November 17 Event - Right on Track: Rail Corridor Ribbon Cutting:
The RTC – in conjunction with co-hosts and sponsors – is hosting a community event to commemorate public ownership of the 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. ‘Whistle Stop’ events starting at 9:00 am will be held in Watsonville, Aptos, Capitola, Live Oak and the westside of Santa Cruz. Free train rides will be provided by Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway from the Santa Cruz site up the coast and back. Train tickets will be available online starting November 8 at noon. Updated information about the event (including live music, train rides, history and more) will be posted on the RTC website: sccrtc.org/rail.

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Construction Update:
Work has focused on the completion of the retaining walls in the low lying sections of the highway while the shoring system has been put in place on the northbound side of the highway. The drainage system from Oak Way is now complete and work continues on upgrading the drainage system along and under the highway with some connections requiring night lane closures as necessary. The shuttle service for DeLaveaga and Harbor High students affected by the La Fonda bridge removal continues to run successfully. There are a total of 48 students registered to ride the shuttle and a total of 136 trips taken the week of October 8th. There is available capacity on the existing shuttle to carry additional students and RTC staff will continue outreach efforts with both schools especially as the wet weather season approaches.

Presentation of Draft Master Plan for Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network:
The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian pathway from the San Mateo county line in Santa Cruz County to Pacific Grove in Monterey County. The RTC, as the lead agency to plan and implement the Santa Cruz County portion of the Trail Network, developed a Draft Master Plan to identify proposed trail alignments, design features, construction costs, priorities and implementation mechanisms. The RTC will hold four public workshops to present the Draft Master Plan to the public and solicit input. All workshops will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as follows: Monday, November 26th, 2012, Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, Aptos; Tuesday, November 27th, 2012, Pacific Elementary School, Davenport; Wednesday, November 28th, 2012 Simpkins Family Swim Center, Live Oak; and Thursday, November 29th, 2012, Civic Plaza Community Room, Watsonville. The
workshops will focus on the geographic area in the vicinity of their location. The full Draft Master Plan is available for download on the RTC website. CDs and a limited number of hard copies are also available at the RTC downtown and Watsonville offices. Comments from the public will be accepted until December 21st, 2012. Simultaneous to the development of the Draft Master Plan, an environmental impact report (EIR) is being developed. The RTC has released a notice of preparation and initial study for the EIR and held two scoping meetings in September to gather additional input on the content and focus of the environmental analysis. Additional comments on the scope of the environmental analysis will be accepted until November 30th, 2012. A draft EIR will be finalized and circulated for public review in spring of 2013. Final adoption of the master plan and EIR certification is anticipated for fall of 2013.

Call for Projects:
The RTC decided to issue a call for projects for up to $5 million in federal Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. A variety of types of transportation projects including roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, bridge, transit, planning, safety and carpool projects are eligible for these funds. Projects submitted for funding will be evaluated using a variety of factors including improved access to all modes, improved safety, greenhouse gas emission reduction, improved travel time reliability, and preservation of existing infrastructure. Project funding applications are due on December 14, 2012.

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, December 6, 2012, 9:00 am
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)
Thursday, November 15, 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, November 19, 2012, 6:30 pm
City of Capitola Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 15, 2012, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional
Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.