Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
June 14, 2012 Special Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Construction Update:
The RTC received a monthly report on construction activities for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project, and approved a resolution to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans and the City of Watsonville providing habitat mitigation funding of $400,000 for Phase 2 of the Watsonville Slough Restoration Project. The RTC also approved agreements with Santa Cruz City Schools to construct a multi-purpose path between Park Way Court and La Fonda Avenue, and the City of Santa Cruz to implement traffic safety control measures in the project area. Work is advancing on 4 of the 5 required retaining walls, and relocation of electrical lines along the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 Claims from the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC), the Ride ‘n Stride Program, and the Bike to Work Programs:
The RTC approved state TDA funds for two County Health Services Agency programs and the Bike to Work program, in the amount of $100,000 and $50,000, respectively. Ride ‘n Stride is an elementary school-based bicycle and pedestrian education program closely associated with the CTSC. The Bike to Work program provides increasingly more successful levels of bicycle promotional events throughout the County on an ongoing basis, and is consistent with the RTC’s Regional Transportation Plan.

Local Transportation Funding Ballot Measure:
The RTC approved placing a ballot measure on the November 2012 ballot asking voters to authorize a $10 fee on registered motor vehicles, to be spent entirely in Santa Cruz County for repair and maintenance of local streets and roads, safer routes to school for school children, and safety and accessibility projects for pedestrians, including seniors and people with disabilities. Staff will return to the August 2, 2012 RTC meeting for approval of the final ballot language, expenditure plan and ordinance for the measure.

Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Re-designation:
The RTC agreed to request resolutions from the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville to re-designate the RTC as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Santa Cruz County. CMA designation is
necessary to permit the RTC to place a vehicle registration fee measure on the November 2012 ballot. The CMA helps coordinate land use, air quality and transportation planning among local jurisdictions, prepares and implements a Congestion Management Program, and monitors levels of congestion on major roads, analyzing the impacts that a proposed development will have on future traffic congestion.

**Rail Operator Administration, Coordination and License Agreement:**
The RTC approved a draft Administration, Coordination and License agreement negotiated with Iowa Pacific Holdings for the operation of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Iowa Pacific Holdings is a railroad holding company with national and international operations. The company will establish a new corporation under the name Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company to be the operator of the Branch Line.

**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**
*Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org) or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas are posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.*

**Commission Meeting**
Thursday, August 2, 2012, 9:00 am  
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**
Thursday, August 16, 2012, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**
Thursday, August 8, 2012, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Bicycle Committee**
Tuesday, August 13, 2012, 6:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, July 31, 2012, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, June 21, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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