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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
October 4, 2012 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Construction Update:
Work is now focused on construction and backfilling of retaining walls and soundwall foundations in low-lying wetland areas, and installation of drainage systems. The RTC’s Commute Solution staff continued community outreach efforts at DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High schools to minimize traffic congestion resulting from the La Fonda Bridge removal. To date, feedback has indicated that traffic flow and volume in and around both schools is much better than in years past. At DeLaveaga, in just the first three weeks of school, 113 students have participated in the Boltage Incentive Program, a partnership between Commute Solutions and Ecology Action to encourage students to walk, bike, carpool or ride the bus to school. At Harbor High, Commute Solutions staff is preparing to launch the YO! incentive program (Youth Options for Transportation at Harbor), which will similarly provide education, support, incentives and rewards for students to use alternative transportation to get to school.

Passenger Rail Service Operating Plan for Rail Line Purchase Celebration Train:
The RTC is working on a community-wide celebration event in anticipation of becoming the owner of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Activities planned include a main event in Santa Cruz, with a train making whistle stops in Watsonville, Capitola, and Live Oak. Local community representatives will assist with celebration activities at all stops, and staff is coordinating with them to make arrangements for music, refreshments and other activities. Staff is also working with the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway (SC&MB) to provide preview train trips for the public, free of charge, which will travel up the coast from the West Santa Cruz event site at the Swift Street Courtyard. It was also reported that Congressman Sam Farr is scheduled to participate in the celebration event. A ‘Save the Date’ notice will be sent out shortly.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:
Please check the RTC website [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, November 1, 2012, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)
Thursday, October 18, 2012, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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

**Bicycle Committee**
Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:30 pm
City of Capitola Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, October 18, 2012, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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