD BUILDING WAS BIG TOPIC DURING FIFTIES

### Highway Over Pacheco Pass From San Juan to San Joaquin Done

Roads were as important to Santa Cruz in the fifties as they are today. In addition to the projected highway over the hills to San Jose, to plan which a joint committee of three men from each county had been named, other thoroughfares were attracting attention.

"The road over Pacheco's pass from San Juan valley to the San Joaquin plains, opposite the Mariposa, is nearly completed and will soon be in traveling order," it

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was announced on September 27,  
1856.

"We understand that the new road will be considerably shorter than the old horse path. The new road will be of great advantage to the farmers and stock raisers of both counties, and open up the markets of the southern mines to their products.

"We understand that Mr. Straemler of San Juan is forming a plan to improve the ridge between San Juan and Salinas valleys, which is now a great obstacle to the carriage travel between Monterey and San Juan.

"The difficult part of this road is over the steep sides of a mountain, which can be made good for the moderate sum of \$2,500, as we are informed.

"The road and bridges between Santa Cruz and Watsonville are in a most deplorable condition; many of the bridges are almost impassible."

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