

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

AGENDA

Thursday, April 7, 2016 9:00 a.m.

NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH County Board of Supervisors Chambers 701 Ocean St., 5th floor Santa Cruz, CA

NOTE

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City of Watsonville	Jimmy Dutra
County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
County of Santa Cruz	Ryan Coonerty
County of Santa Cruz	Zach Friend
County of Santa Cruz	John Leopold
County of Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Karina Cervantez
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Cynthia Chase
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Ed Bottorff

The majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Review of items to be discussed in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 for lease of property on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.

Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

Agency Negotiator: George Dondero, Executive Director and Luis Mendez,

Deputy Director

Negotiating Parties: RTC and Golden Gate Railroad Museum

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

OPEN SESSION

- 4. Report on closed session
- 5. Oral communications

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6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

7. Approve draft minutes of the March 3, 2016 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

8. Accept draft minutes of the March 9, 2016 Safe on 17/TOS Task Force meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

9. Approve Caltrans grant funded contract authorization for the Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan (**Resolution**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

- 10. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
- 11. Accept Fiscal Year (FY)15-16 SCCRTC Semi-Annual Internal Financial Statements

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

- 12. Approve CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions Change (Resolution)
- 13. Approve the Bicycle Advisory Committee membership appointments

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

- 14. Accept monthly meeting schedule
- 15. Accept correspondence log
- 16. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. Letter to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District regarding an invitation to attend the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee May 10, 2016 special meeting to discuss Santa Cruz Metro's service reduction, from the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
 - b. Letter to Senator William Monning, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, and Assemblymember Mark Stone regarding the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, from RTC Staff
- 17. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

18. Accept information items - none

REGULAR AGENDA

- 19. Commissioner reports oral reports
- 20. Director's Report oral report (George Dondero, Executive Director)
- 21. Caltrans report and consider action items
 - a. District Director's report
 - b. Santa Cruz County project updates
- 22. City of Watsonville Rail Trail project update (Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner)
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Presentation Murray Fontes, Principle Engineer, City of Watsonville
- 23. Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's Committee Report 2012-2015 (Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner)
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee 2012-2015 Report
- 24. User Oriented Transit Planning Project (Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner)
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for consultant services and approve an agreement with the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project
- 25. Highway 1 Corridor Environmental Document Status Report (Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner)
 - a. Staff report
- 26. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

CLOSED SESSION

- 27. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code) Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No. CV182123
- 28. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government code: one case

OPEN SESSION

- 29. Report on closed session
- 30. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, March 3, 2016 9:00 a.m.

County Board of Supervisors Chambers 701 Ocean Street, 5th floor Santa Cruz, CA

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at: 9:02 a.m.

Members present:

Don Lane Zach Friend John Leopold Greg Caput

Ryan Coonerty
Cynthia Chase
Randy Johnson
Karina Cervantez

Bruce McPherson
Jimmy Dutra
Ed Bottorff
Dennis Norton

Tim Gubbins (ex-officio)

Staff present:

George Dondero Luis Mendez

Yesenia Parra Jennifer Rodriguez

Ginger Dykaar Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications

Jack Nelson, Campaign for Sensible Transportation (CFST), said CFST would like to present an agenda item, regarding concerns with widening the highway and sustainable transportation options, at a future Commission meeting. Mr. Nelson also stated that according to what is being published in the news, we are noticeably living in an era of environmental consequences.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Additional pages for Item 22 were distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Coonerty seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Lane, Friend, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, McPherson, Norton, Bottorff, Dutra, Cervantez, Chase, and Johnson voting "aye".

Commissioner Friend thanked Art Thomae for painting the last mural on the railroad bridge abutment in Aptos and for setting the stage to have murals painted along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.

MINUTES

- 4. Approved draft minutes of the February 4, 2016 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
- 5. Accepted draft minutes of the February 8, 2016 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
- 6. Accepted draft minutes of the February 9, 2016 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
- 7. Approved draft minutes of the February 18, 2016 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting
- 8. Accepted draft minutes of the February 18, 2016 Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee meeting
- 9. Accepted draft minutes of the February 18, 2016 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

10. Approved covenant to restrict use of Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line at one location in Watsonville

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

11. Approved mural for railroad bridge abutment in Aptos

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

- 13. Approved amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Budget and Work Program (Resolution 11-16)
- 14. Approved City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act allocation request (**Resolution 12-16**)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

No consent items

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

- 15. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
- 16. Accepted correspondence log
- 17. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. Letter to Caltrans District 5 regarding outstanding items related to Highway 1 rumble strips, from the RTC Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - b. Letter to the California Transportation Commission regarding the revised Santa Cruz County 2016 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) proposal, from RTC staff
 - c. Letter to Senator William Monning, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, and Assemblymember Mark Stone regarding the transportation funding crisis and legislative action needed, from the RTC Chair
- 18. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
- 19. Accepted information items
 - a. News Advisory from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) "State Body Slashes Transportation Funding"
 - b. Article from NPR "Like Millennials, More Older Americans Steering Away From Driving" by David Schaper
 - c. Article from AAA News Room "Pothole Damage Costs U.S. Drivers \$3 Billion Annually" by Erin Stepp
 - d. News Release from the RTC "State Slashing Transportation Funding"
 - e. Article from the Sacramento Bee "AM Alert: California set to lower gas tax by 2.2 cents" by Alexei Koseff

REGULAR AGENDA

20. Commissioner reports – oral reports

Commissioner Caput thanked Caltrans for their work on various projects in Watsonville and said he would welcome a presentation by the Campaign for Sensible Transportation (CFST) at a future RTC meeting.

21. Appointment of Commissioners to Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee – oral report

Chair Lane recommended the reappointment of Commissioners Friend, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, and McPherson to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee. Commissioners Lane, Friend, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, McPherson, Norton, Bottorff, Dutra, Cervantez, Chase, and Johnson concurred with the reappointments.

22. Director's report - oral report

George Dondero, Executive Director, reported on: the RTC continuing to sublease the Watsonville office until further notice; attending the annual Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day on March 9th in Sacramento with Commissioners Lane and Friend to advance the cause regarding the current funding crisis for transportation; and the RTC's involvement in various outreach activities, including the Santa Cruz Business Fair on March 16th at Cocoanut Grove. Mr. Dondero included fact sheets and charts, provided by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), about transportation projects impacted by the recent reduction in state and federal funding, and also noted which counties passed a resolution to support CSAC's efforts to address these issues.

Commissioners discussed: the CSAC doing a tremendous job putting together a list of facts that are understandable, and proposals that address the current crisis our transportation system is in; the importance of supporting AB 1591 by Assembly Member Jim Frazier and SBX1-1 by Senator Jim Beall to address the need for increased funding for transportation improvements; and the state of California's surplus being earmarked and building up a reserve.

23. Caltrans report and consider action items

Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5 Director, reported that phase 1 of the Highway 1/17 interchange project is almost finished and phase 2 will be starting on the southbound median soon, as the rain permits. Mr. Gubbins noted that included in the packet is the semi-annual State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) updates, and a map of Caltrans projects in the Watsonville area.

Commissioners discussed: the status of the Scott Creek bridge project; and their appreciation to Caltrans for their work on the interchange at 152 and Holohan in Watsonville, the lowered speed limits around Scotts Valley, and the safety improvements done on the fishhook project.

24. Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 proposed budget

Luis Mendez, Deputy Director, presented his staff report. Mr. Mendez noted the impact of transportation financial challenges with the cut in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding.

Commissioners discussed: the B&AP Committee's process for evaluating and monitoring project progress and achievements; having staff provide a detailed report on the outcome of the Cruz511 and rideshare programs as an agenda item at an upcoming meeting; the importance of supporting a ballot measure that would enable Santa Cruz County to have its own source of funding for transportation projects; the Commission's support to address environmental and sustainable transportation issues; the loss in State Transportation Assistance (STA) funding impacting the transit district; the importance of utilizing the allocated funds for cleanup along the rail line; and multi-year projects carrying over to the next fiscal years.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Coonerty seconded the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and staff recommendation to adopt **(Resolution 13-16)**, approving the FY 2016-17 RTC budget. The motion passed with Commissioners Lane, Friend, Leopold, Caput, McPherson, Coonerty, Cervantez, Chase, Bottorff, Norton, and Dutra **voting "aye" and** Commissioners Johnson **voting "no".**

25. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - draft goals, policies and targets

Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner, presented her staff report. Ms. Dykaar noted that the 2040 RTP contains minor updates to the goals, policies, and targets from the earlier 2014 RTP, with the most significant update to the plan being a reduction to the greenhouse gas emissions target. The long-range plan will be used to prioritize projects and identify funding within three main elements: policy, financial, and action. A complete project list of the transportation needs for Santa Cruz County will be brought to the Commission in June 2016 for input and approval.

Commissioners discussed: proposing a target goal of zero for traffic fatalities and looking at different concepts for preventing loss of life; performance monitoring, updates, and the frequency of reports on the progress of the RTP targets; resource constraints, budgeting accordingly, and correlating the budget for RTC projects to achieve the goals set in the RTP; having ambitious goals and setting thresholds higher for reducing green house gases; clarifying

the language in the RTP to be more inclusive when discussing components in the County's per capita fuel consumption and alternative methods for reducing green house gas emissions; the Commission having flexibility in meeting targets and addressing changing targets as things progress; and the different goals, targets, and policies addressing improvements of infrastructure to reduce traffic congestion.

Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), stated that AMBAG has been holding off on bringing a revised target for greenhouse gas reduction to the board because new targets are coming from the state later this year. Ms. Adamson noted that the greenhouse gas target in the RTP under 1B-I is only related to land use changes.

Jack Nelson, said that we need to send a cultural signal to the County by being clear about sustainability goals and not be contradictory with projects and plans for reducing greenhouse gases.

Mark Abadi, Romero Institute, said that instead of waiting on instruction from the state, Santa Cruz County should set its own targets for reducing greenhouse gases and set in motion a domino effect for ambitious pursuits in being 100% renewable.

Commissioner Friend moved the staff recommendation with an amendment to modify the RTP to add a footnote to target 1B-I regarding land use decisions and to target 1B-II regarding other emerging technologies. Commissioner Leopold seconded the motion of the staff recommendation to approve the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan draft goals, policies, and targets as modified by the amendment by Commissioner Friend. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Lane, Friend, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, McPherson, Norton, Bottorff, Dutra, Cervantez, Chase, and Johnson voting "aye".

26. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

CLOSED SESSION

- 27. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code) Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No. CV182123
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OPEN SESSION

- 29. Report on closed session No report
- 30. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th floor, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

The meeting adjourned at: 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rodriguez, Staff

Attendees:

Jack Nelson Campaign for Sensible Transportation

Heather Adamson Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Angela Aitken
Jordan Main
S. Marinshaw
Kirk Ance
Mike De Pala
Santa Cruz Metro
Granite Construction
Community Bridges
Community Bridges
University of Santa Cruz

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Jussie Arias

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JOINT MEETING OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TRAFFIC OPERATIONS SYSTEMS (TOS) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SAFE ON 17 TASK FORCE

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm

San Jose California Highway Patrol 2020 Junction Ave, San Jose

Meeting Participants

Lt Scot Loetscher, San Jose CHP

Lt Ian Troxell, Santa Cruz CHP

Jennifer Wilson, Caltrans D5

Devin Porr, Caltrans D5

Jeff Bates, Redwood Estates Services Association

Farokh Parsijani, Caltrans D4

William Tyson, Office of Senator Beall

Angelica Torres, Office of Senator Beall

Stephanie Stuehler, Santa Clara County Fire Dept

Engine 84, Santa Clara County Fire Dept

Kieran Kelly, Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager

Officer Grant Boles, Santa Cruz CHP

Officer Trista Drake, Santa Cruz CHP

Cliff Barber, American Civil Constructors

Angela Gile, Office of Assembly Member Mark Stone

Elaine Daniels, Redwood Estates Services Association

Kelly McClendon, Caltrans D5 Planning

Ray Kwan, Caltrans D4 Maintenance

Tom Barnett, Caltrans D5 Maintenance

Ramin Bolourchian, Caltrans D4 TMC

Brian Winterhalder, Santa Clara County Fire Department

Janet Wohlgemuth, California Conservation Corps

Jesse Morris, CalFire

Patty Ciesla, Santa Clara County FireSAFE Council

Gary Richards, San Jose Mercury News, (teleconference)

Rosemary Anderson, Office of Emergency Services, Santa Cruz County (teleconference)

Luis Duazo, Caltrans D5 (teleconference)

Jacques van Zeventer, Caltrans D5 (teleconference)

Doug Hessing, Caltrans D5 (teleconference)

Ginger Dykaar, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission









- **1. Introductions** Introductions were made.
- **2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda** –added oral communications item for public to present information on topics not on agenda
- 3. Oral Communications Cliff Barber, a member of the Hwy 17 community spoke about his concerns on the number of collisions on Hwy 17. He works for American Civil Constructors, and was involved in installing the high friction surface treatment (HFST) on Hwy 17 near Laurel Rd. He suggested implementing more engineering solutions along Hwy 17 particularly HFST.
- 4. Reviewed and Accepted Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Joint TOS Oversight Committee and Safe on 17 Meeting
- **5. Received Information Items -** Ginger Dykaar presented the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Program Update. For FY 15/16, the allocation from Caltrans (CT) for Santa Cruz County (SCC) FSP is approximately \$33,000 less than previous years due primarily to a change in the way congestion is determined for Santa Cruz County. The allocation for FY16/17 will likely be a similar reduction. RTC has typically provided a match to the CT funds of 40 to 50% when only 25% is required but the amount of matching funds will likely be reduced as well given the reduction in gas prices and effects on available transportation funds for FSP. All of these reductions in funding add up to the need to reduce FSP hours on both Hwy 1 and 17. Caltrans will be installing 3 traffic volume detectors on Hwy 17 to measure congestion which should increase our funds from CT for FSP in the future.

Articles/Public Feedback –Ginger Dykaar discussed an article about the public outreach that CT has been doing for the Hwy 17 Access Mgmt Plan. There are some quotes from the public about the challenges with not being able to take a left turn onto Hwy 17. An article written by Gary Richards responding to questions from hwy 17 motorists concerned about dangerous driving on hwy 17 was discussed. An article about a mountain lion that was hit by a car on Hwy 17 near Lexington Reservoir was mentioned. The Land Trust spoke to the group at the September meeting about their interest in building a wildlife tunnel under Hwy 17 for habitat connectivity for mountain lions and other animals. They have been partnering with Caltrans on this project and continue to make progress towards this project becoming a reality.

6. Received Update on California Highway Patrol Safe on 17 Program Statistics and Public Information Efforts - Lt Scot Loetscher with San Jose CHP stated that there were no fatalities in 2015 on the Hwy 17 corridor. The number of injury collisions was higher than previous years. With improvements in the economy, the traffic volume is increasing which correlates to increases in









the number of collisions. The total number of extra enforcement hours on Hwy 17 by San Jose CHP was less than last year.

Officer Trista Drake from Santa Cruz CHP stated that having no fatalities on the Hwy 17 corridor is a significant achievement. The extent of injury for the 2015 collisions has not been analyzed and may show that many of the injuries were minor relative to previous years. The collisions may have also been solo vehicle collisions affecting less people. Officer Drake stressed that the number of citations does not fully reflect the work of CHP. The amount of CHP contact with the public that motivates motorists to obey the traffic rules is a better measurement. The number of January 2016 collisions are likely due to the stormy, wet weather.

Ginger Dykaar stated that the total number of injury and fatal collisions for 2015 is the highest since 1999, when the Office of Traffic Safety Grant was initiated. Similarly the total number of all collisions is the highest since 2005. This increase could be related to an increase in traffic on Highway 17. Only data that is currently available for assessing traffic trends is from CT traffic operations who estimate the traffic volumes on state highways. Data from Caltrans traffic count detectors on Hwy 17 once installed will provide a way to assess traffic trends. The number of extra enforcement hours was down in 2015 compared to other years and the number of total citations also decreased. CHP enforcement is extremely valuable for reducing the number of collisions. Optimizing your efforts by focusing your enforcement schedule (both regular and extra) to target times with higher collision rates is extremely important.

- 7. Received information on Santa Cruz County's New Emergency Operations Center Rosemary Anderson from the Office of Emergency Services, SCC introduced herself. Santa Cruz County has opened a new Emergency Operations Center on Chanticleer Avenue in mid-county. She has just recently started working for the county in this position. Once she has time to settle into her new position, she will come back to a future TOS meeting to discuss emergency operations for SCC.
- 8. Highway 17 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project in Vicinity of Redwood Estates Patty Ciesla from Santa Clara County FireSafe Council discussed a proposed project to reduce wildfire risk along Hwy 17 near Redwood Estates. The excessive amounts of dead and diseased vegetation along the highway are a fire hazard. Vehicle fires could ignite roadside vegetation then move into residential areas. A wildfire originating outside the highway right of way (ROW) could blow across the highway trapping people in vehicles on a congested roadway. Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is partnering with Caltrans, Cal Fire, Santa Clara County Fire Dept and others to fund this project in order to remove vegetation along the









Highway 17 ROW and nearby Redwood Estates residential areas to reduce the risk of a wildfire along Hwy 17. If grant is awarded, work will start this summer.

9. Received Caltrans District 5 Highway 17 Project Update

Kelly McClendon discussed the Hwy 17 Access Management Study to improve mobility, access, safety and reduce conflict points along the Hwy 17 corridor in SCC. A website was launched in mid-November including an interactive mapping activity to promote public input on the project. To reach Hwy 17 users beyond the adjacent neighborhoods, a survey was used and input from public at the Santa Cruz farmer's market was solicited. Concerns expressed were a lack of convenient and accessible crossings and that more and more people are traveling fast through local road network to avoid Hwy 17 congestion. Public has expressed a desire for a truck ban, but truckers expressed importance of keeping Hwy 17 open to trucks. A Caltrans study has found that Hwy 17 is the most viable trucking route connecting the Bay area to Santa Cruz County.

Jennifer Wilson from CT D5 discussed the Hwy 17 Shoulder Widening and Concrete Guardrail project near Scotts Valley. The project runs from 0.4 miles south of Sugarloaf to 0.1 mile south of Laurel Rd. The project is planned to be completed by Fall 2016. Caltrans has also been working on a project to extend the merge lane from Hwy 1NB to Hwy 17 SB. This project is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2016. D5 maintenance will be paving sections of Hwy 17 at night mostly in SB direction.

10. Received Caltrans District 4 Highway 17 Project Update

Farokh Parsijani from Caltrans D4, presented the project update for Santa Clara County side of Hwy 17. On Hwy 17 near the City of Los Gatos, a project is planned for 2019/2020 to construct a safety light, shoulder rumble stripes, a guardrail system, dynamic speed warning signs, and enhanced wet-night visibility striping at targeted locations. Another project north of Hebard to I-280 is planned for 2019/2020 that includes cold planning and overlaying, guard rail and crash cushion upgrades, loop detector replacement, pavement delineation, drainage and dike improvement.

11. Received Traffic Operations Systems Updates

Traffic Management Center (TMC) Update - Ramin Bolourchian stated that if anyone sees any problems with the changeable message signs (CMSs), to please contact the TMC.

Jacques van Zeventer discussed the information in the packet on the traffic detectors on Hwy 1 that are and are not operational. He will check with his staff and let us know what detectors will be kept maintained. Ginger Dykaar stressed









the importance for having this traffic data and requested that if the detectors will not be kept operational, to consider removing from PeMs.

Caltrans will be installing 3 traffic detectors to Hwy 17. A traffic detector has already been added at Laurel Curve but has not yet been reporting to PeMs and two more detectors will be added – one north and one south of Laurel Curve.

- 12. Received Major Incident Review none
- 13. Received Additional Items none
- 14. Approved Next Meeting Date

Joint Safe on 17 Task Force & TOS Oversight Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2014 10:00 to 12:00 at Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Respectively submitted by

Ginger Dykaar

Agenda: April 7, 2016

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

From: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner

Re: Caltrans Grant-Funded Contract Authorization for the

Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the attached resolution (<u>Attachment 1</u>) authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements and execute amendments to fund and implement the Caltrans grant-funded Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan.

BACKGROUND

The 2014 long range Regional Transportation Plan, adopted in June 2014, highlighted the region's extensive transportation needs and severe transportation funding deficiencies. In October 2014 the RTC submitted an application for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation grant titled the Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan to engage the community using innovative, technologically advanced and effective techniques to stimulate a collective vision, establish common ground, and support deeper understanding and engagement in making transportation and land use decisions.

In April 2015 Caltrans notified the RTC that the proposed project was awarded \$229,735, with a local match of \$29,765 bringing the project total to \$259,500. Although administered by Caltrans, the source of funding for this grant is the federal Section 5304 program.

Goals for these funds mirror the state and federal transportation planning goals including: improve multimodal mobility and access for all people; preserve and efficiently utilize the multimodal transportation system; support a vibrant economy; improve public safety and security; foster livable and healthy communities; promote social equity; and practice environmental stewardship.

The RTC submitted a final scope of work and project timeline to Caltrans and in December 2015 Caltrans issued a Notice to Proceed, in addition to an amendment in the Overall Work Program Agreement to include the project.

DISCUSSION

Goals for this project include finding ways to optimize use of the existing street system through enhanced bicycle, pedestrian and transit amenities; use of the existing railroad corridor for a bicycle/pedestrian path and expanded transportation uses, reduction of pollution and personal spending on transportation thereby increasing the amount that can be reinvested into the local economy; and expansion of save mobility options for all members of the community. To understand more about current trends, RTC staff undertook research about the many community engagement and visualization

techniques available. In February 2016 the RTC issued two Requests for Proposals:

- Community Engagement Component includes identifying key community interest representing the range of diverse geographic and demographic sectors, identifying meaningful engagement strategies, developing messages and graphics, conducting meetings/focus groups/charettes, providing presentations, employing visualizations, and participating in the development of the draft and final reports, and an engagement toolkit.
- Visualization Component production of images that will function as interactive scenario exploration tools to tell 'digital stories' based on potential future transportation infrastructure choices, land uses, and energy and climate change (greenhouse gas reduction) strategies.

A review team consisting of representatives from RTC, UCSC and professional facilitation firm Emergent Systems reviewed the 5 proposals and conducted interviews. Based on the proposals, references and interviews, two firms were selected to receive the contracts.

<u>MIG</u> – Founded in 1982, MIG has over 30 years as a national leader with experience in design, infrastructure, engagement, Complete Streets, innovative visualization, and demonstrated results. Additionally, their team is augmented by local resident Matthew Thompson of Thacher & Thompson Architects, providing in-depth local knowledge. The MIG team will execute the engagement component and part of the visualization component for a total not to exceed \$90,000.

<u>Owlized</u> – Specializing in unique public outreach tools to provide 360-degree photorealistic visualizations including a mobile web application accessible on smart phones. The Owlized team will execute part of the visualization component for a total not to exceed \$40,000.

Attached are scopes of work for both MIG (Attachment 2) and Owlized (Attachment 3).

Staff recommends that the RTC approve resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements, and execute amendments as necessary, with MIG and Owlized to provide services to implement the Caltrans grant-funded Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan.

SUMMARY

The RTC received a competitively awarded Caltrans grant to conduct a Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan utilizing community engagement and visualization techniques. Following review of proposals, interviews and review of referrals, the review team selected MIG and Owlized to assist with implementation. By these resolutions, the RTC Executive Director will be authorized to enter into agreements and amendments.

Attachments: 1. Resolution authorizing RTC Director to execute contracts with MIG & Owlized

- 2. Scopes of Work for MIG Engagement and Visualization
- 3. Scope of Work for Owlized Visualization s:\text{kTC\true\text{TC\true\text{2016\true\text{1

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on the date of April 7, 2016 on the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALTRANS GRANT-FUNDED SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIZATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan, identified immense transportation needs and severe transportation funding shortfalls; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC received a competitively awarded Caltrans grant to implement a Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan to engage the community to find common ground about transportation project and funding priorities;

WHEREAS, requests for proposals (RFP) were solicited for engagement and visualization services and a review team selected the most qualified consultant teams based on proposals, references, staff and interviews;

WHEREAS, the \$229,735 in grant funding from the grant will cover the consultant services and a portion of staff time;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

- 1. The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into agreements with consulting firms MIG and Owlized, and other partners as needed, to implement the engagement and visualization components of the Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan project;
- 2. The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into amendments to agreements or contracts as needed, as long as they are consistent with other RTC actions or approved budgets.

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS	
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS	
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS	
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS	
ATTEST:		Don Lane, Chair
George Doi	ndero, Secretary	Distribution: RTC Fiscal RTC Project Manager MIG Owlized

Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan

Scope of Work - Engagement Component



TASK 1: PROJECT COORDINATION AND KICK-OFF MEETING

Task 1.1—Convene Kick-off Meeting

The MIG Team will meet with RTC staff and Owlized to kick-off the project to review expectations, confirms roles and responsibilities. MIG and staff will also confirm the schedule, work products, review process and communications protocols.

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Meeting notes, final work plan and project schedule

Task 1.2—Project Coordination

The MIG Project Manager will communicate regularly with the project partners to ensure that expectations are being met and the project is staying on time and within budget. The MIG Team will recommend that a standing bi-weekly call be established to ensure key staff are available.

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Regular emails summarizing the key action items and agreements

TASK 2: DEVELOP PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Task 2.1—Identify Community Groups and Leaders

Relying on contacts provided by the RTC, MIG will develop a list of key stakeholders, opinion leaders and interested parties. These individuals represent agencies, organizations and constituencies whose input will provide critical direction to the RTC. We also anticipate that they will help leverage the RTC's outreach efforts and assist with sharing information and publicizing community outreach activities. MIG will continue to help RTC update this list throughout the project.

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List of stakeholders, opinion leaders and interested parties.

Task 2.2—Provide Input on Study Areas

The MIG Team will work with the project team to identify criteria that can be used to select 3-5 study areas. The criteria will reference the sustainability goals, potential for mobility improvements and other factors the help support and rationalize the selections.

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List of criteria and 3-5 sites that best fit them

Task 2.3—Identify Community Engagement Strategies

MIG will produce a community engagement plan (CEP) that identifies the outreach goals, methods (including visualization techniques), target audiences, strategies for reaching "hard to reach community members," key messages (from Task 2.4), schedule and performance metrics. The plan will be specific and implementable. We will draw on RTC's established communication channels, partner agency channels, local media and other communications tools. MIG monitors outreach results and participation throughout its processes and will make adjustments as needed to ensure that we have reached a broad cross-section of the community.

MIG will used input collected through task 3.1 to refine the draft CEP and provide input on 2.3.

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Draft and final Community Engagement Plan

Task 2.4—Develop Messages and Graphics

MIG will develop a consistent "look and feel" for the project that includes RTC's logo and provides a standard template for the outreach materials. MIG will also develop key messages and related imagery that helps communicate the value and benefits of reduced VMT. The messages and images can serve as a stand-alone piece or be parceled out so the individual messages can be distributed through RTC channels such as social media and others. The key messages and suggested graphics will also be referenced in the CEP.

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Set of key messages and related graphics/imagery that can be used in outreach and community engagement activities as described in the CEP

TASK 3: CONDUCT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DOCUMENT RESULTS

Task 3.1—Hold Stakeholder, Charrette and/or Focus Group Meetings

Referencing the contacts identified Task 2.1, MIG will conduct individual interviews and focus groups to identify key issues and priorities, surface potential strategies and test messages for communicating results. MIG will interview 6-8 individuals to gain initial community insights and get their feedback on elements of the CEP.

MIG will also conduct up to four (4) focus groups that will help ensure the process receives input from hard to reach populations including senior, disabled, limited English proficient and other transit dependent-populations. The focus groups will have 10-12 participants and be about 90 min. in length. Participants will receive an incentive for participation. MIG will work with community organizations to recruit participants. MIG will work with RTC to determine an appropriate incentive which may include cash, gift card or transit pass. The focus groups will be interactive and designed to collect information about participant responsiveness to sustainability messages and to get their input on priorities.

The insights gained through the interviews and focus groups will help inform and finalize the CEP and refine community engagement activities.

Note: Charrettes will be addressed in Task 3.3

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Memorandum summarizing the individual interviews and focus group results

Task 3.2—Provide Presentations to Community Groups

We will create an outreach toolkit that allows the MIG Team, RTC staff, Project Partners and others to provide a similar consistent presentation to groups throughout the community. The outreach tool kit includes a user guide and provides information about the project, promotes upcoming outreach activities, and includes a short activity that allows participants to

provide input on the spot. MIG will conduct a training session to demonstrate how the tool can be used and how the collection of the input received can be systematized. We also track participation to ensure that we are reaching a broad audience. MIG can also translate the materials into Spanish so that bilingual members of the Project Team can share information and collect feedback in Spanish. We will conduct at least four (4) presentations to various community groups as identified in the CEP. The CEP will also include a schedule and assignments for meeting with additional groups.



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Outreach tool kit, user guide, toolkit training session and at least 4 community presentations.

Task 3.3—Assist with Visualization Exercises and Pop-Up Events in Public Locations

MIG will conduct an interactive community charrette where we provide visualizations that help introduce certain concepts.



MIG will also conduct three (3) "pop-up events" where the visualization activity is converted into a format that can be conducted at existing community events. The pop-up would include information about the planning process, visualizations and related graphics/imagery, and an interactive exhibit that solicits feedback from community members. Outreach activities will also help publicize the Owlized viewfinders when they are available for use.

The outreach and visualization teams will combine resources to deliver these work products.

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Interactive community-wide charrette and 3 related "pop-up activities." MIG will provide a written summary of the key findings and priorities that are identified at these meetings

Task 3.4—Employ Other Identified Engagement Strategies

All MIG outreach activities are described in the CEP. MIG will assist with publicizing the usage of the Owlized platform in its CEP identified activities.

TASK 4: CONTRIBUTE TO DRAFT, FINAL REPORT AND TOOLKIT

Task 4.1—Provide Materials for the Draft Public Engagement Report

MIG will analyze and compile the results of its outreach efforts. The report will document the approach and methodologies, key themes, issues and concerns, community preferences and priorities, and related imagery and visualizations. Where possible, MIG will quantify participation and feedback. The findings will be presented in a way that can be used by decision makers to support and inform short and long-term transportation planning projects.

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Draft Public Engagement Report

Task 4.2—Provide Input for the Tool Kit and Final Report

The MIG Team will describe and adapt the materials used to create the visualization engagement materials into a toolkit for use by other entities. The toolkit will highlight best practices, identify success factors and identify the major steps needed to transfer this technique to other communities.

The information will also be incorporated into the project Final Report.

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Tool Kit and Final Report

TASK 5: ADMINISTRATION

Task 5.1—Reports and Invoicing

The MIG Project Manager will prepare monthly progress reports and provide a brief progress report. MIG will provide supporting documentation as needed by RTC.

Task 5.2—Final Request for Funding/Grant Close-out

MIG will provide the final deliverables, related files and financial documentation needed to close-out the project and fulfill the final grant requirements.



Scope of Work - Visualization Component

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The MIG Project Manager will communicate regularly with the project partners to ensure that expectations are being met and the project is staying on time and within budget. The MIG Team will recommend that a standing bi-weekly call be established to ensure key staff are available. MIG may conduct meetings or calls directly with Owlize to coordinate responsibilities and work products.

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Regular emails summarizing the key action items and agreements

TASK 2: DEVELOP PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Task 2.1—Identify Community Groups and Leaders

In consultation with the project team, community leaders and others, MIG draw on existing stakeholder identification work done by SCCRTC and develop a list of key stakeholders, opinion leaders and interested parties. In this task, MIG will focus on identifying stakeholders with property located within the areas of possible visualizations so their interests are represented appropriately. We expect these individuals represent agencies, organizations and constituencies whose input will provide critical direction to the RTC. MIG will continue to add to this list throughout the project.

This task includes input and coordination on the activities in Task 2 in the Outreach RFP Scope of Work including outreach contacts and messaging.

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List of stakeholders, opinion leaders and interested parties.

Task 2.2—Provide Input on Study Areas

The MIG Team will work with the project team to identify criteria that can be used to select 3-5 study areas that will be the focus for developing project visualizations. The criteria will reference the sustainability goals, potential for mobility improvements and other factors the help support and rationalize the selections. The goal will be to ensure each study area represents a variety of different programming characteristics so the eventual visualization package fully articulates proposed changes along different corridors. This includes an initial assessment of the project area with study area recommendations provided from MIG. We will then hold a conference call with staff to review/confirm the different study areas. Following confirmation, MIG will take a series of base photographs for each study area during mid-morning hours (e.g., best light) that will be used as the starting point for all visualizations. MIG will also reference photos taken by the Owlized team to ensure our efforts are in alignment. MIG will coordinate with Owlize on the locations and perspectives of the photos to ensure they meet the project objectives and outreach needs.

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List of criteria and 3-5 sites that best fit the criteria and base imagery of each study area (JPEG)

Task 2.3—Develop Visualizations

MIG will develop a series of 2D and 3D visualization tools that will be used to articulate different design and sustainability concepts. Utilizing the base imagery for each study area taken during the previous task, MIG will create a progression of changes/improvements that includes roadway lane changes, bicycle enhancements, pedestrian and streetscape improvements, landscaping improvements and (if necessary) prototypical buildings and other development. This task may include the following visualizations depending on how these formats can be integrated with the Owlized platform:

- Photosims: MIG will prepare 3D photo simulations (photosims) for each of the study areas. The photosims will show realistic scenarios for future changes. They will be developed as a series of progressions that show existing conditions, small "tactical changes" and final full changes. This will allow the community to understand the progression of development/investment that can occur along the corridor.
- Street Sections: MIG will prepare before and after prototypical street sections for each study area. These will be 2D diagrams that show technical changes to roadway widths and building heights/setbacks (as appropriate).
- Plan View Diagrams: MIG will prepare before and after plan view diagrams for each study area. They will be 2D diagrams that show proposed changes to roadway alignments and land uses on an aerial base. Plan View diagrams are important for showing accurate dimension information, and in coordination with the photosims and street sections, will fully articulate planning and design concepts. We assume that RTC staff will provide high resolution aerial imagery MIG can use as a base image for these diagram.

Combined, these visualization tools will allow MIG and staff to fully articulate conceptual land use changes, transportation infrastructure enhancements, and urban design principles expressed in the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Regional Transportation Plan and other appropriate sources.

In addition to the visualizations, MIG will also use existing County images, publically-available online images and MIG's extensive in-house library of prototypical imagery to show real-world examples of different planning and mobility concepts. MIG will also test the draft visualizations with small groups to ensure they properly convey technical data and are easy to understand.

Throughout the process, MIG will coordinate with Owlized to ensure the format, scale and other features of the visualizations are compatible and adaptable with the Owlized platform.

DELIVERABLES

Photosims, Street Sections and Plan View Diagrams for each of the study areas (JPEG/PDF)



TASK 3: CONDUCT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DOCUMENT RESULTS

Task 3.1—Visualization Exercises and Pop-Up Events in Public Locations

MIG will conduct an interactive community charrette where we provide visualizations that help introduce certain concepts.

To extend the reach of the charrette, MIG will adapt the materials to be used at 3 "pop-up events throughout the County. MIG will also promote and direct participants to the Owlize viewers as part of these activities.

MIG will prepare a series of highly-visual posters that include the visualizations prepared in earlier tasks that can be used at different community pop-up workshops and intercept events. The posters will include a consistent project brand and theme, and will show proposed changes for each study area (e.g., one poster will be developed per study area). The posters will also be designed in such a way so that can be shown digitally on iPads and/or projected on to walls so the community can pace through the simulations in real time during events.

DELIVERABLES

Poster and JPEG Graphics showing the various simulations (5 hard copies/JPEG/PDF), Interactive planning charrette and 3 popup events

Task 3.4—Employ Other Identified Engagement Strategies

All MIG outreach activities are described in the Community Engagement Plan (CEP) prepared in Task 2.3 of the Engagement RFP Scope. Throughout the project, MIG will monitor participation in activities and track outreach results. In coordination with the RTC, MIG will identify potential adjustments needed to reach target audiences that are being successfully reached. Hours allocated to this task will be used to support the public education and data gathering achieved by the Owlize platform.

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Tool Kit and Final report (shared work product with the Engagement Scope)

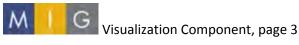
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Sustainable Transportation Prioritization Plan Visualization Component/Tool Kit - Work Plan

Task 1: Project Initiation and Coordination

Activity: Owlized will send a project manager to attend the kick-off meeting and review expectations, coordination and confirm Owlized's role and responsibilities for the project. The project manager will review and refine project objectives, work plan, and schedule, as per "Attachment A: Scope of Work." Project Manager will also, throughout the duration of the project, communicate regularly with project partners, including weekly updates, to ensure tasks progress smoothly and are executed upon according to the schedule and budget. Project manager will resolve any issues that may rise in a timely manner.

Task 2: Develop Public Engagement Plan and Tools

Activity: Owlized project manager will work with SCCRTC staff to review constituents and stakeholders identified by engagement consultants and develop a "storyboard" for OWL devices targeted to that audience. The storyboard provides the creative and editorial direction for the OWL "user experience" (UX) will include a) visualizations, b) narrative text, c) narrative audio and d) a survey, and will be developed to reinforce the need for sustainable and multimodal transportation choices, per the Scope of Work.

Visualizations

Visualizations will be site-specific depictions of current and future conditions. To produce each visualization, Owlized project manager will visit site and shoot a series of still images which will be photo-stitched into a 360-degree sphere. That spherical image will serve as a) the "current" condition and b) the backplate upon which future conditions will be composited. Future conditions will be modeled in 3D using any combination of Autodesk software including AutoCAD, 3D Studio Max, Navisworks, Revit, Civil 3D, and Infraworks, as well as Rhino and SketchUp. Owlized will require project partners to provide source material for any project designs. Our visualization staff will then output photorealistic renderings to be included in OWL and Mobile OWL app.

Narrative Text

Owlized project manager will draft narrative text that appears as an overlay on top of visualization pages in OWL and Mobile OWL app. Each visualization will have accompanying narrative text.

Narrative Audio

Narrative audio will be scripted to match narrative text, above, and will be voiced by Owlized staff or, at the request of SCCRTC, a third party voice actor.

Survey

Project partners may select up to five survey questions. Each question and respective response options must be provided to Owlized by engagement consultants. Owlized project manager will provide best practices and editorial direction based on prior experience.



Prior to developing the aforementioned UX, project manager will work closely with SCCRTC and engagement consultants to identify three (3) to five (5) study areas designated as high-potential locations for improved transportation and land use applications that advance sustainability goals and targets in the RFP. The specific locations determined will significantly influence the aforementioned story components, particularly the visualizations.

Once locations and UX storyboard are determined, Owlized project manager will work with visualization staff to develop visualization content for OWL VR kiosks and Mobile OWL app. This process will yield up to **four (4)** renderings to be deployed in OWL kiosks and/or mobile OWL apps on any combination of projects, as directed by SCCRTC. Graphic tools will be identified at this time, and may include a) 360-degree renderings (aka "panos) which depict project design alternatives and can be displayed in the OWL devices as well as on smartphones via the Mobile OWL app, and b) high resolution still images generated from the same source model as the 360-degree renderings.

Project design alternatives will include scenarios of land use changes, transportation infrastructure options, and application of known urban design principles expressed in the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook, Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plan, as per the Scope Work.

Project design alternatives may include "before" and "after" visualizations which enable the user to vividly compare and understand the difference between present and future conditions. When placed inside OWL devices, these visualizations will be synced to the immediate surrounding physical environment so as to provide the user a truly *in situ* experience.

Visualizations will depict recognizable local corridors that incorporate complete streets, walkable communities, safe bicycling amenities and transit integration.

Whenever possible, visualization production will leverage existing material, be it in the form of 2D CAD drawings, 3D design files, hand drawn sketches, or any other material provided to Owlized by SCCRTC. Draft visualizations will be presented to SCCRTC first, and then in small groups, at their discretion, before broader dissemination through OWLs and/or the Mobile OWL app.

Task 3: Conduct Public Engagement and Document Results

Activity: After successful completion of OWL and Mobile OWL app content, including all visualizations and narrative text and audio, Owlized can support engagement consultants by offering the Mobile OWL app at pop-up or temporary public events in order to engage community members and expand public understanding of sustainable transportation and land use concepts, design, and benefits, as per Scope of Work requirements.

Both OWL and Mobile OWL app will be configured to include a survey tool which will gather valuable public input on the options presents therein. Survey questions will be determined by engagement consultants and SCCRTC.



Survey responses will be collected in realtime and streamed to a cloud-based dashboard for SCCRTC to monitor, as well as to a master spreadsheet, which will be delivered at the end of each public input period. The master spreadsheet will include a variety of data fields beyond just survey results, including time of use and length of use, and will enable deeper statistical analysis through cross-tabulation. Owlized can also further deploy OWL and Mobile OWL technology beyond pop-up events, in a strategic manner determined by engagement consultants, but any such arrangement must be agreed to separately and is not included in this scope of work.

Task 4: Contribute to Draft, Final Report and Toolkit

Activity: Throughout project duration, Owlized will document successes and public engagement lessons learned in order to synthesize into a Final Public Engagement Report. Success factors Owlized will report include but are not limited to:

- Number of total users, per project, per outreach modality (OWL and Mobile OWL app)
- Number of users who answered one survey question
- Number of users who completed all survey questions
- Charts and graphics illustrating user responses by question
- Average duration of time spent by each user, per project, per outreach modality

Owlized project manager will also provide feedback for the development of a draft investment prioritization plan, as per Scope of Work requirements, and will solicit review by Caltrans, project partners and stakeholders. Owlized project manager will also, in addition to aforementioned success factors and public engagement lessons, provide a succinct set of materials documenting how other entities may replicate the visualization engagement modalities provided by Owlized to SCCRTC. Such documentation will include but not be limited to:

- Instructions for outputting "panos" from industry-standard 3D design software
- Best practices for developing a project's "story", including a) site selection, b) visual composition, c) design alternatives selection, d) narrative text and audio, e) survey questions and f) deployment scheduling.

Finally, Owlized project manager will provide feedback based on community input in order to develop a transportation system priority plan to address sustainable community, state and federal goals, as per Scope of Work requirements.

Task 5: Administration

Activity: Throughout the project duration, Owlized project manager will monitor progress and deliver weekly reports to project partners. Invoicing will be submitted monthly and all expenditures and use of funds will be properly documented.

Upon completion and adoption of the final plan, a final invoice will be generated to facilitate grant closeout.

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Schedule and Milestones

Tasks	Task Name	Deliverable	Duration
Task 1	Project Initiation and	Presentation of scope for OWL	4 weeks
	Coordination	visualizations and software	
Task 1.1		Convene Kick-Off Meeting	
Task 1.2		Project Coordination	
Task 2	Develop Public	Develop project plan, Completed	12 Weeks
	Engagement Plan and	OWL renderings & visualizations,	
	Tools	Configure OWL app	
Task 2.1		Review key community groups,	4 weeks
. 5.5.1.		messages and graphics	
Task 2.2		Select Study Areas	4 weeks
Task 2.3		Develop visualizations	4 weeks
Task 3a	Conduct Public	Deploy Two (2) OWLs and One (1)	8 weeks
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	Document Results	survey results	
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Task 3.2a		Employ other Identified Engagement	
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Task 3b	Conduct Public	Deploy Two (2) OWLs and One (1)	8 weeks
	Engagement and	Mobile OWL in Location #2 and gather	
	Document Results	survey results	
Task 3.1b		Visualization Exercises and Pop-Up	
		events in public locations	
Task 3.2b		Employ other Identified Engagement	
		Strategies	
Task 3c	Conduct Public	Deploy One (1) Mobile OWL in	8 weeks
	Engagement and	Location #3 and gather survey results	
	Document Results	,	
Task 3.1c		Visualization Exercises and Pop-Up	
		events in public locations	
Task 3.2c		Employ other Identified Engagement	
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Task 3d	Conduct Public	Deploy One (1) Mobile OWL in	8 weeks
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		to synthesize into a Final Public	
.		Engagement Report	
Task 4.1		Provide Materials for the Draft Public	
		Engagement Report	
Task 4.2		Provide input for the Toolkit and Final	
		Report	
Task 4.3		Final Report including Sustainable	Milestone
		Transportation Priority Plan	
Task 5	Administration	Project management, unit setup,	Concurrent
		ongoing maintenance of OWL units	
Task 5.1		Invoice and progress report packages	
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Task 5.2		Final report, invoice and close out	



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TDA REVENUE REPORT FY 2015-2016

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MONTH	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	AS % OF	ACTUAL TO
MONTH	REVENUE	REVENUE	REVENUE	DIFFERENCE	PROJECTION	PROJECTION
JULY	591,100	602,922	601,300	-1,622	-0.27%	99.73%
AUGUST	788,200	803,964	801,800	-2,164	-0.27%	99.73%
SEPTEMBER	791,871	807,709	872,384	64,675	8.01%	102.75%
OCTOBER	616,700	629,034	617,500	-11,534	-1.83%	101.74%
NOVEMBER	822,300	838,746	823,300	-15,446	-1.84%	100.92%
DECEMBER	719,449	733,838	917,127	183,289	24.98%	104.92%
JANUARY	601,300	580,629	631,600	50,971	8.78%	105.37%
FEBRUARY	801,800	758,764	842,100	83,336	10.98%	106.11%
MARCH	739,331	835,900	763,406	-72,494	-8.67%	104.23%
APRIL	524,400	524,826	0			
MAY	699,200	699,732	0			
JUNE	853,689	812,340	0			
TOTAL	8,549,340	8,628,404	6,870,516	279,010	3.23%	80%

Note:

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AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel Nikuna, Fiscal Officer

RE: FY15-16 SCCRTC Semi-annual Annual Internal Financial Statements

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission review and accept the FY15-16 Semi-annual Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND

The interim financial statements provide an overview of the financial position of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) more frequently than does the annual audit report. The preparation of the semi-annual financial statements is an opportunity to reconcile prior year estimates and actual results realized in the current year.

DISCUSSION

The RTC currently has 12 funds, equally divided between Governmental (Operating) and Trust Funds types. Three Trust Funds – In Lieu of Social Security, PERS-Health, and Miscellaneous Deductions were set up to accumulate payroll funds transferred from the "General Fund" pending final disbursement. Of the three funds, only the PERS-Health remains significant; the other two funds are either inactive (In Lieu of Social Security) or increasingly less important as third party payments are increasingly being made electronically through the payroll account at Santa Cruz County Bank. The In Lieu of Social Security Fund will be closed by year end as funds will revert to the General Fund. The remaining trust funds (TDA, STA, and STP Exchange) are used to pass through funds to local jurisdictions.

In the detail sections of the financial report, actual revenues and expenditures are compared to the budget. The financial highlights are included in the transmittal. The statements are intended for internal use; however, they are available for review by the general public.

SUMMARY

The FY15-16 semi-annual internal financial statements have been completed and staff recommends review and acceptance by the Commission.

Attachment:

FY15-16 SCCRTC annual Semi-annual Internal Financial Statements

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (SCCRTC)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

FY2015-2016

Period Ending December 31, 2015 (6 Months)

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission To the Commissioners

Santa Cruz, California

Staff is pleased to present the FY 15-16 semi-annual internal financial statements of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The following are the major highlights:

- lower fuel tax caused by decreased prices; and the allocation formula change by the State Controller. 100% of the STA revenue and At mid-year, 54% of the projected TDA revenues have been realized; and the receipts for six months to December 31, 2015 are receipts/revenues (\$6,591,340) are 4.2% higher than estimated. The STA revenues (page 27) are lower than expected due to \$217,198 (4.9%) above budget. The revenues were \$72,494 (8.7%) off for the month of March, but the year to date the bulk of the TDA are paid to Santa Cruz Metro. ij
 - There are no new fixed assets. The value of the rail line is carried at the purchase price (\$14,200,000), but an adjustment is made in the audited financial statements for the bridge construction/rehabilitation costs. ۲i
 - The total payroll (\$1,111,284) is 46% of the budget (page 7). w. 4.
- restricted funds and the unspent advances previously received, which are reflected in the Deferred Revenues, help the General Fund maintain a good cash balance. Cash is high in the STP Exchange and TDA Funds due to unclaimed allocations by local jurisdictions. The RTC General Fund continues to maintain \$532,305 in restricted reserves, which can only be spent by Board action. The
 - The accounts receivables are mostly offset by the accounts payable; all funds show adequate liquidity to meet current liabilities. 6.
 - FY2016 is the first year the RTC did not receive any FHWA Planning funds from AMBAG.
- The Due From and Due To Other Funds for \$182,341 each represent largely the payroll costs (\$173,419) paid by the General Fund on behalf of other funds, which will be repaid after the statement date.
 - There were no inter-fund transfers in the first six months.

statements are on accrual basis and reflect all costs of goods and services received through December 31, 2015 regardless when the bills The major projects underway include the Highway 1 HOV PA/ED and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST). The financial were actually paid.

Overall, the financial statements show the RTC in a sound financial shape.

Sincerely,

Daniel Nikuna, Fiscal Officer

SUMMARY

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

	0000													
		SPL	ECIAL REVENU	SPECIAL REVENUE (GOVERNMENTAL) FUNDS	NTAL) FUNDS					TRUS	TRUST (FIDUCIARY) FUNDS	FUNDS		
	ADMIN			HIGHWAY 1							IN LIEU OF			
<u></u>	PLANNING	RAIL/TRAIL	HIGHWAY 1 AUX LANES	AUX LANES	SAFE	FSP	TOTAL	TDA	STP	PERS	SOCIAL	MISC	STA	TOTAL
œ	RIDESHARE	AUTHORITY	PA/ED	CONSTRUCTION	z				EXCHANGE	HEALTH	SECURITY	DEDUCTION		4
	728,173	425,422	346,214	265,785	547,477	52,363	2,365,434	2,486,769	9,622,173	30,541	9,227	6,574	29,951	12,185,235
		357,838					357,838			•	198	•		198
	178,321	20			4,000		182,341							3)
	689,205	23,884		36,310	35,351	85,598	870,348						914,807	914,807
	3,534	14,200,000					14,203,534							(*)
	1,599,233	15,007,165	346,214	302,095	586,827	137,961	17,979,495	2,486,769	9,622,173	30,541	9,425	6,574	944,758	13,100,241
										1			The same of the sa	
	143,357	1	197,016		6,940	37,205	384,519	193,533	5,733	1		214		199,479
	20	50,520	82,890	9,551	20,135	19,225	182,341							1
	12,625	5,750		2,625	36,032		57,032						944,551	944,551
	153,370	560,064		289,918			1,003,352							
	3,534	14,200,000					14,203,534							9
	532,305	1	•	ı	1	'	532,305	•	•	1	•	•	•	ef
	754,022	190,832	66,309	1	523,720	81,530	1,616,413	2,293,237	9,616,440	30,541	9,425	6,360	207	11,956,210
	1,286,327	190,832	66,309	•	523,720	81,530	2,148,718	2,293,237	9,616,440	30,541	9,425	6,360	207	11,956,210
	1,599,233	15,007,166	346,214	302,095	586,827	137,961	17,979,496	2,486,769	9,622,173	30,541	9,425	6,574	944,758	13,100,241
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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

		SPECI	SPECIAL REVENUE	(GOVERNMENTAL) FUNDS	NTAL) FUND	SC								
	ADMIN PLANNING RIDESHARE	RAIL/TRAIL AUTHORITY	HIGHWAY 1 PA/ED	1 ± 20	SAFE	FSP	TOTAL	TDA	STP	PERS HEALTH	IN LIEU OF SOCIAL SECURITY	MISC	STA	TOTAL
1 REVENUES 2 Interest 3 Transportation Development Act (TDA)	549 591,480	1,947	1,459	933	1,628	142	6,658 591,480	7,576 4,633,411	24,606	1.	1 "		506	32,416
4 State Transit Assistance (STA) 5 Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Fee 6 Callareas 7 CMA				7. 2. 3. 3. 3.	124,211	85,598	124,211 85,598 84,656						914,807	914,807
	90,208	•		04,000		135,000	135,000							P; F; F;
10 Federal Earmark 11 Fed 5304 Partnership Planning (Unified Corridor) 12 State Partnership (Passenger Rail Study)	30,721 74,740 13.362						30.721 74,740 13.362							, ,
Rural Planning Assistance Funds	146,301	277 77					146,301							(* 6)
	100,000						100,000							0(1116)
16 Land Trust of Santa Cruz 17 Local Assistance	45,727				17.040		17.040							* *
		1								14,058		• 65		14,058
19 Other Revenues 20 TOTAL REVENUES	1,105,737	49,719	1,459	55,588	143,875	220,739	13,646	4,640,987	24,606	169,712	28	9,361	915,013	179,073
22 EXPENDITURES														
23 Salaries & Benefits 24 Services and Supplies	827,221 155,938	66,831 84,592	115,475	23,471	53,172 63,215	24,709	1,110,879							
25 SCCRTC (Transportation Commission) 26 SCMTD (Transit District)	•							590,675	135,000				044 664	725,675
							e: 65	355,051	7				100,44	355,051
29 City of Santa Cruz							* *	73,809						73,809
<u>.</u> .						125,854	125,854							•
32 Passenger Rail Shirdy	153,839						153,839							
	21,951						21,951							
34 Community Traffic Safety Coalition	44,709						44,709							
35 PERS - Health	2 136						2.136			178,997		0 734		178,997
	1,212,127	151,423	395,875	61,948	116,386	155,275	2,093,034	4,401,813	135,027	191,747	٠	9,734	944,551	5,682,872
	(106,390) 1,392,717	(101,704)	(394,415) 460,724	(6,360) 6,360	27,489 496,231	65,464 16,066	(515,916)	239,174 2,054,063	(110,421)	38,518	28 9,397	(372)	(29,538)	90,894
41 Rounding Adjustment	4 20C 20C A	100000	000 33	10/	000.000	04 500	0 4400 740		Tana and					
42 ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,286,327	190,832	606,309	6)	273,720	81,530	2,148,/18	2,293,237	(110,421)	30,541	9,425	6,360	206	2,229,348

GOVERNMENTAL (OPERATING) FUNDS

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND RIDESHARE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

٠	ſ		FY 2015-2016
	¥ -	ASSETS:	
	7	Cash - County Account	908'689
	ল	Cash with Santa Cruz Community Bank	38,367
	4	Petty Cash	200
	2	Due From Other Funds	178,321
	9	Due From Other Agencies	689,205
	7	Fixed Assets (Net)	3,534
	8 T	TOTAL ASSETS	1,599,233
	6		
	10[10 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
	11 /	Accounts Payable	143,357
	12	Salaries Payable	
	13 E	Due to Other Funds	20
	14	Due to Other Agencies	12,625
	15 [Deferred Revenues	153,370
	16	Investment in Fixed Assets	3,534
	17 F	Fund Balance:	
	9	Reserved (1)	532,305
	19	Available	754,022
	20 F	Fund Balance	1,286,327
	21 T (21 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,599,233

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND RIDESHARE COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FY 2015-2016

PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

				FY 2015-2016
		FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL	FY 2015-2016 BUDGET	ACTUAL % OF Budget
_	1 REVENUES			
2	Interest	549	0	
က	Federal Earmark (FHWA)	30,721	45,526	29
4	Rural Planning Assistance Funds	146,301	337,031	43
5	Fed 5305 Partnership Planning (Unified Corridor)	74,740	74,668	100
9	RSTP Exchange	0	222,554	•
7	RSTP	90,208	150,000	09
80	Transportation Development Act (TDA)	591,480	1,181,350	20
െ	STIP	0	175,000	•
9	Fed 5304 Transit Planning Grant - Pass Rail	13,362	21,865	61
=	Land Trust of Santa Cruz	45,727	0	
12	Transit for Sustainable Communities		119,995	•
13	SC County - Unified Corridor	100,000	100,000	100
14	County of Santa Cruz (Unified Corridor)		114,868	•
15	Transfer In	0	20,000	•
16	Other Revenues	12,649	0	
17	17 TOTAL REVENUES	1,105,737	2,592,857	43
18				
19	19 EXPENDITURES			
20	Salaries & Benefits (Planning Services)	827,221	1,789,400	46
21	Services and Supplies	155,938	1,000,554	16
22	Bike to Work	21,951	50,000	44
23	Community Traffic Safety Coalition	44,709	100,000	45
24	Boltage	0	10,280	•
25	Unified Corridor Investment	153,839	153,860	100
56	Passenger Rail Study	6,334	40,000	
27	Trail Master Plan Consultant (MBSST)	0	20,000	ı
28	Transfer Out	0	110,000	1
29	Other Expenses	2,136		
30	30 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,212,127	3,304,094	37
31				
32	32 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(106,390)	(711,237)	
33	Beginning Fund Balance	1,392,717		
34	Adjustment	0		
35	35 ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,286,327		

PAYROLL
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FY 2015-2016
PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

			FY 2015-2016
	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016	ACTUAL
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
2 Other Revenues	550		
3 TOTAL REVENUES	250	0	0
4			
5 EXPENDITURES			
6 Regular pay - permanent	684,754	1,575,319	43
7] Overtime		5,000	0
OASDI - Social Security	34,481	80,175	43
9 PERS - Retirement	127,340	275,164	46
D Employee Medical Insurance	252,244	403,056	63
 Unemployment Insurance & Workers Comp 	2,607	59,629	4
2 Other Benefits	9,857	32,768	30
3 Temp Workers		5,793	0
Intrafund Transfer	(1,111,284)	(2,436,904)	46
Other Expenses	406		
16 TOTAL PAYROLL	406	0	
18 TEMPORARY CONTRACT SERVICES			0
19 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	406	0	0
20 21 EXCESS OF REVENIES OVER EXPENDITIBES	7	c	
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RIDESHARE
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FY 2015-2016
PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	Y 2015-2016	JAL udget
1 REVENUES			
2			
3 CMAQ			
4 RSTP	90,208	150,000	09
5 RSTPX Exchange		149,676	ı
6 Transfer In (From SAFE)		20,000	ı
7 Other Revenues			
8 TOTAL REVENUES	90,208	349,676	26
6			
10 EXPENDITURES			
11 Telephone		200	1
12 Membership		009	1
3 Postage		1,000	1
4 Office Expenses/Supplies		2,000	1
5 Salaries & Benefits	90,208	205,566	44
6 Advertisement & Promotion		10,000	1
7 Travel / Education and Training		2,000	1
8 Technical Support/Programming		2,000	1
19 Park & Ride Lot Project		100,000	1
20 Cruz511 Technical Support		10,000	•
24 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	90,208	336,666	27
23 FYCESS OF REVENIES OVER EXPENDITIBES		13 010	
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OPERATIONS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FY 2015-2016

PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET 549 72,554 (591,480 1,181,350 175,000	150,000 30,721 45,526 114,868	74,740 74,668 il Study) 13,362 21,865 119,995	6	868,679 2,055,826	817 13 000			000,1		460 12,000 580 5,500		15,000	000'9	40 000	1,246,803	370,200	6,000	4,000	26,000	9,000	10,280	15,000	15,000	50,000	40,000	13,555	34,199	5,000	40,000	000'01	2,630,397
ACTUAL ACTUAL 549 591,480	30,721		45,727 100,000 12,099	868,679	817	11,789	3,433	0 0	1,529	460 580	55											5 ,		> "			*	-			2,6
		il Study)									6,265	2,870	640	3,700	591,567	37,499 44,415	469	238	7,360	21,951		5.195		153 830			6,334			1,730	976,067
REVENUES Interest STP Exchange Transportation Development Act (TDA)		FTA 5304 (Unified Corridor) Fed 5304 Transit Planning Grant (Passenger Rail Study) Transit for Sust Comm - User Oriented		IO IAL REVENUES	EXPENDITURES Telephone		Maintenance - Office Equipment			Computer Software Postage		Accounting and Auditing Fees (County & Payroll Services)		Director's Fees		Prof & Special Services Rents & Leases - Offices	Advertising and Promotion		Travel / Education / Training			Community Traffic Safety Coalition Office Equipment		MBSST Project - Services & Supplies Unified Corridor Investment			Passenger Rail Study - Consultant Transfer Out = (Dail/Trail Authority)			Annual Report/Fact Sheets Other Expenses	_
- 2 E 4 3	9 7	9 1 1	13 13	16	17	19	8 2	22	23	25	26	27	82	8 8	33	8 8	35	37	88 8	8 8	4	4 43	44	45	47	48	84 C	51	22	52 53	55

RURAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL % OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
Rural Planning Assistance Funds	146,301	337,031	43
5 TOTAL REVENUES	146,301	337,031	43
7 EXPENDITURES			
9 Salaries & Benefits	145,446	337,031	43
11 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 12	145,446	337,031	43
[13] EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	855		

SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES (SAFE) BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

		FY 2015-2016
_	1 ASSETS:	
2	Cash	547,477
3	Due From Other Funds	4,000
4	Due From Other Agencies	35,351
2	5 TOTAL ASSETS	586,827
9		On the same of the
7	7 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
8	Accounts Payable	6,940
6	Due to Other Funds	20,135
10	Due to Other Agencies	36,032
7	Fund Balance:	
12	Reserved (1)	
13	Available	523,720
14	Fund Balance	523,720
15	15 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	586,827

SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES (SAFE) REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL % OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
2 Interest	1,628	3,000	54
3 Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Fee	124,211	238,000	52
4 Local Financial Assistance (MTC)	17,040	50,000	34
5 Other Revenues	266		
6 TOTAL REVENUES	143,875	291,000	49
o gyptinitipec			
O EAF ENDITORES			
	4,000	2,000	80
10 Supplies/Office Expense	64	2,000	9
11 Legal Fees	150	1,000	15
12 Salaries & Benefits	53,172	129,507	4
[13] Special Misc Expense - Service (Contingencies)		2,500	ı
14 Travel / Education / Training	47	2,000	2
[15] Call Answering (Connections Communication)	1,055	3,000	35
16 Utilities	182	1,200	15
17 CHP Operations		009	•
18 Network Access Fees (AT&T)	530	1,000	53
19 System Maintenance	21,211	46,000	46
20 Safe on 17	35,976	100,000	36
21 Callbox Upgrade		100,000	•
22 Transfer Out to Rideshare 511		20,000	•
23 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	116,386	443,807	26
24			j
-	27,489	(152,807)	
26 Beginning Fund Balance 27 Prior Year Adjustment	496,231		
28 ENDING FUND BALANCE	523,720		

FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL (FSP) BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016		52,363	85,598		137,961			37,205	19,225			81,530	81,530	137,961
	1 ASSETS:	2 Cash	3 Due From Other Agencies	4	5 TOTAL ASSETS	9	7 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	8 Accounts Payable	9 Due to Other Funds	0 Fund Balance:	1 Reserved	2 Available	3 Fund Balance	14 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
	Ù	`,		1		Ľ			<u> </u>	9	-	1,	13	7

FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL (FSP) COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016		FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL
	ACTUAL	BUDGET %	% OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
2 Interest	142	1,000	14
3 Caltrans	85,598	170,598	20
4 STP Exchange	135,000	285,000	47
5 Other Revenues			
6 TOTAL REVENUES	220,739	456,598	48
7			
8 EXPENDITURES			
9 Telephone	562	2,000	28
10 Other Insurance (Property)	4,000	4,000	100
11 Supplies/Office Expense	150	4,000	4
12 Legal Fees		1,000	•
13 Salaries & Benefits	24,709	76,060	32
14 Special Misc Expense - Service (Contingencies)		5,000	ı
15 Transportation/Travel/Education & Training		1,000	1
16 Towing	125,854	285,000	44
17 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	155,275	378,060	41
18			
19 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	65,464	78,538	
20 Beginning Fund Balance	16,066		
21 Adjustment			
22 ENDING FUND BALANCE	81,530		

RAIL/TRAIL AUTHORITY BALANCE SHET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016	425,422	23,884	20	357,838	14,200,000	15,007,165				50,520	5,750	560,064	14,200,000			190,832	190,832	15,007,166
1 ASSETS:	Cash	Accounts Receivable	Due From Other Funds	Due From Other Agencies	Fixed Assets	TOTAL ASSETS		9 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	Accounts Payable	Due to Other Funds	Due to Other Agencies	Deferred Revenues	Investment in Fixed Assets	Fund Balance:	Reserved (1)	Available	Fund Balance	19 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
_	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	19

RAIL/TRAIL AUTHORITY REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF Budget
1 REVENUES 2 Interest	1,947		
3 Leases	47,772	100,000	48
4 RSTP/RSTPX Exchange		567,822	1
5 Transfer In		110,000	'
6 Other Revenues	•		
7 TOTAL REVENUES	49,719	777,822	9
8			
9 EXPENDITURES			
10 Salaries & Benefits	66,831	185,010	36
11 Liability Insurance		30,000	•
12 Rail Line ROW Clean Up, Maintenance & Signage	6,429	55,000	12
13 Hazardous Materials & Pollution Insurance		10,000	1
14 Construction Legal Counsel	6,839	30,000	23
15 Site Management		30,000	1
[16] Consultant for Operations and Property Management		55,000	1
17 General Contingencies	2,325	30,000	80
18 Other Expenses			
19 Rail Line Rehabilitation	000'69	615,000	11
20 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	151,423	1,040,010	15
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22 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(101,704)	(262,188)	
23 Beginning Fund Balance 24 Prior Year Adjustment	292,536		
25 ENDING FUND BALANCE	190,832		

HIGHWAY 1 PA/ED COMBINE BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016		346,214		346,214			197,016	82,890			602'99	60,309	346,214
ı	1 ASSETS:	Cash		4 TOTAL ASSETS		ELIABILITIES & EQUITY:	Accounts Payable	Due to Other Funds	Fund Balance:	Reserved (1)	Available	Fund Balance	13 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
	1	2	33	4	5	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

HIGHWAY 1 PA/ED
(HOV Lane and Aux Lane Combined)
HIGHWAY 1 PA/ED HOV LANE
FY 2015-2016
PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL % OF Budget
<u> </u>			
	1,459	0000	
STP Exchange (Mar Vista & Aux Lanes)		870,000	• •
5			
6 TOTAL REVENUES	1,459	1,569,825	
7			
8 EXPENDITURES			
9 Salaries & Benefits	115,475	241,958	48
10 PA/ED Public Information-Materials and Postage	328	30,000	_
PA/ED on Call Consultants (Dale)	1	3,500	'
2 Nolte Associates	279,548	938,744	30
3 ROW Consultant (Bender Rosenthal)	523	30,100	2
14 Legal Fees - Aux Lanes		185,000	•
15 Reserve for Future Years		111,422	•
16 Hwy 1 Mar Vista Overcrossing PA/ED		475,000	
18 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	395,875	2,015,724	20
19			
20 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(394,415)	(445,899)	
21 Beginning Fund Balance	460,724		
22 Prior Year Adjustment			
23 ENDING FUND BALANCE	602'99		
ı			

HIGHWAY I AUX LANES CONSTRUCTION COMBINE BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

1 ASSETS: Cash 2 Due From Other Agencies 4 TOTAL ASSETS 5 LIABILITIES & EQUITY: 7 Due to Other Funds 8 Due to Other Agencies 9 Deferred Revenues 10 Fund Balance: 11 Reserved (1) Available 13 Fund Balance 14 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	FY 2015-2016		265,785	36,310	302,095			9,551	2,625	289,918			0	0	Y 302,095
12 2 2 4 3 2 7 6 5 4 3 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4		ASSETS:	Cash	Due From Other Agencies	TOTAL ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	Due to Other Funds	Due to Other Agencies	Deferred Revenues	Fund Balance:	Reserved (1)			TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUIT
		_	2	3	4	2	9	7	8	g	10	11	12	13	14

HIGHWAY 1 AUX LANES CONSTRUCTION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

			FY 2015-2016
	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL % OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
2 Interest	933		
3 CMIA	54,655	369,220	15
4 OTHER			
5 TOTAL REVENUES	55,588	369,220	15
9			
7 EXPENDITURES			
8 Salaries & Benefits	23,471	40,000	59
9 Legal Counsel	20,269	158,745	13
Construction Design Support (Nolte)	14,355	20,933	69
1 Construction Management Consultant (Parsons)	2,397	10,244	23
12 Construction Contract With Contingency	1,456	139,298	-
13 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	61,948	369,220	17
15 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(6,360)	5(0)	
16 Beginning Fund Balance	6,360		
17 Adjustment			
18 ENDING FUND BALANCE (1)	0		
ı			

Note: (1) The fund is drawing down the advance to fund expenditures

TRUST/FIDUCIARY FUNDS

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016		2,486,769		2,486,769			193,533			2,293,237	2,293,237	2 486 769
	1 ASSETS:	Cash		4 TOTAL ASSETS		6 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	Account Payable (a)	Fund Balance:	Reserved (1)	Available	Fund Balance	12 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
	-	2	3	4	5	9	7	80	6	10	11	12

Notes:
(a) Due to the City of Santa Cruz

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

				FY 2015-2016
		FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016	
-	1 REVENUES		COCCE	Jahnna Jaw
2	Interest	7.576	12.000	63
3	Transportation Development Act (TDA)	4,633,411	8,628,404	54
4				
5	5 TOTAL REVENUES	4,640,987	8,640,404	54
9				
7	7 EXPENDITURES			
8	City of Capitola		169,501	
0	City of Santa Cruz	193,533	421,942	46
10	City of Scotts Valley		92,170	
11	City of Watsonville		346,932	ı
12	SCCRTC	590,675	1,181,350	50
13	SCMTD	3,188,746	6,377,491	50
14	County of Santa Cruz		783,753	1
15	Specialized Transit (CTSA/Community Bridges)	355,051	626,561	22
16	Volunteer Center	73,809	74,591	66
17				
8	18 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,401,813	10,074,291	44
19				
20	20 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	239,174	(1,433,887)	
21	21 Beginning Fund Balance	2,054,063		
22				
23	23 ENDING FUND BALANCE	2,293,237		
1		1		

STP EXCHANGE
BALANCE SHEET
FY 2015-2016
AS OF 12-31-2015

FY 2015-2016		9,622,173	9,622,173				5,733			9,616,440	9,616,440	EQUITY 9,622,173
	1 ASSETS:	Cash	TOTAL ASSETS		5 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		Accounts Payable	Fund Balance:	Reserved (1)	Available	Fund Balance	12 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
	Ľ	7	(7)	4	۳,	9	7	ω	0,	10	7	12

STP EXCHANGE
COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

			FY 2015,2016
	FY 2015-2016 FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL BUDGET	FY 2015-2016 BUDGET	ACTUAL % OF Budget
1 REVENUES			
Interest	24,606	30,000	82
3 TOTAL REVENUES	24,606	30,000	82
5 EXPENDITURES			
City of Capitola		538,000	•
City of Santa Cruz		188,000	1
City of Scotts Valley		346,000	1
City of Watsonville		900,000	1
County of Santa Cruz		2,707,016	•
County of Santa Cruz Open Streets		22,934	1
SCCRTC - Park & Ride Lot		130,000	t
SCCRTC - Mar Vista Bike * Pedetrian Crossing		500,000	•
SCCRTC - Bike Route Signage		906'09	•
SCCRTC - FSP	135,000	135,000	100
SCCRTC - MBSST		132,000	1
SCCRTC - Hwy 1 (HOV & Aux Lanes)		1,055,000	•
SCCRTC - Ecology Action Boltage		25,000	•
Santa Cruz Metro Maintenance Routes Runtimes	27	15,385	0
20 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	135,027	6,755,241	2
22 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(110,421)	(6,725,241)	
23 Beginning Fund Balance			
24 Adjustment	1		
25 ENDING FUND BALANCE	(110,421)		

STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA)
COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

	FY 2015-2016	9	FY 2015-2016 ACTUAL
REVENUES	ACTOR	BUDGEI	% Or Budget
Interest State Transit Assistance (STA)	206 914,807	2,861,896	32
E TOTAL REVENUES	915,013	2,861,896	32
7 8 EXPENDITURES			
9 10 SCMTD (Transit District)	944,551	2,861,896	33
12 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	944,551	2,861,896	33
13 14 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES 15 Beginning Fund Balance 16 Adiustment	(29,538) 29,744	•	
17 ENDING FUND BALANCE	206		

OTHER TRUST FUNDS BALANCE SHEET FY 2015-2016 AS OF 12-31-2015

	IN LIEU OF	MISC
ERS HEALTH	PERS HEALTH SOC. SECURITY	DEDUCTIONS
FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016
(Fund 636)	(Fund 637)	(Fund 639)

1 ASSETS:			
2 Cash	30,541	9,227	6,574
3 Accounts Receivable		198	
4			
5 TOTAL ASSETS	30,541	9,425	6,574
9			
7 LIABILITIES & EQUITY:			
8 Accounts Payable			214
9 Fund Balance:			
10 Reserved			
11 Available	30,541	9,425	6,360
12 Fund Balance	30,541	9,425	6,360
13 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	30,541	9,425	6,574

OTHER TRUST FUNDS
COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FY 2015-2016
PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2015

		IN LIEU OF	MISC
	PERS HEALTH	SOC. SECURITY	DEDUCTIONS
	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016
1 REVENUES	(rang 636)	(Fund 637)	(Fund 639)
2			
3 Interest		28	
4 Transfer In	14,058		
5 Other Revenues	169,712		9,361
6 TOTAL REVENUES	183,771	28	9,361
7			
8 EXPENDITURES			
9 PERS - Health	178,997		
10 Other Benefits, Deduction, & AFLAC/Flex Account	12,750		9,734
11			
12 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	191,747		9,734
13			
14 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(7,977)	28	(372)
15 Beginning Fund Balance	38,518	9,397	6,732
16 Adjustment			
17 ENDING FUND BALANCE	30,541	9,425	6,360

AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions Change

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopt the CalPERS resolution (<u>Attachment 2</u>) for the CalPERS retirement Employer Paid Member Contributions to change the contribution responsibility from the RTC to the Community of RTC Employees (CORE) consistent with the approved MOU side letter (<u>Attachment 1</u>).

BACKGROUND

The RTC approved a 3 year extension agreement for the memoranda of understanding (MOU's) of the RTC bargaining units, Community of RTC Employees (CORE) and the RTC Association of Middle Managers (RAMM) at its March 5, 2015 Commission meeting. One of the provisions of the extension to the Memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the Community of RTC Employees (CORE) only is that the CORE unit employees would contribute towards their retirement costs effective April 1, 2015. All other RTC employees have been paying the employee share of the retirement plan costs for many years.

DISCUSSION

To offset this contribution by CORE to the employee share of the retirement plan costs, a special adjustment was also approved as outlined below.

- 1. Special Adjustment as follows: effective April 1 or at the beginning of the pay period closest to April 1 of each year: 3.5% 2015; 3.5% 2016
- 2. Employees will pay 3.5% of the employees CalPERS retirement contribution beginning April 1, 2015 and the total 7% contribution beginning April 1, 2016 or the closest pay period to April 1st of each of those years

Effective March 28, 2016 (closest pay period to April 1), members of the CORE unit will contribute the additional 3.5% for a total of 7% of the cost for their CalPERS retirement plan and receive the last special adjustment to offset the retirement cost of 3.5% consistent with the approved MOU extension. CalPERS requires the approval of a specific resolution to shift the responsibility for payment of the

RTC MOU extension Page 2

employee contribution from RTC to the employees. The resolution required by CalPERS is included as <u>Attachment 2</u>.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community of RTC (CORE) Employees, the total cost of 7% for the CalPERS retirement benefit will be shifted to the employees effective March 28, 2016 (closest pay period to April 1). To offset this cost, employees will receive a special adjustment of 3.5% consistent with the approved MOU extension, Attachment 1. Therefore, staff recommends that the RTC approve the resolution required by CalPERS (Attachment 2) to shift the responsibility for payment for CalPERS retirement plan from the RTC to CORE employees.

Attachments:

- 1. Approved Memorandum of Understanding side letter for the RTC CORE unit.
- 2. Resoultion for CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contribution for Community of RTC Employees (CORE)

SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) AND THE COMMUNITY OF RTC EMPLOYEES (CORE), SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 521 Effective April 1, 2015

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and Community of RTC Employees, represented by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521 (CORE) have met and conferred in good faith and agreed as follows:

- 1. The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RTC and CORE with effective dates September 11, 2007 through November 13, 2010 and the prior amendments to that MOU, including the Side Letter signed by the parties extending that MOU to March 31, 2015, shall be further extended to March 31, 2018.
- 2. The terms and conditions set forth in the MOU, including in any applicable Side Letters, shall continue in effect under this Side Letter extension of the MOU, except as set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- 3. The RTC agrees to maintain the current level of all benefits for current and active employees and retirees. The RTC agrees to pay the same percentage of benefit premiums to active employees as outlined in the MOU using the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 premium costs for each calendar year. As previously under this MOU, the RTC will increase the monthly medical premium contributions for retirees by \$50 for each calendar year 2016, 2017 and 2018, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected.
- 4. The RTC agrees to the following adjustments:
 - A. General Adjustment (Article 7.1 A):

The following language shall be added: CORE employees shall receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) effective on the following dates:

- o 2% COLA on April 1, 2015 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
- o 2% COLA on April 1, 2016 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
- o 2% COLA on April 1, 2017 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
- 5. The RTC agrees to the following general equity offset/PERS contributions adjustments:
 - A. Special Adjustments (Article 7.1 B)

The following language shall be added: As a general equity offset, each step in the salary range for all employees shall be increased by 3.5% effective April 1, 2015, or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date.

Each step in the salary range for all employees shall be increased by 3.5% effective April 1, 2016, or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date.

B. Retirement (PERS) – Local Miscellaneous Members (Article 9.1)

- A. Pension Formula for Current and Legacy Employees
 - A.1. Contributions to Pension for Current and Legacy Employees: Replace with the following language: Effective April 1, 2015, or on the first day of the pay period closest to this date, these employees shall pay 3.5% toward the member contributions to their retirement plan and the RTC shall pay 3.5% toward the member contributions also known as the Employer Pick-up of Member Contribution. Effective April 1, 2016, or on the first day of the pay period closest to this date, these employees shall contribute an additional 3.5% (for a total contribution of 7%) toward the member contributions to their retirement plan. RTC will continue to pay the employer contributions on behalf of current and legacy employees covered under the PERS Local Miscellaneous Plan.
- 6. Compensation Study (Article 21.4)

Both the RTC and SEIU agree to postpone conducting a compensation study by 36 months. A joint compensation study will start October 1, 2017 and be finalized no later than January 14, 2018.

For the SCCRTC	For the Union
George Dondero	Veronica Rodriguez
Executive Director SCCRTC	SEIU 521
Yesenia Parra	Tegan Speiser
Administrative Services Officer SCCRTC	CORE Negotiating Team
	Ginger Dykaar
	CORE Negotiating Team
Date	Nathan Luedtke
	CORE Negotiating Team

ATTACHMENT 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

on the date of April 7, 2016 on the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has authority to implement Government Code Section 20691; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has a written labor policy or agreement which specifically provides for the normal member contributions to be paid by the employer; and

WHEREAS, one of the steps in the procedures to implement Section 20691 is the adoption by the governing body of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission of a Resolution to commence said Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC);

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has identified the following conditions for the purpose of its election to pay EPMC;

- This benefit shall apply to all employees of the Community of RTC employee unit (CORE)
- This benefit shall consist of paying zero (Percent) of the normal member contributions as EPMC.
- The effective date of this Resolution shall be March 28, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission elects to pay EPMC, as set forth above.

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:		
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:		
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS		
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS		
ATTEST:		Don Lane Chair	
George Do	ndero, Secretary		
Distribution	: RTC Fiscal		

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AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Bicycle Coordinator

RE: Bicycle Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission make the following appointments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee:

- 1. Grace Voss (voting) and Kem Akol (alternate) to represent District 1;
- 2. Peter Scott (voting) and William Menchine (alternate) to represent District 3;
- 3. Rick Hyman (voting) to represent District 5; and
- 4. Emily Gomez (voting) and Piet Canin (alternate) to represent Bike to Work.

BACKGROUND

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee correspond to City and Supervisorial District seats on the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). Commissioners may nominate individuals for RTC consideration. Two additional seats for Bike to Work and the Community Traffic Safety Coalition also exist and nominations are made by the respective agency. Seats for three-year terms on the Bicycle Committee expire on a rotating basis. This March 2016, positions expire for Districts 1, 3 and 5, as well as that for Bike to Work.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee's description, role and membership are in the 2014 RTC Rules and Regulations (<u>Attachment 1</u>). A draft roster is also included as <u>Attachment 2</u>.

DISCUSSION

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee for Districts 1, 3, 5 and Bike to Work expire on March 31st, 2016. With one exception, all current Bicycle Committee members and alternates representing those jurisdictions expressed interest in reappointment and their requests were forwarded to the respective Commissioners. With the one exception, applications are on file and available for review upon request. Vacancies exist for alternate seats representing Districts 4 and 5; as well as voting and alternate seats for the City of Watsonville. Staff has been working to recruit applicants to fill vacancies and welcomes recommendations from Commissioners.

District 1 – New applicant Grace Voss is seeking appointment as is current voting member Kem Akol. Since Ms. Voss is a new applicant, her application is attached. Mr. Akol has served actively on the Committee since 1993 and his application is on file. Staff forwarded the nomination requests to Commissioner Leopold who nominated Ms. Voss and Mr. Akol for the voting and alternate seats, respectively, for three year terms (Attachment 3-a and 3-b).

District 3 - For District 3, voting member Peter Scott, who was first appointed in 2007, and Will Menchine, member since 2002, indicated interest in continuing service on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Their requests were forwarded to Commissioner Coonerty who nominated Mr. Scott and Mr. Menchine for District 3 voting and alternate seats, respectively, for three year terms (Attachment 3-c).

District 5 – Rick Hyman, District 5 voting representative since 1989, reapplied for appointment to the same position. His request and application was forwarded to Commissioner McPherson who nominated Mr. Hyman to continue service for another three-year term (Attachment 3-d).

Bike to Work – Emily Gomez (nee Glanville), voting member since 2014, and Piet Canin, member since 2002, each requested that the RTC reappoint them voting and alternate members, respectively. Piet Canin, as Ecology Action's Vice President of Transportation, has the authority to make the nomination. Mr. Canin's nomination is attached (Attachment 3-e).

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve nominations submitted by Commissioners Leopold, Coonerty, McPherson, and Bike to Work to serve on the RTC's Bicycle Committee.

SUMMARY

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee expire March 31, 2016 for Districts 1, 3, and 5, as well as Bike to Work. A new application and reappointment requests were submitted and forwarded to respective Commissioners. Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission appoint the individuals nominated to fill those seats.

Attachments:

- 1. SCCRTC Rules and Regulations: Exhibit 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee description
- 2. Draft Bicycle Committee roster
- 3. Nomination letters and attachments

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Exhibit 3

Committee: **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<u>Committee Objectives</u>: Serves in an advisory capacity to the Regional Transportation Commission and its member agencies on bicycle-related issues, policies, plans, programs and projects.

- 1. Reviews claims submitted to the Commission that deal with bicycle facilities;
- 2. Reviews recommendations for the bicycle section of the Regional Transportation Plan, including policies, programs and capital improvement projects;
- 3. Reviews the bicycle sections of other studies, programs and plans prepared by the Commission:
- 4. Provide input into development of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network as outlined in the adopted Master Plan. Review design and engineering plans for segments at the conceptual and design levels whether the RTC or another entity is the implementing body.
- 5. Reviews and advises implementing agencies in a timely manner on transportation capital improvement projects with bicycle elements for projects which are either funded by the SCCRTC or are otherwise major, regional level transportation projects. Project review by the Bicycle Advisory Committee involves review of the proposed concept and proposed design for the bicycle features of the transportation project. Local implementing agencies may seek the advice of the Bicycle Committee for more localized, locally funded bicycle projects at their discretion.
- 6. Advises the local jurisdictions' Public Works and Planning departments and Santa Cruz Metro, at their request, in their other functions as they relate to bicycling, including bicycle plans, policies and ordinances and bikeway maintenance activities.
- 7. Advises local agencies and the Commission on the implementation of bicycle promotion, safety or outreach programs funded by Commission funds;
- 8. Reviews and approves applications for Bikes Secure bike parking grant applications;
- 9. Assists in the pursuit of local, state and federal funds for bicycle projects and advises the Commission on project priorities for funding and grant applications for bicycle projects;
- 10. Serves as advocates on behalf of the bicycling population regarding bicycle related issues before the Commission.

Committee Membership:

One person representing each of the five supervisorial districts		5
One person representing each of the four cities		4
A representative of Bike to Work		1
A representative of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition		1
	Total	11

<u>Appointments</u>: Members representing agencies specified above are appointed by that agency and accepted by the Commission; all other members are appointed by the Commission based on recommendations of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and via open application process. The cities and the County Supervisors nominate individuals for Committee and Commission consideration.

<u>Quorum</u>: A quorum is six members, assuming that there are no vacant positions. If there are vacant positions, a quorum will be half plus one of the number of filled positions.

Meeting Frequency and Time: Set meeting time as 2nd Monday of every other month, or as needed from 6:00-8:30pm. The time may be changed by the Committee with a majority vote.

<u>Meeting Location</u>: Preferably, at least one meeting annually will be scheduled for an appropriate location outside of the City of Santa Cruz and in proximity to a major transit route.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER - April, 2016 DRAFT

Representing	Member Name/Contact Info	Appointment
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Dates
District 1 - Voting	Grace Voss 462-4884	First Appointed: 2016
Soquel, Live Oak, part of Capitola	gracevoss@sbcglobal.net	Term Expires: 3/19
Alternate	Kem Akol	First Appointed: 1993
	kemakol@msn.com 247-2944	Term Expires: 3/19
District 2 - Voting	David Casterson, Chair	First Appointed: 2005
Aptos, Corralitos, part of Capitola, Nisene Marks, Freedom, PajDunes	dbcasterson@gmail.com 588-2068	Term Expires: 3/18
Alternate	Jim Cook	First Appointed: 12/13
	wookiv@comcast.net 345-4162	Term Expires: 3/18
District 3 - Voting	Peter Scott	First Appointed: 2007
Big Basin, Davenport, Bonny Doon, City of Santa Cruz	drip@ucsc.edu 423-0796	Term Expires: 3/19
Alternate	William Menchine (Will)	First Appointed: 4/02
	menchine@cruzio.com 426-3528	Term Expires: 3/19
District 4 - Voting	Amelia Conlen	First Appointed: 5/13
Watsonville, part of Corralitos	director@peoplepowersc.org 425-0665	Term Expires: 3/18
Alternate	Vacant	Term Expires: 3/18
District 5 - Voting	Rick Hyman	First Appointed: 1989
SL Valley, Summit, Scotts Valley, part of Santa Cruz	bikerick@att.net	Term Expires: 3/19
Alternate	Vacant	Term Expires: 3/19
City of Capitola - Voting	Andy Ward	First Appointed: 2005
	Andrew.ward@plantronics.com 462-6653	Term Expires: 3/17
Alternate	Daniel Kostelec	First Appointed: 4/02
	dnlkostelec@yahoo.com 325-9623	Term Expires: 3/17
City of Santa Cruz -	Melissa Ott	First Appointed: 3/15
Voting	Melissaott4@gmail.com	Term Expires: 3/18
Alternate	Wilson Fieberling	First Appointed: 2/97
	anbfieb@yahoo.com	Term Expires: 3/18
City of Scotts Valley -	Lex Rau	First Appointed: 2007
Voting	lexrau@sbcglobal.net 419-1817	Term Expires: 3/17
Alternate	Gary Milburn 427-3839 hm	First Appointed: 1997
	g.milburn@sbcglobal.net/438-2888 ext 210 wk	Term Expires: 3/17
City of Watsonville - Voting	Vacant	Term Expires: 3/19
Alternate	Vacant	Term Expires: 3/19
Bike To Work -	Emily Granville	First Appointed: 4/14
Voting	eglanville@ecoact.org 415-637-2744	Term Expires: 3/19
Alternate	Piet Canin	First Appointed: 4/02
	pcanin@ecoact.org 426-5925 ext. 127	Term Expires: 3/19
Community Traffic	Leo Jed, Vice-Chair	First Appointed: 3/09
Safety Coalition - Voting	leojed@gmail.com 425-2650	Term Expires: 3/18
Alternate	Jim Langley	First Appointed: 4/02
	jim@jimlangley.net 423-7248	Term Expires: 3/18

All phone numbers have the (831) area code unless otherwise noted.



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March 29, 2016

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission 1523 Pacific Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Commission:

I recommend the appointment of Grace Voss to the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee, as the voting member, and Kem Alcol as the alternate, both representing the First District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN LEOPOLD, Supervisor

First District

JL:fh

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) Bicycle Committee

Meetings are currently held the second Monday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission conference room, located at 1523 Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz. At least one meeting each year will be scheduled for an alternate location. Please refer to the Committee description, bylaws and recruitment process for more information.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please complete this application, and return it to the Regional Transportation Commission office.

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March 29, 2016

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission 1523 Pacific Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Commission:

I recommend the reappointment of Peter Scott to the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee, as the voting member, and William Menchine as the alternate, both representing the Third District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RYAN COONERTY, Supervisor

Third District

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March 28, 2016

George Dondero, Executive Director Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission 1523 Pacific Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: NOMINATION OF RICK HYMAN - RTC BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Dondero:

I am pleased to nominate Rick Hyman to be reappointed as a voting member of the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Mr. Hyman is a daily cyclist and is very knowledgeable regarding the needs of the cycling community. He has served on this committee for a number of years and brings extensive institutional experience to the committee's work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

BRUCE MCPHERSON, Supervisor

Fifth District

BAM:fh

Attachment 3-e

From: Piet Canin
To: Cory Caletti
Cc: Emily Gomez

Subject: RTC bike committee reappointment

Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 4:31:49 PM

Hi Cory,

I am writing to request Emily Gomez be reappointed to the Bike To Work seat on the RTC Bicycle Advisory Committee and myself as the alternate seat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Piet Canin | Vice President Transportation

EcologyAction | EcoAct.org

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

April 2016 Through June 2016

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee

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4/7/16	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
4/11/16	Monday	Bicycle Advisory Committee	6:00 pm	Commission Offices
4/12/16	Tuesday	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Watsonville Community Room
4/14/16	Thursday	Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee	3:00 pm	CAO Conference Room
4/21/16	Thursday	Transportation Policy Workshop	9:00 am	Commission Offices
4/21/16	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
5/5/16	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	City of Capitola Council Chambers
5/10/16	Tuesday	<u>Special Meeting</u> : Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 am	Commission Offices
5/19/16	Thursday	Transportation Policy Workshop	9:00 am	Commission Offices
5/26/16*	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee *Note meeting to be held one week later	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
6/2/16	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	City of Watsonville Council Chambers
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City of Capitola Council Chambers - 420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, CA

City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers - 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA

City of Scotts Valley Council Chamber – 1 Civic Center Dr, Scotts Valley, CA

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02/25/16	Email	I	CJ 02/26/16			SCCRTC	Theresa A	Mantz		Trail Now
02/29/16	Letter	0		Dody	Anderson	Watsonville Public Library	Rachel	Moriconi	SCCRTC	Rail Transit Feasibility Study - Final Report
02/29/16	Letter	О		Jennifer	Cockerill	Santa Cruz Public Library	Rachel	Moriconi	SCCRTC	Rail Transit Feasibility Study - Final Report
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03/16/16	Letter	0		Kathy	Previsich	County of Santa Cruz	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Reimbursement for Unified Corridor Project
03/20/16	Letter	I		George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Susan	Wright		Facts About the Proposed Santa Cruz County Passenger Train
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March 1, 2016

Alex Clifford Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District 110 Vernon St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: May 10, 2016 Special Meeting of the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee - Santa Cruz Metro Service Reductions

Dear Mr. Clifford:

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro), and other service providers on transportation needs for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At its meeting on February 9, 2016, the E&D TAC discussed the 2016 Meeting Calendar and meeting topics. The E&D TAC took action to schedule a special May 10, 2016 meeting and request that the Santa Cruz Metro come to present proposed transit service changes on May 10, 2016 at a public meeting of the E&D TAC. The Santa Cruz Metro website states that the initial proposal for reducing bus network/system will be presented to the Metro Board of Directors at their March 25th meeting, with further consideration at their April and May meetings with a final decision to be made at their June 24th meeting. According to the Comprehensive Operational Analysis schedule, the time frame from April through early May is to include numerous outreach opportunities for the public and advisory committees. A May 10, 2016 special meeting of the E&D TAC will allow for timely consideration of input regarding potential transit service changes from E&D TAC members and members of the public attending the E&D TAC meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to invite Santa Cruz Metro to the May 10, 2016 special meeting of the E&D TAC to provide information about the proposed Santa Cruz Metro service reductions.

Sincerely.

Veronica Elsea, Chair

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2016

TO: Senator William Monning

Assemblymember Luis Alejo Assemblymember Mark Stone

FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)

RE: Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), we are seeking your assistance in addressing some of our concerns regarding the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Housing Program (AHSC), which is funded from Cap and Trade auctions. Agencies in Santa Cruz County are currently unlikely to receive funds from this and most other cap-and-trade transportation programs, but these funds are needed to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation in Santa Cruz County.

State law (SB 842) apportions 20% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund annual proceeds to the AHSC Program (approximate \$400 million in FY15/16). This continuous appropriation is expected to grow each year. Unfortunately, agencies in Santa Cruz County, and the Central Coast region as a whole, will not secure any of this funding unless important changes are made to the program. The following is a summary of our concerns with the program:

- 1. The guidelines, application, and scoring process are overly complex. Greater simplicity and flexibility is needed in order to ensure important projects that meet the policy goals to reduce greenhouse gases while increasing affordable housing are implemented. Especially in smaller jurisdictions, the quantity of data and documentation required for applications places local agencies at a competitive disadvantage due to funding, staffing, and modeling constraints.
- 2. The definition of "disadvantaged" is too limiting and will result in inequitable distribution of funds. Currently, only a small section of Santa Cruz County south of Main Street in Watsonville is identified as a "disadvantaged community". However, as you are well aware, affordable housing and improved bus service is needed throughout Santa Cruz County.
- 3. Consistent with SB862 and SB375, there should be a strong role for regional agencies in the project selection process, especially given that all regions need funding to create more sustainable communities.
- 4. The match requirements are too high and prevent important projects from moving forward in areas that do not have abundant local or private funds.

We Need Your Help to Address Concerns Regarding the AHSC Program

Support geographic equity. The SGC's guidelines for this program, the CalEPA definition of "disadvantaged communities", and the cumbersome application and scoring process have resulted in most

of the funds directed to large urbanized areas. The criteria make competing for these funds almost impossible for communities in Santa Cruz County that desperately need more affordable housing and better transportation access between homes and jobs. Since all regions contribute to the cap-and-trade auctions, all regions deserve to benefit from the AHSC program - not just the larger urban areas.

We urge you to reach out to the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and support legislation that would ensure that Cap and Trade revenues will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation in Santa Cruz County. For instance, a significant portion of the AHSC funds could be distributed via formula to ensure all regions receive a portion of the funds. An estimated \$0.10 of each gallon of gas purchased contributes to the cap-and-trade program. In 2012, retail gas sales from the Monterey Bay region totaled 272 million gallons which totals roughly \$27.2 million. Given that the AHSC Program receives 20% of the annual apportionment, this equates to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)-region contributing \$5.4 million annually to the AHSC Program, yet prospects for the region receiving funding in the statewide competitive process are slim. In the first year of the AHSC Program, agencies in the Monterey Bay Area submitted four applications requesting \$19.7 million in AHSC funding but received \$0. This is expected to continue this year and in future years due to stringent guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and suggestions. If you have any further questions, please contact Maura Twomey at the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments (AMBAG) at (831) 264-5100.

Enclosure: AHSC Fact Sheet

cc: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director, AMBAG

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----Original Message----

From: Kym DeWitt

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 7:06 AM

To: info@sccrtc.org

Subject: Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program

Dear Kim:

We are looking at purchasing a parcel that will be affected by the next likely Tier II project, which has been identified as an auxiliary lane project between Park Ave – Bay/Porter.

We are curious what the right of way plan is and how that will affect our development of the property or if funding might be available to purchase the right of way now in coordination with our purchase.

We are also interested in what the plan is for the relocation of the businesses on that block, specifically Carpo's, Beer Thirty, Sunnyside Produce and the Fish Lady. How does the right of way work for them? Do you buy them out of their leases or only compensate the property owner.

This is of particular interest to me as I am in the process of buying in to Beer Thirty and want to know how this plan will impact that business.

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you,

Kym DeWitt

Hello Kym,

It was good speaking with you this afternoon regarding the Park Ave-to-Bay/Porter Auxiliary Lane Project and longer term Highway 1 Corridor project.

Below is my contact information. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions regarding the Highway 1 project.

Regards, Kim

Kim Shultz, Highway 1 Project Manager/Senior Planner Regional Transportation Commission 831.460.3208

From: David Eselius

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 11:43 AM

To: DOT D05Info D5

Subject: Highway 1 Information

Subject: **Highway 1 Information**

Many years ago the Santa Cruz County and cities lost the perspective of how important transportation is to its residents and prosperity. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) leadership cabal has directed the purpose of transportation to enabling political benefits that come with access to large sums of funding.

There is a problem that the corrupt political leadership cabal also controls output of local media. When advancing critical issues of transportation, the needs of the residents of Santa Cruz County and cities become bicycle paths and trains and unproductive alternative transportation. The media needs Santa Cruz County and cities transportation facts.

One approach to correcting the situation is for the independent Caltrans to publish a "Santa Cruz County and Cities Transportation Q&A Fact Sheet."

To provide visibility for the information Fact Sheet it should be easily accessible to the public on Caltrans website.

The information Fact Sheet explains the need for Highway 1 south widening to six (6) lanes. In addition, it is necessary to explain the two (2) Aptos RR Bridges.

The information Fact Sheet should also be informative as to Highway 1 transportation needs of: Highway 1 and Highway 17 intersection, Highway 1 and Highway 9 intersection, and north. An explanation of impact of poor traffic flow upon greenhouse gases would be of interests.

From: Cruz, Susana@DOT [mailto:susana.z.cruz@dot.ca.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 2:39 PM

To: David Eselius

Cc: Karena Pushnik; George Dondero; Mcclendon, Kelly D@DOT

Subject: RE: Highway 1 Information

Importance: High

Mr. Eselius,

Thank you for your comments, they will be made available to the project team. As you may know, the environmental document for the Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program included a review period from November 4, 2015 to January 25, 2016. Caltrans and its partners are evaluating comments received from this review. Please refer to the project website at http://sccrtc.org/projects/streets-highways/hwy1corridor/ for updates.

Susana Z. Cruz
Caltrans District 5
Public Information Officer/
Portavoz de Relaciones Públicas
para Caltrans en el Distrito 5
805. 549.3138
805.549.3326--fax

----Original Message----

From: Cindy Melter

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 7:20 PM

To: gdondero@sccrtc.org

Cc: <u>info@sccrtc.org</u>; Cindy Melter Subject: Excursion Rail in Santa Cruz

Hello George,

I was recently made aware that the SCCRTC is considering running excursion rail through neighborhoods on the West Side of Santa Cruz.

While I understand that some tourists may be interested in rail excursions, I feel strongly that the inconvenience and traffic impact that such a service would cause is an unnecessary burden for the

residents of Santa Cruz. From reading the SCCRTC web site, my understanding is that the charter of the commission is to improve mobility and quality of life within the county, and running excursions through our crowded intersections and neighborhoods for a small number

of tourists seems contrary to that mission. If there is a large, demonstrated demand for such a tourist attraction, I would ask that you please consider starting the service on the edge of the city limits, to minimize the impact on neighborhood residents.

Thank you for your time, Cindy Melter

Dear Ms. Melter,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at <u>www.sccrtc.org</u> for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,															

Cathy Judd, Administrative Assistant, Art Exhibit Coordinator

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

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From: David Eselius

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 12:40 PM

To: SCCRTC members

Subject: SCCRTC Transportation is Few

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The most important goal ignored by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) is providing six (6) Highway 1 travel lanes from the Fish Hook (Highway 1/17 interchange) past Aptos' two (2) "rail with bicycle trail" railway bridges that cross Highway 1. The SCCRTC own the Aptos RR Bridges and therefore are obligated for their rebuilding. Estimated rebuilding cost for Aptos bridges exceeds \$100 million. There is also the SCCRTC obligation cost exceeding \$100 million of the Federal required replacement of Capitola's RR Bridge. Liability responsibility for the "rail with bicycle trail" railway is a SCCRTC liability. The SCCRTC is in very deep funding trouble, obligations, and liability issues with their "rail with bicycle trail" railway right of way.

Known by the SCCRTC members for more than 10-years are the issues of the "rail with bicycle trail" railway.

Rather than fighting reality, the most effective goal for improving people's transportation is for the SCCRTC forget about promoting the "rail with bicycle trail" and cooperatively plan transportation with Caltrans.

The most mindful improvement to global warming greenhouse gases petroleum and natural-methane gas hydrocarbons is widening Highway 1 to six (6) travel lanes from Fish Hook to past the two (2) Aptos RR Bridges. Six (6) travel lanes reduce "peak hour" traffic at all points on the state highway system. Increasing speed of "peak hour" traffic improves miles per gallon for all vehicles, which reduces hydrocarbon greenhouse gas.

Transportation hydrocarbons (petroleum and natural-methane gas) comprise 14% of 2010 global greenhouse gas (carbon and methane) emissions. Almost all (95%) of the world's transportation energy comes from petroleum-based fuels, largely gasoline and diesel. Improvement in greenhouse gas reductions "goals" are beyond the capability of all Regional Transportation Commissions.

Greenhouse gas reductions are national and international political issues involving energy corruption and saving human races. The major resource to reduce global greenhouse gases (and reduce global warming) is increasing nuclear energy reactor use, which replaces carbon fossil fuel (lignite-coal, oil, and natural-methane gas) greenhouse gas emissions.

Global carbon and methane emissions from fossil fuels have significantly increased since 1900. Since 1970, carbon dioxide emissions have increased by about 90%, with emissions from fossil fuel combustion and industrial processes contributing about 78% of the total greenhouse gas (carbon and methane) emission increase from 1970 to 2011. Agriculture, deforestation, Arctic Ocean methane hydrates, and other land use changes have been the second-largest contributors. According to 2011 global carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel combustion and some industrial processes, the United States contributed 16% of the emissions.

Nothing is more important to the public benefits than having SCCRTC members quit lying about their funding intentions. Since year 2000, the SCCRTC members have badly managed transportation needs, funding, and obligations.

Dear Mr. Eselius,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,



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PO Box 7927, Santa Cruz, 95061

March 21, 2016

Dear Board Members,

We believe that the current budgetary crisis at Metro calls for our leaders to step up to the challenge of prioritizing public transit in our County. Thus far, the Metro Board's response to budgetary constraints is to create a service reduction plan. What we need is a Transit First Policy such as was adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1973. If our community can decide to make public transit a priority, the long-term economic, social, and environmental benefits to our community will be profound.

The following are two steps that you can take immediately in your role as elected leaders to prioritize transit and reduce the need for Metro service cuts.

1. Increase Metro's portion of the transportation sales tax for November, 2016. The 15% of the revenue allocated to Metro is inadequate. It would reduce Metro's \$6.5 million annual deficit by \$2.2 million. To gut Metro service at the same time as allocating funds for an ineffectual widening of Highway 1 worsens social inequity in our County. This runs counter to our deeply held community value for social justice.

The EIR on the Highway 1 projects estimates that the congestion relief for the proposed TSM Alternative will be "very slight". The TSM Alternative is a much larger project than the widening project envisioned in the proposed sales tax measure. So there is no credible evidence that the smaller highway project that could be funded by the sales tax measure will have any measurable impact on traffic congestion.

2. Implement a plan for comprehensive Transportation Demand Management that includes free or discounted employee bus passes. For example, UCSC provides bus passes for employees for \$10 per month. We urge you to campaign for a similar program at all large employers in the County as well as all businesses in Downtown Santa Cruz where bus passes could be funded by the Downtown Parking District.

For CFST,

Rick Longinotti, Outreach Coordinator

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From: Barbara Lawrence

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 10:26 PM

To: transportation committee **Subject:** Widening Highway 1

I would like to protest any widening of Highway 1 in Santa Cruz County. This is a bad idea. Congestion is already bad, inviting more cars will make it worse. Please use any monies available for mass transit both short term for the Metro and long term for light rail. Let's look ahead and find good solutions.

Please forward my comments to the RTC.

Thank you,

Barbara Lawrence

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

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Thank you,



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From: David Sciplin

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 1:39 AM

To: info@sccrtc.orq

Cc: mrroadshow@mercurynews.com **Subject:** Safe On 17 - "Simple" Traffic Fix

I was reading the recent article titled Highway 17 Crashes Hit a 10-year High and after numerous conversations with people that live in Santa Cruz, the fix is a simple solution; reduce the traffic over the hill. The term simple does not imply cheap or getting the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to see logic. Santa Cruz is not the isolated community it once was. I'm sure the very slow moving traffic on Summer weekends that backs up from Ocean and Soquel to Hamilton Ave in San Jose is worth a serious discussion. A discussion to add a commuter train route from San Jose to Santa Cruz. The tracks exist though very old are in place.

Conversations with long time Santa Cruz resident seem to suggest certain board members want to keep the San Jose people out. Allowing them easy access will raise property values and destroy the charm of Santa Cruz. Property values are already high and the local culture hasn't changed much over the years.

Technology and building techniques have greatly improved since the tracks were last used in the 1940's and 1950's. I've driven to Santa Cruz several times a week for the past 8 years. As the heat rises the traffic gets longer. Regular commute traffic now adds 20 to 45 minutes to non-commute drives. All the reasons outlined in the article are valid. Speeds and distracted driving are big problems. The bigger problem is the only way South from San Jose is by motorized transportation. The buses on weekends don't run frequent enough to make a difference. However, one accident makes the bus irrelevant and no better than a car. I personally feel it's getting to a point where not having the discussion and developing a plan is irresponsible on many different levels.

And yes, it will cost several Billion dollars to complete. And as time passes, the price only gets higher.

Thanks for your time.

David Sciplin

Hello David Schiplin -

Your email titled <u>Safe of 17 – "Simple" Traffic Fix</u> was received and will be made available to the Regional Transportation Commission board for their consideration.

As you may know, a large storm in 1940 closed the over-the-hill train route of the Suntan Special trail service. That same year, the line was abandoned and the Suntan Special service resumed traveling around-the-hill through Pajaro and Watsonville. Currently the train tracks over the hill are no longer continuous and many sections have reverted to private property. The RTC analyzed this route a decade or so ago and found it unfeasible, primarily due to costs.

However, two new train services include a stop at the station at Pajaro station just over the county line. One is an extension of the Capital Corridor service between Sacramento and San Jose to Salinas. This service could be used by business or leisure travel. In addition, a new Amtrak service called the Coast Daylight is planned between Los Angeles and San Francisco with a stop at Pajaro.

The challenge is to address existing travel and plan for future mobility needs with dwindling revenues. Based on a lengthy development and community engagement process, the Regional Transportation Commission has approved a Transportation Improvement Plan (TRIP) and this summer will consider placing it on the November 2016 ballot. Included are transportation projects ranging from maintaining the existing transportation infrastructure network to safety projects to planning for mobility in the next decade. For more information, please visit the TRIP webpage: sccrtc.org/move.

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From: Beverly Menehan

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 3:42 PM

To: john.leopold@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; info@sccrtc.org

Subject: Trail Now - Beverly Menehan

Mass transportation can be a wonderful thing, but only if it is designed and implemented correctly. I support TRAIL NOW, an organization that is promoting using our existing rail corridor for a trail, without a train. The corridor is simply not suited for efficient rail transportation. It's not correctly positioned geographically. The corridor could be used to build a pedestrian and bike trail that we can be proud of trail that our kids can enjoy, a trail designed and used by the disabled and our Senior citizens. A trail that connects our neighborhoods, not separates them. A world-class trail from Watsonville to Santa Cruz. I respectfully ask you to halt the passenger train idea. I respectfully ask you to build a trail. Now.

Sincerely, Beverly Menehan

From: info@sccrtc.org
To: Beverly Menehan

Subject: RE: Trail Now - Beverly Menehan Date: Tue, 29 Mar 2016 08:36:25 -0700

Dear Ms. Menehan,

Thank you for your comments. Please note that 8 miles, one quarter of the rail line length, of rail trail projects are being designed now and will be constructed within the next 2 years. Keeping options open for future consideration of potential rail service does not preclude the trail project from moving forward, as is happening now. Keeping reliable transit and travel options open for the future is sound policy and paramount to providing mobility for all, regardless of ability or travel distance.

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From: Beverly Menahan

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 9:15 AM

To: info@sccrtc.org

Subject: RE: Trail Now - Beverly Menehan

Dear Ms. Judd:

Thank you for the information below. Will the residents of Santa Cruz County be voting on having a train running from Watsonville to Davenport?

Sincerely, Beverly Menehan

Hello Ms. Menehan -

The Regional Transportation Commission is putting forth a Transportation Investment Plan, based on the infrastructure needs identified in the long-range 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. Projects included would provide traffic relief; support and expand active transportation options; protect transportation for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities; preserve critical existing infrastructure; plan for transportation needs of future generations; reduce reliance on Sacramento and Washington for transportation funds; and create jobs. The plan does include \$68 million for additional sections of the Coastal Rail Trail and does not include funding for any new rail service. This summer, the Regional Transportation Commission will make a decision about placing the Transportation Investment Plan on the November 2016 ballot.

For more information, please see the Transportation Improvement Plan (TRIP) webpage: sccrtc.org/move

Thank you.



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From: Elissa Wagner

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 3:53 PM

To: info@sccrtc.org

Subject: Shift funds to Metro

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission:

Please shift the sales tax plans for adding Hwy 1 auxiliary lanes over to the Metro. This \$100 million will go a long way to helping the bus system truly be a service to the public.

Thank you.

Elissa Wagner Aptos, CA 95003

Dear Ms. Wagner,

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Attached is one of 20 emails received from *Trail Now* with identical messages and responses as the wording in the email included here from Theresa A. Mantz.

The 20 emails were received from February 25, 2016 through March 30, 2016.

Trail Now emails received from:

Theresa A. Mantz
Kristen Rice
Katherine Bell
Bob Landry
Jay Hicks
John Leonard
Jackie Whiting
Lisa Rispaud
Rachel Adney
Kristen Tosello
Nathan York
Douglas Jones
Joseph Morici
Daniel Firth
Gina Colfer
Tom Haid
Beverly Menehan
Teresa Barsanti
Sergey Frolov
Kathy Sinnott

From: Theresa A Mantz

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 4:00 PM

To: john.leopold@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; info@sccrtc.org

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Preparing for El Niño

Maintaining rapid and appropriate response to storm damages and keeping the traveling public informed are top priorities for the Caltrans Maintenance Division. This year's efforts are a bit more extensive than during an average rainy season, according to Senior Maintenance Engineer Lance Gorman, P.E.

Highway 1 at Big Sur frequently sustains winter storm damage, especially between San Carpoforo Creek, just south of Ragged Point in San Luis Obispo County, and the Carmel River Bridge in Monterey County. This location has a high concentration of endangered and protected resources requiring multi-agency emergency preparation. Every year, Maintenance crews diligently prepare for winter storms by doing the following:

Keeping the public informed.

- Monitoring, clearing and repairing all highway culverts and drainage structures.
- Coordinating with emergency responders to expediently open closed roadways.
- Working collaboratively with local resource agencies on specific area needs.
- Providing a uniform approach regarding maintenance forces overseeing a major damage site.



Mile Marker Winter Edition Released

The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report is now available online. This edition features closing the carpool lane gap on Interstate 215 in Southern California, the demolition of the largest pier on the old Bay Bridge and the new 2015 Strategic Highway

Safety Plan addressing reduced fatalities and severe injuries on all public roads. For more information:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/MileMarker/2015-4/index.html .

Rosales leads Program Project Management



Deputy District Director Richard Rosales

Richard Rosales is the new Deputy District Director of Program Project Management. He has served Caltrans for more than 29 years, including 15 years as a project manager in four of the District's five counties. He's experienced in encroachment permits, construction, design and hydraulics, and holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from CSU-Cal Poly, Pomona. He enjoys spending time with his family, basketball, hunting, and golfing.



Highway 17 Access Management Plan

Addressing mobility, access and safety in coordination and partnership are the main goals for the multi-agency *Highway 17 Access Management Plan*. The study presents unique challenges as it considers access in a rural area carrying heavy traffic with mountainous terrain. So far, Caltrans has hosted three workshops in the communities of Happy



Valley, Loma Prieta and Scotts Valley, garnering public comment from those traversing the highway daily.

The second round of workshops, scheduled in the spring, will present potential concepts for addressing the public's identified needs and issues from the earlier sessions.

The plan focuses on preserving both the function and operation of the highway corridor and local road network, reducing conflict points, and coordinating land use



and transportation planning. Ultimately, the plan will allow Caltrans and its partners to proactively manage the highway's existing and future access from the Granite Creek Road interchange to the Santa Cruz-Santa Clara county line.

Caltrans' partners on this planning effort include Santa Cruz County Supervisor John Leopold, District 1; Santa Cruz County Supervisor Bruce McPherson, District 5; Santa Cruz County; Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission; California Highway Patrol; and the City of Scotts Valley. Caltrans invites public input on this plan, which is available online at:

http://www.ca-hwy17amp.org//.



Concrete pavement for Highway 46

The Highway 46 East (Whitley 2B) project will widen the highway to four lanes for more than four miles near Shandon in San Luis Obispo County. This is District 5's first project to feature Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement, which provides the following major benefits:

- Sustainable and minimal maintenance.
- Reduced worker safety risks, future maintenance costs and traffic closures.

- Tighter transverse cracks and fewer joints, resulting in smoother pavement and reduced water penetration and potential base damage.
- Lower life cycle costs despite higher initial costs.
- Ability to handle heavier truck loading and volumes.

Concrete pavement is now being installed across the nation and around the world, according to the Federal Highway Administration. It has the potential to provide a sustainable, long-term, zero maintenance, service life under heavy traffic loadings and challenging environmental conditions. Currently, the \$47 million project is being advertised for construction. It is scheduled for completion in summer 2018. More information on concrete pavement is available at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/Pavement/Offices/Pavement_Engineering/PD_F/CRCP-Design_Const-Guide-Jun-5-07.pdf





PROJECT UPDATE - SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE APRIL 7, 2016 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS										
	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implement- ing Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	Hwy. 1/17 Shoulder Widening (1A870)	On Route 1 from the NB merge with Route 17 to the NB off-ramp to Ocean Street (PM 16.9-17.2)	Extend the SR 1 NB #1 lane to extend the merge with the SR 17 SB #2 lane	January 4, 2016-Summer 2017	\$1.1 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Luis Duazo (KB)	Granite Construction, Watsonville, CA	Phase 1 complete, Phase 2 in progress with 2 lanes on NB Hwy 1 (Fishhook) and 1 lane on SB Hwy 17.
2.	Hwy. 1 North County Pavement Preservation and Rumble Strips (1C8604)	Near City of Santa Cruz from Western Drive to San Mateo C/L (PM 20.2-37.4)	Pavement preservation and install rumble strips	May 13, 2015 - March 31, 2016	\$10.7 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (PD)	Granite Construction, Watsonville, CA	Construction expected to be completed and accepted by March 31.
3.	Hwy. 9 Pollution Source Control (0Q5904)	At and near Boulder Creek at various locations from 0.9 mile south of Glengarry Rd to 0.2 mile north of Mcgaffigan Mill Rd (PM 3.7- 18.7)	Construct retaining wall & viaduct structure. Replace drainage pipes. Rehab maintenance turnaround.	Winter 2014- September 5, 2015 (One year plant establishment starting Nov. 2015)	\$1.8 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (KB)	Granite Rock Company, San Jose, CA	Construction completed on Sept. 5, 2015. Plant establishment beginning in November for one year.
4.	Monterey-Santa Cruz ADA (0R5104)	On SR 1 and SR 9 at various locations (other locations in Monterey County)	Construct curb ramps, sidewalks, and modify signal and lightings	Fall 2015 – Fall 2016	\$1.2 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Kathy DiGrazia (BR)	Pacific Infrastructure, Vacaville, CA	SCR County locations: SR 1 at Freedom Blvd SR 1 at Graham Hill Rd SR 9 at SLV High School
5.	Hwy. 17 Shoulder Widening and Concrete Guardrail (0T9804)	In Santa Cruz County near Scotts Valley from 0.4 mile South of Sugarloaf to 0.1 mile South of Laurel Road (PM 8.3-9.4)	Shoulder widening and concrete guardrail	Winter 2015- Summer 2017	\$6.2 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (DP)	Granite Construction Inc. of Watsonville	Construction scheduled to begin mid-May. Work will consist of shoulder widening and drainage improvements.

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PROJECT UPDATE - SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE APRIL 7, 2016 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (CONT.)										
	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implement- ing Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
6.	Hwy. 129 Curve Realignment (0T540)	East of Watsonville between 0.4 mile west of Old Chittenden Rd and 0.1 mile east of Chittenden underpass (PM 9.5-10.0)	Curve realignment	Spring, 2016	\$5 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (KB)	Graniterock Company, Watsonville, CA	Most of the roadwork will be done with one-way signal traffic control with about 7- 10 days of full closures at the end of the project. Construction to begin April 4.
7.	Hwy. 152 Accessible Pedestrian Signals (1G280)	14 intersections in Santa Cruz County	Install accessible pedestrian signals	Winter, 2016	\$1.3 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Kathy DiGrazia (LB)	PTM Engineering, Riverside, CA	Equipment order pending. Locations: SR 1 in Santa Cruz (3) SR 17 in Scotts Valley (2) SR 129 in Watsonville (3) SR 152 in Watsonville (6)

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT										
	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Estimated Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implement- ing Agency	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
8.	Hwy. 129/Carlton Rd Intersection Improvements (1F350)	Near Watsonville from 0.1 mile west to 0.2 mile east of Carlton Rd (PM 3.2-3.5)	Construct accel/decel and 2-way left turn lanes	2018	\$2 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing	Project Approval & Env. Document (PA&ED)	On schedule for completion of Environmental Document in July, 2016.
9.	Hwy. 152 ADA (1E020)	Near Watsonville from Wagner Avenue to south of Holohan Road (PM 1.3-R2.0)	ADA compliance (install sidewalks)	2018	\$1.9 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Kathy DiGrazia	PS&E/ROW	Environmental Document finalized in February, 2016.

Agenda: April 7, 2016

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

From: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

Re: City of Watsonville Rail Trail Project Update

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) receive a presentation from the City of Watsonville on preliminary designs for the 1.2 mile rail trail project being developed and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND

At its November 2013 meeting, the RTC adopted a Master Plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network and certified the final Environmental Impact Report. The Master Plan defines the "coastal rail trail," a proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail adjacent to the tracks on the 32-mile Santa Cruz branch rail line right-of-way, as the spine of a broader network of trails that will provide connections to activity centers, coastal access points, and other key destinations. The Master Plan has since received four awards for planning excellence and has been adopted by all the local jurisdictions through which the project traverses.

Since that time, three significant additional projects have been funded:

- 1) City of Santa Cruz from Natural Bridges Drive to Pacific Ave The \$5.3M project will develop a 2.1-mile bicycle and pedestrian rail trail. Funding was committed by the RTC (\$4,060,000), the City of Santa Cruz (\$1,080,000), the California Coastal Conservancy through the RTC (\$50,000), and collectively Ecology Action, Friends of the Rail and Trail, and Bike Santa Cruz County committed \$100,000.
- The City of Watsonville's 1.2 mile rail trail from Walker Street to Lee Road is funded by the RTC (\$1,040,000), the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (\$335,000), the state Active Transportation Program (\$600,000), the City of Watsonville (\$64,000) and Friends of the Rail and Trail (\$11,000).
- A 5-mile north coast project received \$6,300,000 in Federal Access Lands Program (FLAP) funds and will be implemented by Federal Highway Administration's Central Federal Lands division. Additional funding was provided by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (\$3,300,000) and the California Coastal Conservancy (\$950,000).

In total, 8 miles of rail trail projects have been funded and are being developed with construction scheduled for 2017 and 2018.

In February, 2016, the RTC received a presentation of preliminary designs for the City of Santa Cruz rail trail project. The RTC also received a status report on other projects and authorized entering into contracts or agreements and amendments as necessary to implement current and future rail trail projects.

DISCUSSION

The City of Watsonville has been working closely with the RTC to design a 1.2-mile bicycle and pedestrian rail trail project from Lee Road to Walker Street as defined in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan. The project is identified in the Master Plan as Segment 18 of the 20-segment project. Funding was secured such that there are two parts to the project.

On December 5, 2013, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) awarded Watsonville \$1,040,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program funds to develop a 0.8-mile length of Segment 18 that extends from the City limits at Lee Road to the Watsonville Slough trail head and is referred to as the Rail Trail Lee Road project. The overall project cost is \$1,300,000. The City also secured a \$260,000 donation from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.

On October 21, 2015, the State awarded Watsonville an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant to develop the remaining 0.4 miles of Segment 18 from the Watsonville Slough trail head to Walker Street and is known as the Rail Trail Walker Street project. The grant included \$600,000 for construction. The overall project cost for the trail was \$750,000 of which \$150,000 will be utilized for safety training for pedestrians and bicyclists in the surrounding area to be performed by the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. (The \$150,000 is not included in the RTC reporting of the project total since it accounts for ancillary education programs and not the trail itself.) The City also secured a \$75,000 donation from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County; \$11,000 in donations collected by Ecology Action; and will contribute \$64,000 toward the project.

The City hopes to construct the entirety of the project at one time. To facilitate that objective, the City combined the two parts for preparation of the environmental document and the preliminary plans.

The trail is being designed as a 12-foot wide, paved pedestrian and bike trail with the minimum 8'6" setback the length of the project. The City developed preliminary plans and held an open house for public review and comment on Monday, 03/28/16. The preliminary design shall be presented to the Commission by City of Watsonville Principal Engineer Murray Fontes.

Staff recommends that the RTC receive a presentation on the City of Watsonville rail trail project.

SUMMARY

The City of Watsonville is implementing a 1.2-mile bicycle pedestrian rail trail project, from Lee Road to Walker Street, as defined in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan. Preliminary designs for the 12-foot paved path are available and staff recommends that the RTC receives a presentation of the City of Watsonville project.

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AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner

RE: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's-

Committee Report - 2012-2015

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Commission accept the Committee Report- 2012-2015 (Attachment 1) for the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) has a host of responsibilities, which consist of monitoring specialized transportation needs in Santa Cruz County, providing input and advocacy for specialized transportation projects, funding oversight, developing the list of unmet needs, and internal committee functions such as maintaining membership, encouraging broad participation, and chair/vice chair elections. A Committee Report outlines the E&D TAC's accomplishments and activities.

DISCUSSION

The E&D TAC effectively participated in activities related to transportation services and planning, public information, and funding oversight during the four- year period. Some accomplishments from the Committee Report- 2012-2015 include:

- Identified the most serious unmet paratransit and transit needs in Santa Cruz County;
- Supported pedestrian improvements in Watsonville, Aptos, Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz and San Lorenzo Valley and development of a multi-use trail network;
- Conducted extensive outreach to inform the public about what makes a good sidewalk and maintenance responsibilities;
- Created and distributed 'What Pedestrian and Motorists Want Each other to Know' brochure;
- Analyzed Transportation Development Act claims for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Community Bridges/Lift Line and the Volunteer Center:
- Conducted extensive outreach to ensure broad representation and to recruit Committee members; and,
- Examined the benefits of transportation projects for seniors and people with disabilities.

The E&D TAC and staff recommend that RTC receive the 2012-2015 Committee Report from its Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY

As a way to provide a snapshot to the RTC of the activities and accomplishments of its advisory committees, Committee Reports are prepared. Attached is the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's report highlighting the committee's actions from 2012-2015.

Attachments:

1: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee – 2012-2015 Report



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

The Santa Cruz County Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

A Review of the Work Accomplished (2012-2015)

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's Regional Role

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee -- also serving as the state-designated Social Services Transportation Advisory Council -- is a group of members of the public, transportation providers, and social service agency representatives who meet every two months to determine planning, funding, and policy for specialized transportation to serve Santa Cruz County's seniors and people with physical, mental and/or economic disabilities.

One of the essential functions of this advisory committee is to provide broad and significant insight to the Regional Transportation Commission, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and Community Bridges about the transportation needs, policies and issues affecting seniors and individuals living with disabilities. Meeting the specialized transportation needs of diverse populations in a mixed rural and urban county can be extremely challenging, and the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee is actively engaged in monitoring existing services, from public and non-profit to private, for-profit services.

Members of this committee have direct and personal experience with quality-of-life concerns related to maintaining full and independent lives through access to mobility assistance. Members are the voice for the approximately 10% of the population that are seniors of which approximately half are disabled and over 7% are below the poverty line. The population of seniors in Santa Cruz County will grow to make up close to 20% of the population by 2035. As this population group continues to grow, planning activities for specialized transportation services throughout the region will become even more important.

Among the specialized transportation service providers in Santa Cruz County, there are: the Americans With Disabilities Act -Mandated Paratransit program; ParaCruz, operated by Metro; the countywide Lift Line transportation by Community Bridges - the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency; various private operators, including taxi companies and for-profit medical transport service; and a collection of informal and volunteer efforts to provide vital and personal transportation services to individuals whose mobility needs would otherwise be unmet.



Geographical information for each project or action is noted as follows: A – All the county, S–Santa Cruz, V–Scotts Valley, C–Capitola, W–Watsonville, I–unincorporated county areas.

Transportation Services & Projects

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee identified the most serious unmet paratransit and transit needs in Santa Cruz County and communicated priorities to the public and decision makers. (A) The Committee identified the need for:

- Fixed-route transit and paratransit service to areas with high concentrations of seniors, disabled and low income individuals, particularly in south county;
- Increase frequency and span of transit service in densely populated areas;
- Paratransit service to areas outside ADA mandated paratransit service area;
- Sidewalks and pedestrian improvements that provide universal access between transit stops and activity centers;
- Easy to understand information about transit and specialized transportation services; and,
- Bus stop improvements.



The Committee supported pedestrian improvements in Watsonville, Aptos, Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, San Lorenzo Valley to repair and install sidewalks, curb cuts, crosswalks, bus stops, and construct dedicated pedestrian and bicycles paths. (S,V,W,I)

The Committee provided input to the development of the Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail to support universal access to open spaces and separated pedestrian and bicycle facilities. (S, I)

The Committee participated in the design of the Santa Cruz Metro Pacific Station to encourage the use of design features that create convenient and comfortable access for seniors and people with disabilities. (S)

The Committee endorsed new paratransit vehicles for use by Santa Cruz Metro to support comfortable and convenient transport for riders. (A)

The Committee reviewed the Metro's ParaCruz Customer Guide & Fixed Route Discount Fare Program to attest to the experience of seniors and people with disabilities using transit services. (A)

Public Information & Outreach

The Pedestrian Safety Work Group, a subcommittee of the E&D TAC, conducted extensive outreach activities to inform the public about what makes good sidewalks, maintenance responsibilities, and pedestrian and motorist safety. Local radio programs aired a public service announcement, developed by the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup, to promote safe travel for all users and highlight the needs of elderly and disabled pedestrians. (A)



The Pedestrian Safety Work Group wrote, released and distributed copies of the 'What Pedestrians and Motorists Want Each Other to Know' brochure in English and Spanish. New partnerships with stakeholders and community groups were developed through this effort. Caltrans Accessibility Advisory Committee recognized the brochure and the report has been a model for similar efforts throughout California. (A)

The Pedestrian Safety Work Group informed the public about how to report a sidewalk hazard using the RTC's Hazard Report Form. Posters identifying the RTC's hazard report form were designed and placed on Santa Cruz Metro buses and paratransit vehicles. (A)

The Committee worked with the Community Traffic Safety Coalition's <u>Bicycle and Pedestrian</u>

<u>Construction Safety Guidelines</u> to protect all users during construction by providing a list of construction hazards and recommended safety and access measures. The Committee emphasized the needs of those with disabilities who must navigate through construction zones. (A)

The Committee conveyed ideas to the Open Streets Event coordinator to increase participation of seniors and people living with disabilities in events that foster individual and community health through the creative use of public spaces. (S, W)

The Committee provided input on the Monterey Bay Public Participation Plan which includes outreach strategies to encourage broad and effective public input for use by transportation agencies in the Monterey Bay Area. (A)



The Committee assisted with the Bus Use of Aging and Disabled Adults and Transit Ridership Survey in order to garner broad participation and effective data collection. The survey findings suggest that older adults may prefer the use of a car, yet a significant portion still utilize the bus to fulfill some travel needs. Carrying packages, weather, locations of transit service, and distances to bus stops were barriers to transit use. (A)

The Committee conducted extensive outreach to recruit new and fill vacant positions. The RTC seeks a broad representation of people from different geographic locations in Santa Cruz County to advise on transportation policy, planning and funding. (A)

Transportation Planning

The Committee engaged in long range transportation planning to ensure the benefits and impacts of transportation projects on seniors and people with disabilities were effectively measured, and priority projects included. (A)

The Committee engaged in short range transit planning to identify transit and paratransit priorities as part of development of **Santa Cruz Metro's Short Range Transit Plan**. (A)

The Pedestrian Safety Work Group developed the "Improving the Safety and Accessibility of Sidewalks in Santa Cruz County" report. The comprehensive report reviewed local jurisdiction and property owner sidewalk responsibilities and practices. The Pedestrian Safety Work Group presented the report to the Watsonville City Council and was recognized by California Walks.

The Committee reviewed the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook to establish complete street project designs that take into consideration the use of transportation facilities by seniors and people living with disabilities, with special attention given to pedestrian crossings. (A)

The Committee participated in the development of the Monterey Bay Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan to identify the availability of services that meet the needs of Santa Cruz County seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties. (A)

The Committee provided input on rail transit service as part of development of the RTC Rail Feasibility Study to communicate the perspective of seniors and people living with disabilities, including the importance of providing transportation connections to and from rail transit stations. (A)

The Committee monitored the RTC's State and Federal Legislative Program to identify areas of critical concern for seniors and people living with disabilities in Santa Cruz County in the areas of transportation funding and project design.

The Committee participated in the statewide discussion regarding Class IV bikeway design as part of the Caltrans committee, insuring a voice for pedestrians with disabilities who may interact with these bikeways. (A)

Funding Oversight



Members approved Transportation Development Act claims for transit and paratransit services including, but not limited to: rides to medical appointments, Meals on Wheels, senior dining centers, taxi voucher programs and other paratransit services provided by the Volunteer Center, Community Bridges and the Santa Cruz Metro. The claims were analyzed in detail including cost per ride, number of rides, the degree to which unmet needs were addressed, and cost efficiencies. (A)

Members approved Transportation Development Act claims

for pedestrian projects located in the cities and county unincorporated area. Project designs were carefully reviewed to ensure convenient and comfortable access for seniors and people living with disabilities. (A)

The Committee carefully reviewed and scored three local Section 5310 grant applications to forward the most competitive local projects to the California Department of Transportation to be considered for funding. Applications for two new minivans and mobile commuters, four paratransit buses, door-to-door same day paratransit services, and accessible transportation services to a Boulder Creek camp and other Monterey Bay Area recreational facilities were reviewed. Funding was awarded to all, but three paratransit buses. (A)

Members provided recommendations about the highest priority projects to receive funding for grants from the Active Transportation Program, the Regional Surface Transportation Program, and potential new local funding sources to make certain the transportation needs of seniors and people living with disabilities were considered. (A)

The Committee communicated how changes to funding for paratransit and transit services would impact seniors and people living with disabilities as part of Santa Cruz Metro's discussion about how to address its structural deficit.

Internal Committee Issues

Members elected John Daugherty (Metro), Michael Molesky (Social Service Provider-County) and Veronica Elsea (Third District) to serve as the Committee Chairpersons during the 2012 to 2015 time frame. Ms. Elsea also served as the Chair of the E&D TAC's Pedestrian Safety Work Group from 2012-2015. Officers are elected annually.

One or two meetings were held annually in mid-county/Aptos and Watsonville at accessible facilities on a bus line.

Karena Pushnik was appreciated for her years as RTC Staff to the E&D TAC. **Grace Blakeslee** was assigned as the new RTC Staff to the E&D TAC.

Members completed a survey to evaluate the Committee structure and effectiveness. The survey findings resulted in improvements to how agenda materials are presented, increased awareness of membership activities, and recommendations to increase engagement with RTC Commissioners and the public.

AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner

RE: User Oriented Transit Planning Project

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

- 1. Adopt a resolution (<u>Attachment 1</u>) authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between RTC and Santa Cruz Metro to support the development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project and reimburse Santa Cruz Metro for up to \$10,000 for its advisory work;
- 2. Release a Request for Proposals for consultant services to advise RTC in the design of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project to ensure consistency with industry standards and to complete an analysis of project effectiveness; and,
- 3. Adopt a resolution (<u>Attachment 1</u>) authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement between RTC and the selected consultant to advise on the User Oriented Transit Planning Project design and to complete an analysis of project effectiveness.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was awarded a Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant of \$150,000 from Caltrans to conduct a User-Oriented Transit Travel Planning Project to test an individualized marketing program in Santa Cruz County that encourages solo-drivers to switch transportation modes, with a special emphasis on attracting new transit riders. The project will employ best practices for applying individualized marketing techniques to travel behavior and follow guidance from Federal Transit Administration's Individualized Marketing Project Demonstration Program.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project is to test the effect of individualized marketing on **changing an individual's transportation choice from solo**-driving to transit, bicycling, walking or carpooling in Santa Cruz County. The User Oriented Transit Planning Project will apply individualized marketing techniques to: identify people who are interested in making changes in their travel behavior, provide interested individuals with customized information about travel choices; and encourage participants to make a change from driving to transit, bicycling, walking or carpooling. The project is designed to identify tools that are successful in increasing the use of

alternative modes of transportation, especially transit, by Santa Cruz County residents. The User Oriented Transit Planning Project will provide the information necessary to understand if individualized marketing is an effective strategy for advancing Santa Cruz County's regional transportation goals, including a reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gases and, a shift from driving to alternative modes.

The User Oriented Transit Planning Project involves:

- selecting neighborhoods for testing individualized marketing techniques;
- developing customized materials to provide information about access to transit, bicycling and walking services in each targeted neighborhood;
- identifying individuals most likely to change behavior through expressed interest;
- conducting personalized outreach to interested individuals;
- collecting before and after data to measure the change in the frequency participants use transportation modes, and, awareness and attitudes about alternatives to solo-driving;
- using performance measures to analyze the project's effectiveness; and,
- documenting the project activities and results.

The project final report will document the **pilot project's** research, methodology, materials, techniques and outcomes. A toolkit for conducting a full-scale individualized transit marketing program in Santa Cruz County will be developed based on the project findings.

RTC staff is proposing to conduct outreach to households within ¼ mile of transit corridors in two neighborhoods in Santa Cruz County. One neighborhood proposed for targeted outreach includes the 2,300 households within ¼ mile of Soquel Avenue between Ocean Street and Water Street. The other neighborhood proposed for targeted outreach includes the 2,600 households within ¼ mile of Freedom Boulevard between South Green Valley Boulevard and Main Street. Both neighborhoods contain a mix of single-family housing and multi-family housing and are located near commercial corridors.

Memorandum of Understanding

The RTC will work in partnership with the Santa Cruz Metro to develop the User Oriented Transit Travel Planning Project. As the transit service provider for Santa Cruz County, the Santa Cruz Metro will advise the RTC on project design, customized outreach materials, and review the project findings. As an incentive to encourage solo-drivers to shift to transit, Santa Cruz Metro will provide RTC with free transit day passes for participants interested in transit. Ten thousand dollars is included in the project budget for Santa Cruz Metro to complete these activities. **RTC staff recommends that the RTC adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement between RTC and Santa Cruz Metro to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project.** The Santa Cruz Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to consider entering into this Memorandum of Understanding with the RTC at their April 22, 2016 meeting.

Request for Proposals

RTC staff recommends that the RTC engage a qualified consultant experienced in individualized marketing programs and techniques to advise RTC on the project

methodology including: market segmentation, outreach strategies, survey design and customer resource management, to ensure consistency with industry practice and standards. The qualified consultant will also be responsible for analyzing the project effectiveness including participation rates, data collected from project surveys, and resource requirements. Up to \$20,000 is included in the project budget for consultant services to complete these activities.

Pending RTC approval, a request for proposals for consultant services to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project will be released on April 8, 2016. Proposals will be due May 3, 2016 and a contract initiated by June 2016. The request for proposals will be noticed on the RTC website, on RFPdb.com, and emailed to consultants in the RTC mailing database and the Caltrans Disadvantaged Business Enterprise database.

RTC staff recommends that the RTC release a request for proposals for consultant services to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project and adopt a resolution (<u>Attachment 1</u>) authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a consultant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with the contractor that presents the proposal that, in the opinion of the RTC staff, is the most advantageous to the RTC based on the evaluation criteria. Proposals will be evaluated on the technical ability to complete tasks, experience with similar projects, qualifications of the proposed team, and cost to complete the work.

Project Schedule

- Project Initiation & Design: February-March 2016
- Project Development: April-June 2016
- Procurement for Professional Services: April-May 2016
- Stakeholder Meeting #1: June 2016
- Project Implementation: August 2016-November 2016
- Project Analysis: December 2016-January 2017
- Project Report and Toolkit Development: February 2017-May 2017
- Stakeholder Meeting #2, Review Draft Report and Toolkit: March 2017

SUMMARY

The RTC was awarded a Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant of \$150,000 from Caltrans to conduct a User Oriented Transit Travel Planning Project to test an individualized marketing program in Santa Cruz County that encourages solo-drivers to switch transportation modes. Staff recommends that the RTC enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Santa Cruz Metro, release a request for proposals for consultant services and authorize the Executive Director to award a consultant contract to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project.

<u>Attachment 1</u>: Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Cruz Metro and to Enter into a Consultant Agreement

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on the date of April 7, 2016 on the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO) TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE USER ORIENTED TRANSIT PLANNING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is working to increase the number of transit, bicycle, walking and carpool trips, reduce vehicle miles traveled and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, Caltrans has awarded RTC an FTA 5304 Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant in the amount of \$150,000 for a User Oriented Transit Planning Project;

WHEREAS, individualized marketing of transportation options is a strategy to shift automobile trips to trips by transit, bicycling, walking and carpooling;

WHEREAS, the User Oriented Transit Planning Project will plan, develop and test an individualized marketing program for Santa Cruz County that encourages solo-drivers to switch modes with a special emphasis on attracting new transit riders;

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz METRO is the public bus transit service provider in Santa Cruz County;

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz METRO and the RTC have a cooperative working relationship planning and implementing transportation projects and programs in Santa Cruz County;

WHEREAS, the RTC is the lead implementing agency responsible for managing the contractual and administrative aspects of the agreements with the project consultant;

WHEREAS, a consultant team with experience with individualized marketing will advise the RTC on methodology used to implement the User Oriented Transit Planning Project in Santa Cruz County and analyzing the project effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the evaluation team will review the proposals and identify the contractor that presents the proposal that, in the opinion of the RTC staff, is the most advantageous to the RTC based on the evaluation criteria.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

- The RTC Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) in order to distribute up to \$10,000 of the FTA 5304 grant funds to Santa Cruz METRO on a reimbursement basis for its participation in development of this project.
- 2. The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to support development of the User Oriented Transit Planning Project with the

firm that presents the proposal that, in the opinion of the RTC staff, is the most advantageous to the RTC based on the evaluation criteria.

3. The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute amendments to the agreements identified above provided that the amendments are within the intended scope of services to complete the project and are consistent with the adopted RTC budget.

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS	
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS	
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS	
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ATTEST:		Don Lane, Chair
George Donde	ero, Secretary	
Distribution:	RTC Fiscal RTC User Oriente	d Transit Planning Project Contract Manager

AGENDA: April 7, 2016

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Highway 1 Corridor Environmental Document - Status Report

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) receive information on the status of the Draft Tiered Environmental Document for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program.

BACKGROUND

The Draft Tiered Environmental Document for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program was released for public comment on November 4, 2015. The draft environmental document included a program level vision for the long term improvement of Highway 1, between Morrissey Boulevard and San Andreas/Larkin Valley Road (Tier I project), and project level analysis for the construction of auxiliary lanes between 41st Avenue and Soquel Drive and a bike/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Drive (Tier II project). The RTC conducted a comprehensive outreach effort to notify the public as to the availability of the draft environmental document and technical studies through online social media, RTC's webpage, email messages to interested parties, direct mailers to residents and businesses in proximity of the Tier 2 project area, and a public meeting to highlight the findings of the environmental studies. The public comment period for the draft environmental document was closed on Monday, January 25, 2016.

RTC's FY 2014-2015 budget provided funds carried into the current fiscal year to conduct the activities identified above.

DISCUSSION

Caltrans received a total of 263 letters, emails, and recorded comments from individuals, organizations, and public agencies on the draft environmental document. This correspondence generated over 900 separate comments for which responses are required as part of the final environmental document. The consultant team has begun the process to document each of the comments received and categorize those comments by subject area. Caltrans, together with staff and the consultant team have initiated the process to review all the comments received to identify the appropriate response to each.

In anticipation of this work, the FY 2015-2016 budget included a limited amount of funds to begin the work to respond to public comments, updating the technical studies, and advance consultation with state and federal resource agencies. To allow work to proceed in a timely manner staff has negotiated a \$250,000 contract amendment authorized in the FY 2015-2016 budget. While the final scope of work to complete the environmental document is not yet determined, the project team has identified a need to update the air quality, natural environment, and traffic operations studies. Update of these studies is required due to changes in regulatory guidelines and requirements since review of the draft environmental analysis began in fall 2014 and to properly respond to the comments received on the draft studies.

The amended scope also includes funds for preparation of a Biological Assessment of the Tier 2 project to the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). Consultation with the federal resource agencies currently takes 135 days so it is important to begin this process as soon as possible based on the most current field observations of biotic activity to avoid delays in the environmental review process.

The current contract amendment is expected to maintain progress in responding to public comments and updating technical studies through July 2016, however, additional funds will be needed to complete the final environmental document. Once a work scope and budget to complete the Final Environmental Document is determined, staff will bring a contract and budget amendment to the RTC for approval. The current project schedule anticipates completion of the Final Environmental Document in Summer 2017.

SUMMARY

Caltrans received over 900 comments from individuals, organizations, and public agencies on the Draft Tiered Environmental Document for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program. Staff has negotiated a contract amendment with the consultant team in the amount of \$250,000 authorized in the FY 2015-2016 budget. This amendment will cover the cost of updating the air quality, natural environmental, and traffic operations technical studies. This work is due to changes in regulatory guidelines and requirements and to properly respond to comments received on the draft studies. Additional funds will be needed to complete the final environmental document currently anticipated in Summer 2017.