AGENDA

Thursday, November 1, 2012
9:00 a.m.

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Watsonville, CA 95076

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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  Lynn Robinson
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  Ron Graves

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Article 4 Transportation Development Act Claims, Policy Issues, and SAFE – all 12 members vote
1. Roll call

2. Oral communications

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   **CONSENT AGENDA**

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   **MINUTES**

   4. Approve draft minutes of the October 4, 2012 RTC meeting

   5. Accept final minutes of the September 20, 2012 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

   6. Accept the draft minutes of the September 13, 2012 Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

   **POLICY ITEMS**

   *No consent items*

   **PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

   7. Accept the South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Final Report

   8. Accept the First Quarter FY 12-13 Work Program Progress Report

   **BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

   9. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

10. Approve 2013 CalPERS RTC health benefit contribution rates for active and retired RTC employees (Resolution)

11. Approve Bicycle Committee membership appointment

12. Approve Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee membership appointment

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

13. Accept three-month meeting schedule

14. Accept correspondence log

15. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - *none*

16. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

17. Accept information items - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Commissioner reports – oral reports

19. Director’s report – oral report
   *(George Dondero, Executive Director)*

20. Caltrans report and consider action items
   
   a. Construction projects update

21. Appoint nominating committee for RTC Chair and Vice Chair
   *(George Dondero, Executive Director and Kirby Nicol, RTC Chair)*
   
   a. Staff report

22. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lane project update
   *(Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner)*
   
   a. Staff report
   
   b. DeLaveaga Elementary shuttle route and schedule
   
   c. Harbor High School shuttle route and schedule
23. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network – presentation of Draft Master Plan  
(Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner)  
   a. Staff report  
   b. Draft Master Plan (mailed separately to Commissioners only)  
   c. Public workshops announcement flyer  
   d. Comments from the public

24. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) call for projects  
(Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner)  
   a. Staff report  
   b. RSTP eligibility  
   c. Regional Transportation Plan draft goals, targets, and policies

25. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

26. Oral and written communications regarding closed session

CLOSED SESSION

27. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54957.6  
   Commission Negotiators: Yesenia Parra and George Dondero  
   Bargaining Units: RTC Association of Middle-Management and Community of RTC Employees

OPEN SESSION

28. Report on closed session

29. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies  
   No agenda items this month

30. Next Meetings

   The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean, Santa Cruz, CA

   The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
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1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

Members present:
Tim Gubbins (ex officio) Kirby Nicol
Mark Stone Greg Caput
Dene Bustichi Lynn Robinson
Ron Graves Don Lane
Randy Johnson Ellen Pirie
Eduardo Montesino

Staff present:
George Dondero Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra Karena Pushnik
Daniel Nikuna Tegan Speiser
Kim Shultz Jason Laning

2. Oral communications

None

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Handouts for Items 16 and 18 were distributed. Deputy Director Luis Mendez reported the need to add an urgency item per Government Code 54954.2(b)(2) to close escrow on the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Deputy Director Mendez explained that the information regarding the need for this action came to light after the agenda for this meeting was posted, that the action must be taken before the next regular meeting of the RTC and that the RTC must make such finding. Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Lane seconded, to make the required findings and add the urgency item to the

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agenda. The motion passed unanimously. The item was placed on the regular agenda as Item 21a, and Item 19 was moved to become Item 21b.

CONSENT AGENDA
(Graves, Pirie) Unanimous

MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the September 6, 2012 RTC meeting

5. Approved draft minutes of the September 20, 2012 Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

No consent items

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

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

7. Accepted FY2012 Annual Internal Financial Statements (Enclosed Separately for Commissioners Only)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

8. Accepted reappointments to the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

9. Approved the Regional Transportation Commission meeting schedule for 2013

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

10. Accepted monthly meeting schedule

11. Accepted correspondence log

12. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - none

13. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

14. Accepted information items
a. October 4, 2012 Bike to Work Day flyer

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Commissioner reports – oral reports
   None

16. Director’s report – oral report

   Executive Director George Dondero reminded the Commission that the town hall meeting of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) would be hosted by the RTC in Santa Cruz on October 9th and 10th and encouraged Commissioners to attend. He said that today was Bike to Work day. He also communicated that a report would be coming soon on the Draft Master Plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. He announced the new art exhibition at the RTC offices by artist Lisa DeWilde.

17. Caltrans report

   Tim Gubbins, Director of Caltrans District 5, said that the Salinas Road Interchange project continues to make progress and should be fully open by the end of the year. Commissioners welcomed Mr. Gubbins, thanked Caltrans for its past work, and asked for clarifications on a few Caltrans projects.

18. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lane project update

   Senior Transportation Planner Kim Shultz introduced RTC Resident Engineer Bruce Shewchuk to give a construction update. Mr. Shewchuk said work is focusing on construction and backfilling of retaining walls and soundwall foundations in low-lying wetland areas, and installation of drainage systems. He said there would be intermittent nighttime lane closures to facilitate night work. In response to a question from Commissioner Pirie, Mr. Shewchuk confirmed that the project is approximately a month behind the accelerated schedule. In response to Commissioner Robinson, Mr. Shewchuk explained that a water truck is used to keep dust down and they are working to not overspray too much water.

   Senior Transportation Planner Tegan Speiser said that the RTC’s Commute Solutions staff has continued community outreach efforts at DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High schools to minimize traffic congestion resulting from the La Fonda Bridge removal. She said that feedback has indicated that traffic flow and volume in and around both schools is much better than in years past. She said that in the first month of school at DeLaveaga, 172 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. She said that Commute Solutions
staff is preparing to launch the YO! incentive program (Youth Options for Transportation) at Harbor High to provide education, support, incentives and rewards for students to use alternative transportation to get to school.

20. FY2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the RTC Administration, Planning and Operations

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the report on this annual Article 3 and Article 8 TDA claim. Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Lane seconded to approve by resolution (04-13) the claim under Article 3 for administration services for FY 2012-13 in the amount of $467,563. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Lane seconded to approve by resolution (05-13) the claim under Article 8 for planning services for FY 2012-13 in the amount of $425,418. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Caput, Johnson, Lane, Nicol, Pirie, and Stone voting “aye.”

21. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 12-13 budget and work program

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report communicating that FY 2011-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues were $394,728 higher than estimated and $250,000 of that is recommended to build a restricted reserve as directed by the RTC and the Budget and Administration/Personnel (B&A/P) Committee.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Stone seconded B&A/P Committee and staff recommendations to approve by resolution (Resolution 06-13) the FY 2012-13 Budget and Work Program, authorize the Executive Director to adjust TDA and State Transit Assistance payments consistent with the approved budget, and approve out-of-state travel for the Executive Director to attend the Transportation Research Board conference in Washington DC. The motion passed unanimously.

21a. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition – Closing of Escrow

Commissioner Caput departed the meeting and Commissioner Montesinos arrived.

Deputy Director Luis Mendez said that since writing the staff report he learned that the RTC must provide a signed deed, which previously was not necessary, but which was already delivered to Caltrans yesterday. He said staff recommends the Commission approve short-term interest-free borrowing from various RTC funds to meet the required purchase price, although it may not be necessary if funds are received from the State. He also said that if internal funds are insufficient, staff recommends the Commission apply for a short term loan from another agency or a financial institution up to $1,000,000 to complete the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Line.
Commissioner Pirie asked if there were restrictions on RTC funds that would prevent borrowing from them for the rail purchase, to which Mr. Mendez replied that there is precedence for borrowing from RTC funds when it is for a qualifying project, which is the case for the rail purchase project.

Aptos resident **Brian Peoples** said that while he is supportive of the RTC’s efforts to acquire the rail corridor, he does not support the RTC’s long-term vision for using the rail corridor. He said studies show that the rail corridor is not a viable option for passenger transportation. He said the RTC’s rail plans seem more like an amusement park ride, are not a viable business plan, and are solely focused on manipulating the system in order to buy the line. He said the focus on the train is preventing effective use of the rail corridor. He said the RTC will be stuck with Iowa Pacific as an operator for 10 years unless they fail. He said more advanced thinking is necessary on strategies for using the rail corridor.

Commissioner Johnson said Brian Peoples’ letter was excellent, and agreed with some of his concerns.

Commissioner Nicol asked for the worst-case scenario regarding the timeline of the rail purchase. Mr. Mendez responded that staff is certain the State will provide the funding, and would otherwise not be asking for approval to seek short-term loans. He said that this is a complicated transaction, but as we get further along, we have greater confidence that the transaction will close.

Michael Gresham, Iowa Pacific Holdings, said that a delay in closing escrow will hurt their holiday train business because they won’t start their marketing campaign until the rail line purchase is finalized. He also said that delay would likely not impact Iowa Pacific’s freight service plans.

Commissioner Stone moved and Commissioner Pirie seconded to approve short-term interest-free borrowing from the various RTC funds to meet the required Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line purchase price; and if internal funds are insufficient, to apply for a short term loan from another agency or a financial institution up to $1,000,000 to complete the purchase of the rail line. The motion passed with Commissioners Graves, Lane, Montesino, Nicol, Pirie, Robinson, and Stone voting “aye,” and Commissioners Johnson and Bustichi voting “no.”

21b. Passenger Rail Service Operating Plan for Rail Line Purchase Celebration Train

Senior Transportation Planner Karena Pushnik said a celebration is being planned in anticipation of finalizing the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Line. She said that the proposed date is November 17th, which would coincide with the start of the holiday train service. She said staff is working on logistics, to include whistle stops in Watsonville, Capitola, Live Oak and Santa
Cruz. She said the proposal is to offer short preview rides, which would be free of charge to riders.

Commissioner Bustichi exited the meeting.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Stone seconded to approve the operating plan for the rail line purchase celebration train. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Review of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

Commissioner Nicol said that anticipated litigation issues and labor negotiations would be discussed in closed session.

23. Oral and Written Communications Regarding Closed Session

None. Commissioners adjourned to close session at 10:40

CLOSED SESSION

24. Conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation- significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 for one case

25. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

Commission Negotiators: Yesenia Parra and George Dondero

Bargaining Units: RTC Association of Middle-Management and Community of RTC Employees

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:30 and there was no close session report.

26. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

No agenda items this month

27. Meeting adjourned at 11:31. Next Meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
Respectfully submitted,

Jason Laning, Staff

Attendees:

Bruce Shewchuck          Parsons Brinckerhoff
Michael Gresham          Iowa Pacific Holdings
Brian Peoples            Aptos Resident
1. Call to Order – Chair Chris Schneiter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.

3. Oral communications – Anais Schenk requested agencies review changes made to the regional model webportal for road network information. She noted that at the October ITAC meeting, AMBAG will present information on the regional travel demand model update and Central Coast Commercial Flow Study.

4. Changes consent and regular agendas – none

CONSENT AGENDA (Wiesner/ Buika) approved unanimously

5. Approved Minutes of the June 21, 2012 ITAC meeting with one modification to list of attendees

6. Received Notice of Preparation for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) environmental document.

7. Received Bike to Work Day notice
8. Received information on upcoming transportation funding opportunities

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents - Verbal updates from project sponsors

Ecology Action - Piet Canin reported that Ecology Action will be working on a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) planning grant with Santa Cruz City Schools and implementing a walking school bus SRTS-funded project for Westlake Elementary School. Ecology Action will also be working on a Plug-In Electric Vehicle (EV) Access and Public Education Program and has been working on an EV Charging Station program for the Monterey Bay Area.

SC Metro – Erich Friedrich reported that Metro received eight bids for the Proposition 1B SLPP/PTMISEA-funded operations facility, with construction expected to start in November 2012. Metro is also out to bid for the next round of bus stop improvements, including improvements to sidewalks, shelters, and transit centers.

Watsonville - Maria Rodriguez reported that the City received an AB2766 grant for the Pennsylvania/Clifford Roundabout Project and an HSIP grant for pedestrian safety improvements. The City is also working on Safe Routes to Schools-funded projects, including improving pedestrian crossings. Design work for the STIP-funded Airport Boulevard at Freedom Boulevard project and planning work with Caltrans for the Freedom/Main Street Roundabout continues.

UCSC – Teresa Buika reported that the University is working on installing several electric charging stations; installing a slow-fill CNG station; and New Freedom grant-funded transit stop improvements.

County of Santa Cruz – Steve Wiesner and Russell Chen reported that the County is finishing work on the upper Porter Street sidewalk, East Cliff Parkway, Soquel Drive and Soquel-San Jose Road rehabilitations, Old Big Trees Road repair, and several storm damage repair projects. Resurfacing, chip seal, cape seal, overlay projects are underway on several roadways. The County is also working on Lockewood/Graham Hill Road signalization; with construction of the STIP TE-funded Calabasas Road bike lane/sidewalks and a project on Empire Grade starting this fall. The County is still looking at options to fund March 2011 storm damage repairs.

AMBAG – Anais Schenk reported that the regional travel model update continues. AMBAG received AB2766 grants for phase two of the Bicycle Model, continuation of the agricultural worker vanpool program, and a new AMBAG fleet vehicle. She also encouraged participation in Rideshare Month (October).

SCCRTC – George Dondero reported that escrow for the Rail Line purchase is expected to close soon; the RTC approved service plans for Iowa Pacific train service; and the Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project construction is expected to be completed by May 2013. He noted that alternative transportation programs for schools are being implemented as part of the Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project and appreciated the City of Santa Cruz for their assistance on the project. Steve Wiesner and Chris Schneiter commended RTC staff and the Resident Engineer for coordination and communication on the highway project.

City of Santa Cruz – Chris Schneiter reported that projects on River Street, Soquel at Cathcart, and Soquel Avenue are moving forward. The City also received a Bicycle Transportation Account grant for the spur connection to the Arana Gulch path. Construction of the Chestnut Street Extension slope
stabilization project will be completed in October. A solar project at the City Hall parking lot will begin this fall.

10. Update on the Federal Transportation Act/MAP-21 Implementation including Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding

Rachel Moriconi provided a summary of the new federal transportation act, MAP-21, and proposals being discussed at the state-level for implementation of MAP-21. These include proposals to designate funds for the Safe Routes to Schools program out of the Surface Transportation Program, keep funding for the statewide competitive HSIP program at current levels, use FY13 Transportation Alternatives funds for projects previously programmed to receive STIP TE funds in FY13, and increase funds for the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). She clarified that funding the Safe Routes to Schools program through STP, rather than HSIP, would allow for funds to be used on educational programs and that the program would still be run as a statewide competitive program. Russell Chen requested additional information on ensuring toll credits can be used for bridge projects, which staff confirmed is under discussion.

Given uncertainty with funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects programmed beyond FY13 for STIP funds, staff recommended holding off on issuing a call for projects for RSTP funds. The committee will discuss options for the RSTP at the next ITAC meeting.

Erich Friedrich provided updates on federal transit programs, highlighting that changes from competitive to formula for some programs would make it challenging to fund some projects and could result in a reduction in funds to Santa Cruz County because Metro has been very successful at securing competitive grants.

11. Debrief on Deferred Transportation Funding Ballot Measure

Rachel Moriconi (RTC) provided information and requested input on the vehicle registration fee proposal that had been under consideration for a ballot measure. She also requested that the ITAC discuss future options for addressing transportation funding shortfalls.

Piet Canin noted the importance of having someone take the lead on a campaign early on. Mark Dettle suggested ideas for communicating to the public why additional funding is needed, such as an annual state of local roads report that highlights some of the worst roads and why there is insufficient funds now to maintain all roads. George Dondero emphasized the challenge of achieving the 2/3rds voter threshold and provided information on efforts to lower the threshold to 55% for transportation funding initiatives. He noted that staff is also meeting with board members to debrief on the vehicle registration fee effort. Karena Pushnik noted the importance of showing the public that agencies are spending existing funds wisely now and why more funding is needed to repair roads. Chris Schneiter noted it can be a challenge to get a countywide initiative passed when there are varied priorities throughout the county. Steve Wiesner noted that given the large funding shortfall, it is important to emphasize that even with a small amount of additional funds, 10% more repairs could be done each year. He also noted that it may also be worth asking for more funding to address even more of the backlog and to emphasize it as a maintenance program, rather than a large capital program. David Koch suggested looking at lower cost campaign options. Web surveys encouraging the community to help identify the worst roads, educational pieces, updating and reporting Pavement Condition Index numbers annually at council/board meetings were among ideas shared. It was noted that all agencies have limited staff available for public education materials/programs. RTC staff agreed to have a meeting with public works departments in January to discuss options and timing in more detail.
12. 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Financial Element

Rachel Moriconi reported that staff is preparing the draft financial element for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update in coordination with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and regional agencies in San Benito and Monterey Counties. She requested that project sponsors provide information on local funding sources, such as local taxes, fees, general funds, and other non-state/federal revenues that local agencies use to help fund transportation projects by November 1, 2012. Ms. Moriconi also requested feedback on possible new revenues that might be available over the next twenty-five years, including revenues being investigated by the statewide Needs Assessment workgroup.

The committee discussed whether gas tax revenue estimates for the RTP should be significantly reduced to reflect the fact that with increased fuel economy, revenues have declined dramatically in the past and will decrease even more into the future. It was noted that with a smaller constrained project list it would be more difficult to achieve greenhouse gas reduction targets. There was general agreement that new revenues will have to be generated to backfill gas tax loses, whether that is an increase in the gas tax, new user fees (such a fees per vehicle miles traveled, vehicle registration fees, etc), or other options. There was general consensus to assume that funds for state and federal programs would remain steady, but not to assume that they would increase in the RTP.

13. Regional Transportation Plan Map Review

Ginger Dykaar reminded members that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes a variety of goals and policies, as well as targets for achieving safety and access goals. She noted that the RTP should include projects that could reduce injury and fatal collisions and projects that improve access for transportation disadvantaged populations (which include areas serving people over 70, youth, people of limited income, etc). She provided preliminary draft maps of some areas where projects could score higher if they address safety or access. The committee discussed that several factors are considered when identifying priority safety projects, including the cause of past incidents, new developments or changes to traffic patterns, and the importance of projects on alternate routes. Ms. Dykaar requested that the ITAC provide information on key destinations for transportation disadvantaged populations.

14. On-Board Transit Ridership Survey – DEFERRED to October ITAC meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2012 at 1:30 PM in the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi
MINUTES

Thursday, September 13, 2012
3:30 pm

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz

Meeting was called to order at 3:55

Members present:
John Leopold
Andy Schiffrin (Alt.)
Eduardo Montesino
Robin Musitelli (Alt.)

RTC Staff
George Dondero
Luis Mendez
Daniel Nikuna
Yesenia Parra

1. Introductions-self introductions were made
2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda-none
3. Oral communications-none

CONSENT AGENDA
(Leopold, Montesino) unanimous

4. Accepted monthly TDA revenue report
5. Accepted third and fourth quarter FY11-12 warrants and monthly credit card reports

REGULAR AGENDA
6. Amendments to the fiscal year FY12-13 budget and work program

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the proposed amendments to the FY 12-13 budget which include carry over funds, increased Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenue received and an increased estimate for State Transit Assistance funds. The budget also includes funds for the Executive Director to attend the Transportation Research Board (RTC) conference in Washington DC. He noted that the overall staffing costs will remain the same.

Mr. Mendez noted that as directed by the RTC, the budget includes a proposal for an operating reserve for the RTC fund. Based on research of other agencies, the proposed reserve is equal to 50% (or 6 months) of operating costs. For FY12-13, staff recommends using $250,000 of the TDA surplus revenues to help build that reserve.

Commissioners discussed several budget items. Commissioners also discussed the need for an operating budget reserve to ensure that the RTC has sufficient funding for unforeseen expenses, delays in allocation from other agencies and any other circumstances that may arise now that the RTC is a construction manager and soon the owner of the rail corridor. However, Commissioner expressed concern with the 50% (or 6 months) proposed. Commissioners preferred a reserve of 30% of operating costs to reduce the potential impact to TDA revenue recipients. They noted that if the Commission determined that a change to a higher percentage was needed, they would be able to make the change. Commissioners also discussed the need to review carry over funds each year to determine where to best allocate them and that they not be automatically allocated to the operating budget reserve fund.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Alternate Mussitalli seconded the staff recommendations to;

1. Approve out-of-state travel for the Executive Director to attend the Transportation Research board (TRB) Conference in Washington DC;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to adjust the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) revenue payment to recipients consistent with the amended FY 2012-13 RTC budget; and
3. Approve the proposed amended FY2012-13 Budget and Work Program with Commissioner proposed changes to reduce the proposed 50% operating budget reserve fund to 30%.

7. Adjournment—meeting adjourned at 4:34
The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the RTC conference room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Staff

ATTENDEES

Les White SCMTD
AGENDA: November 1, 2012

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group – Final Report

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept a summary report of work accomplished by the RTC funded South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group.

BACKGROUND

The Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) is a coalition of representatives from law enforcement agencies, local jurisdictions, public health agencies, and advocate groups that focuses on bicycle and pedestrian safety education. The CTSC, and its Ride ‘n Stride Elementary School Education Program, are funded by the RTC with $100,000 annually in Transportation Development Act funds, and ongoing support through matching funds from the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency (HSA). After conducting education and safety outreach in the South County area, the CTSC identified unique safety improvement needs, community strengths and population characteristics that required specific attention and staffing in that area. In June 2009, the HSA received a grant for a South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group through RTC’s Regional Surface Transportation Program competitive grant process. The RTC approved $100,000 to support expanded activities of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition’s efforts to increase traffic safety practices among bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists in South County. HSA provided $30,191 in matching funds for the two-year project. The RTC requested a summary report at the end of the grant period. That grant period ended June 30, 2012 after which time the final report and invoices were produced and submitted. The report is provided as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

The goals of the South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group (SCBPWG) were to increase traffic safety practices among bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, and promote safe transportation alternatives. The goal was to accomplish these objectives while working as an independent group but in collaboration with its parent group, the CTSC. With dedicated funding and staffing provided through the RTC, the SCBPWG was able to address the unique characteristics and needs of the Watsonville and South County community, such as low bike helmet usage in a low per capita income area and a large Latino population.

Over the two-year period, the SCBPWG expanded its membership to include an active youth group, Caltrans and many other stakeholders. Some of the accomplishments of the work group included distribution of anti-distracted driving Public Service Announcements, development of “un-citation” cards to educate motorists and bicyclists about traffic laws, promotion of safety guidelines for proper helmet fitting, advocacy for infrastructure improvements to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, distribution of free bicycle helmets and many more. A full summary of
the group's accomplishments is provided in Attachment 2. HSA staff will be available for questions at the November 1st, 2012 RTC should Commissioners have any.

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept a summary of the work accomplished by the two-year RTC funded South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group.

SUMMARY

Attachments:

1) SCBPWG Background and Scope
2) SCBPWG Final Summary Report

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2012 Final Report - Background and Scope of Grant
Grant period: October 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012

Program Title: South County Bike and Pedestrian Work Group (SCBPWG) of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC)

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Background
The HSA staffed Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) formed the Watsonville Bike and Pedestrian Safety Task Force in 1999 with the overall goal of reducing injuries and fatalities among bicyclists and pedestrians in the Watsonville area. Progress was made over time to engage traffic safety partners, including public works, law enforcement and schools, increase safety practices among road users, and promote a more bike and pedestrian friendly environment in South County. In 2009, Task Force members determined that dedicated funding to staff and support an expansion of these efforts was needed to address the unique needs and strengths of the Watsonville/South County community, such as low bike helmet usage, lowest per capita income area of the county, and a large Latino/Spanish-speaking population. Available data indicated that pedestrian injuries and fatalities were on the rise, and the 2009 California Office of Traffic Safety rankings showed the city of Watsonville as fourth for the highest proportion of pedestrian injuries/fatalities compared to 106 other cities with a similar population size.

Scope of Grant
Task Force members and CTSC staff developed a multi-year work plan to conduct bike, pedestrian and motorist safety education and awareness, promote safer routes to school and support development of bike/pedestrian friendly facilities in South County. SCCRTC awarded to HSA $100,000 in RSTPX funding to support expanded activities of the Task Force, (renamed the South County Bike and Pedestrian Work Group/SCBPWG). HSA provided $30,191 in matching funds. The stated goals of the grant project were to increase traffic safety practices among bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, and promote safe transportation alternatives through development of an inter-agency Work Group under the umbrella of and in close collaboration with its parent group CTSC.

SCBPWG partnerships were expanded to include Watsonville Public Works and Police Departments, United Way/Jovenes SANOS, a Watsonville-based youth advocacy group, Ecology Action, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Caltrans, SCCRTC and its Bike Committee, and other stakeholders. SCBPWG members collaborated to implement the work plan and achieve the stated goals. Comparative data and observation surveys have indicated that bicycle and pedestrian injuries have declined in Watsonville while bike helmet use has increased among children (17% in 2009 to 35% in 2012) as well as total observed cyclists (14% to 20%). Although these percentages are still well below North County cyclists’ helmet usage, they represent progress towards improved traffic safety practices among South County cyclists.

The following 2-page attachment provides a summary of SCBPWG collaborative activities and accomplishments during the grant period October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012, which were made possible through the funding and support of SCCRTC. South County activities will continue on a more limited basis through CTSC staff support made possible through TDA funding from SCCRTC and HSA matching funds.
South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group
of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition of Santa Cruz County

Final Summary Report • Grant Period from October 2009 to June 2012

Work Plan Accomplishments and Highlights

Traffic Safety Education and Awareness for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and Motorists

• An anti-distracted driving video PSA was aired at Green Valley Cinemas for a total of 13 weeks reaching thousands of movie goers.

• Radio PSAs were distributed quarterly to 32 stations and aired in English and Spanish on topics such as distracted driving and back-to-school safety.

• Over 700 bicycle helmets were fitted and distributed to Watsonville/South County students and other residents, at schools, health and safety fairs and other community-based venues during the grant period.

• SCBPWG co-sponsored a Community Pedestrian Safety Workshop at Mintie White Elementary School in March 2011 attended by 20 community participants, including Jovenes SANOS youth.

• Participation in spring and fall Bike and Walk to Work/School events was expanded. Over the grant period, total bicyclists at Second Street Café site in downtown Watsonville increased by 66%. South County school sites increased from 10 to 17 and saw a 63% increase in participation.

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About Us

The South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group (SCBPWG) of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) meets bi-monthly in Watsonville. Participating agencies include City of Watsonville Public Works, Ecology Action, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, United Way of Santa Cruz County/Jovenes SANOS, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Caltrans, Watsonville Police Department, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and members of the public.

The mission of the CTSC and the SCBPWG is to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities while promoting the use of alternative transportation modes. Both groups seek to educate all road users in safer practices and advocate for improved conditions, infrastructure, and policies to make all methods of transportation safer throughout the county.
• Members assisted in conducting annual Pedestrian Safety Observation Surveys. Between 2009 and 2011, safety behaviors increased among Watsonville pedestrians (higher percentage used “due care” when crossing the street and waited for walk signal to cross), as well as motorists (higher percentage yielded to waiting pedestrians and stopped before turning right).

• Members assisted in conducting the spring Bicycle Observation Surveys. Total bicyclists observed at Watsonville sites increased by 4% from 454 in 2009 to 471 in 2012. Helmet use also increased by 6% in the same period as did bicyclists observed riding in the same direction as traffic by 14%.

• “Un-citation” cards to educate motorist and bicyclists were developed. Watsonville Police distributed 500 cards at traffic stops.

• Safety guidelines for selling used bicycle helmets were developed and sent to 14 local businesses.

• Jovenes SANOS and other SCBPWG members utilized educational materials and knowledge-based games at five South County community events, including National Night Out and Day of the Child, reaching hundreds of participants.

Safe Routes to School

• Members supported Ecology Action’s Boltage program at Starlight Elementary during the 2011-2012 school year, where 220 students who walked or biked to school logged 5,316 trips for a total of 4,246 miles.

• SCBPWG supported the City of Watsonville’s Safe Routes to School grant application to install permanent speed feedback signs at 26 school locations. This grant was also used to install sidewalks and crosswalk enhancements, such as high visibility crossings and curb ramps.

• In preparation for a Safe Routes to School education and encouragement collaborative grant that began in 2012, nine new school sites, including four in Watsonville, were added to the Pedestrian Safety Observation Survey.

Traffic Safety and Bike/Pedestrian Facilities Advocacy

• SCBPWG worked with Watsonville Public Works to update the city’s Bicycle Transportation Plan.

• Members successfully advocated for bike lanes in Manabe-Ow business development.

• SCBPWG publicly recognized Jovenes SANOS and four other groups and individuals who made an outstanding contribution to bike and pedestrian safety and advocacy efforts in South County.

• SCBPWG promoted SCCRTC’s Hazard Reporting System. South County bicycle and pedestrian hazard reports increased by 78% from 2009 to 2011.
### WE 101 Work Program and Budget

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<td>Coordinated with and assisted the Independent Auditor for the FY 2011-12 financial audit and the State Controller’s Financial Transaction Report.</td>
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<td>Prepared and submitted various quarterly and monthly grant invoices for the 4th quarter of FY 2011-12 and responded to questions from AMBAG and Caltrans regarding the costs documentations and quarterly narrative report formats.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Prepared and submitted the FY 2012-13 fall budget and work program amendment to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee for approval and to make recommendation for the RTC Board to approve at the October 4, 2012 meeting.</td>
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<td>Site visit to AMBAG and the Air District to review the payroll systems and to look into the possibility of switching our payroll system in order to meet the new work program invoicing requirements.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Worked on FY 2012-13 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, which will be submitted to Caltrans for review and approval.</td>
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### WE 102 TDA Administration

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<td>Reviewed and approved invoices for Bike to Work, Community Traffic Safety Coalition and the Ride ‘n Stride programs. Attended meetings and monitored implementation of approved work programs.</td>
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<td>Made the quarterly TDA and STA payment to the Transit District; Made TDA payment to the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Santa Cruz on behalf of Community Bridges and the Volunteer Center. Assisted the County’s Public Works Department to reconcile their TDA Fund.</td>
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<td>Prepared for presentation to the RTC Board in early October of the SCCRTC FY 2012-13 TDA claim.</td>
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<td>Prepared and presented several TDA claims to the RTC’s advisory committees and the RTC.</td>
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### WE 112 Plan Coordination

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<td>1</td>
<td>Monitored activities at state, regional and local level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive effort at meeting regional goals.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Collected, processed and transmitted information on plans and related activities to facilitate interagency coordination.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Attended meetings of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) group, the California Association of Councils of Government (CalCOG), and the California Transportation Commission (CTC).</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Exchanged information concerning transportation planning, projects and funding with local jurisdictions, Caltrans, AMBAG, Santa Cruz Metro, the Air District, UCSC, and other federal, state and local agencies.</td>
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<td>Prepared packets for and conducted meetings of the Interagency Technical...</td>
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### Advisory Committee

| 6 | Monitored legislative efforts affecting transportation planning and funding and communicated with legislative staff as requested and required to communicate regional impacts of those legislative efforts. |

### WE 175 Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System

| 1 | Worked with partners to reprioritize tasks associated with Part 2 of the project, a 511 Implementation Plan, given the new opportunity to use Caltrans Quickmap as a key element to deliver traveler information to residents and visitors in the Monterey Bay Area. |
| 2 | Participated in the statewide 511 Partners workshop/webinar hosted by Caltrans on developing an understanding and leveraging partnerships for the best collection and distribution of traveler information. |
| 3 | Continued discussions with Caltrans regarding embedding the new Quickmap on a website for the region to provide travelers with real time information about traffic, incidents, lane closures, CMS and CCTV images. |
| 4 | Continued work on Part 2 of the project, the implementation plan, including identifying potential sources for funding 511 and costs to implement 511 using the Quickmap traffic map in the region. |
| 5 | Closed out all work products and payments for Part 1 of the project, the 511 Feasibility Study, with the ICx Transportation Group. |

### WE 177 Freeway Service Patrol

| 1 | Administered FSP contracts for Highways 1 and 17 |
| 2 | Received and reviewed FSP assist information to monitor program effectiveness. |
| 3 | Began preparing an RFP for new FSP contracts on Beat 1 (Hwy 17) and Beat 2 (Hwy 1) |

### WE 178 Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

| 1 | Administered contract with CDSNet, the call answering center for call box service. |
| 2 | Administered contract with CASE Systems for call box maintenance. |
| 3 | Administered contract with AT&T for cellular and landline service to call boxes. |
| 4 | Reviewed invoices and reports to ensure accuracy. |
| 5 | Revised RFP for Call Box Maintenance contract for re-release. |
| 6 | Setup online account management with AT&T for wireless accounts. |
| 7 | Created interactive web-based map of Call Box locations throughout the County. |
| 8 | Administered the SAFE on 17 program. |
| 9 | Prepared packet and conducted the September Safe on 17/Traffic Operations System Meeting |

### WE 179 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) – Commuter Services
**Produced carpool match-lists, provided personalized trip planning services and referrals, and served as an information clearinghouse on transportation demand management strategies.**

2 **Delivered web-based carpool/vanpool and bike-buddy ridematching services to Santa Cruz County residents and commuters via 511.org. Maintained a customized home page and portal into the 511.org system to promote benefits and incentives available to Santa Cruz County travelers.**

3 **Planned for and promoted the upcoming regional Rideshare Month to be held in October.**

4 **Developed and published TDM-related content on the RTC and Commute Solutions websites and social media venues.**

5 **Assisted employers with workplace commute programs through support, site assessments, employee commute surveys and residential density maps.**

6 **Worked on a needs assessment of local park and ride lots and oversight of these facilities.**

7 **Implemented and marketed the countywide carpool incentive program "Cash for Carpoools".**

8 **Conducted planning for Ridesurance, a countywide guaranteed ride home program.**

9 **Provided administrative support for project to install a Level 3 EV Charging Station in Santa Cruz County.**

10 **Distributed the RTC’s Santa Cruz County Bikeways maps to area employers, bicycle shops, community agencies and transportation partners.**

11 **Fostered partnerships with employers, non-profits, TDM vendors and providers and local, regional, state and federal agencies.**

### WE 251 Travel Demand Model and Transportation Monitoring

1. **Worked with UCSC student to draft a report on the results of the bicycle and pedestrian counts that were collected throughout Santa Cruz County in May.**

2. **Worked with local jurisdictions on reviewing roadway network data for the RTDM.**

3. **Participated in a training for the RTDM to better understand the data requirements of the model and its capabilities.**

4. **Participated in the technical advisory committee for the Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM) Improvement Program**

### WE 614 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

1. **Worked with the City of Watsonville to develop the Watsonville Trails and Bicycle Master Plan in coordination with planning for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network as well as Streets and Highways code compliance, a determination entrusted to the RTC.**

2. **Held 1 meeting of the Bicycle Committee, prepared staff reports on the South County Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group, City of Watsonville Trails and Bicycle Master Plan, projects to be considered for the Regional Transportation Plan, and timing of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. Produced minutes and completed requested follow-up tasks.**

3. **Solicited nominations for the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory**
Committee and Bicycle Committee seat vacancies and re-appointments.

4 Held meetings with the Pedestrian Safety Work Group, a subcommittee of the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, to continue the outreach campaign and work on a new brochure.

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<td>1 Distributed RTC’s Bikeway Maps to employers, bike shops, visitors, interested parties and local organizations</td>
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<td>2 Operated the online Bicycle and Pedestrian Hazard Reporting program, including regular updates to the RTC’s advisory bodies so they are apprised of roadway/sidewalk conditions and can consider deficiencies in larger project prioritizations.</td>
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<td>3 Continued development of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network and management of project consultant team, RRM Design Group. Met with technical consultants to discuss details proposed in the Draft Master Plan, circulated an Administrative Draft Plan to ensure information accuracy and efficient trail project implementation. Secured locations for November public workshops following release of the Draft Master Plan. Distributed a Notice of Preparation and Initial Study for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and held 2 public scoping meetings. Processed a contract amendment for expanded scope of work and processed invoices.</td>
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<td>1 RTC staff finalized targets for “transportation disadvantaged” populations and reviewed preliminary project lists to be included in the next draft of the Regional Transportation Plan with the Elderly &amp; Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>2 RTC staff and the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee updated the Unmet Transportation and Paratransit Needs list and Annual Report.</td>
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<td>3 RTC staff and the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee continued to direct the work of its subcommittee, the Pedestrian Safety Work Group.</td>
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<td>1 RTC Staff drafted a subcontract for the County of Santa Cruz to plan to build a set of pedestrian improvements to improve safe paths between a medical facility and transit stops using New Freedom funding secured from Caltrans and granted to the RTC.</td>
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<td>1 Met with AMBAG, TAMC, and San Benito COG to discuss the development of components of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).</td>
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<td>2 Updated the draft transportation plan goals, policies and targets for incorporation into the next long range transportation plan to guide long range transportation planning and project selection activities and to support</td>
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**WE 641 Transportation Improvement Program**

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<th>Worked with California Transportation Commission (CTC), AMBAG, and Caltrans staff to ensure that full and proper information was submitted to the State for the State and Federal transportation improvement programs</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Worked with Caltrans staff and project sponsors to obligate, implement, and report on programmed projects as needed</td>
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<td>Provided updates for and reviewed the AMBAG draft FFY 2013-2016 MTIP</td>
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<td>Prepared state and federal reports, including project delivery reports</td>
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### 673 Transit Planning Intern

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<td>Staff worked with the intern to develop a survey to test senior’s transit use and perceived barriers to use, including peer review testing of the survey. Caltrans.</td>
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<td>Staff and the intern began administering the survey to the smaller senior meal sites and are inputting data as it is available. Preparations are underway to survey the larger senior meal sites including translating the survey into Spanish.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Intern participated in discussions with the Elderly &amp; Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and their Pedestrian Safety Work Group, including relevant topics such as the long term plan’s analysis of “transportation disadvantaged” populations.</td>
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### 674 On-Board Transit Ridership Study

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<td>Administered contracts with consultant, METRO and Caltrans for work on Transit Ridership Study.</td>
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<td>Coordinated with partner agencies and consultant to finalize the On-Board Transit Ridership Study Report.</td>
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<td>Coordinated with partner agencies to review the presentations by consultant to the RTC and METRO boards.</td>
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<td>Presented the results with consultant to RTC board.</td>
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### WE 682 Rail/Trail Authority

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<td>Prepared and submitted filings to the Surface Transportation Board for approval of the rail line purchase and received positive STB ruling</td>
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<td>Worked with consultants, Union Pacific and Iowa Pacific to revise agreements as needed to prepare for closing the purchase of the rail line</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Worked with insurance companies to complete applications and other documents to prepare for binding insurance policies once the rail line is purchased</td>
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<td>Worked with Caltrans to prepare invoicing for rail line purchase funding and submitted invoices</td>
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<td>Work with consultants to complete draft report of the bridge inspections on the rail line and presented the report to the RTC</td>
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<td>Worked with consultants to prepare bid documents for rehabilitation of bridges on the rail line</td>
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<td>Continued communications with Caltrans, the CHP and Santa Cruz County Public Works regarding a corridor study and plan to address overall safety and circulation for Highway 17 and connecting regional roads.</td>
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<td>Hosted and participated in meeting to discuss a Route 17 access management plan</td>
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<td>Attended meetings regarding and provided feedback on Caltrans’ Project Initiation Document guidelines and implementation plans</td>
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<td>Worked with local jurisdictions to collect information on local roadway needs for inclusion in the statewide and local needs assessments.</td>
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<td>Participated in quarterly planning and coordination meeting with Caltrans</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Participated in the technical advisory committee for the AMBAG Origin &amp; Destination Study</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Investigated and evaluated funding options for addressing the backlog of local street and road system needs.</td>
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**WE 684 Highway 1 Soquel to Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes and HOV Lanes Projects**

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<th>Construction activity progressed on the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project with nearly 40% complete based on progress payments through the reporting period.</th>
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<td>State Dept of Fish &amp; Game staff inspected the construction site and approved erosion control and storm water pollution prevention actions in place.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Utility relocation work on the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing was completed and the bridge was demolished in two stages in late night-early morning hours. Extensive public outreach was conducted as part of this effort including work with media, neighbors, schools and the traveling public.</td>
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<td>Several E-News Progress Reports were transmitted electronically through the period to 650 interested parties in the distribution list, primarily advising of the late night bridge demolition work. Commission staff also hung 125 door hangers at residences along La Fonda Avenue advising of the imminent bridge demolition work.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>RTC’s Commute Solutions staff worked with school officials at two local schools to develop and implement school-specific TDM programs and web pages promoting alternative travel modes to minimize congestion and increase safety during the period the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing is out of service – anticipated to last 6-8 months.</td>
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<td>RTC and Commute Solution staff participated in several staff and parent meetings and school functions for DeLaveaga and Harbor High parents and students to promote alternative travel programs and incentives.</td>
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<td>An evaluation committee reviewed proposals and recommended a qualified private school bus company to operate the student shuttle stipulated in the environmental document as a mitigation measure for DeLaveaga and Harbor High students that previously walked or biked across the La Fonda Overcrossing. The student shuttle began operation on the first day of school at the respective schools. RTC continues to promote the shuttle to qualified families.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>The RTC Board authorized funding for two school crossing guards to serve at the Highway 1/Morrissey Boulevard Interchange due to the increased number of student’s walking or riding their bikes to school, and increased traffic due to the demolition of the La Fonda Overcrossing. Santa Cruz City Schools is assisting the City of Santa Cruz in the recruit of the positions that are supervised by the City’s Police Department.</td>
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<td>The contractor completed the reconstruction of the Park Way/La Fonda Avenue multi-use path and construction of sidewalks on Rooney Street and</td>
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<td><strong>10.</strong></td>
<td>RTC staff and consultants worked with Caltrans staff to identify and resolve issues related to outstanding technical studies that these studies can be completed before work resumes on the administrative draft environmental document.</td>
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<td><strong>11.</strong></td>
<td>The project team revised the design of the proposed Chanticleer Avenue bike/pedestrian overcrossing to be consistent with recently updated Highway Design Manual and community desires to allow bicyclists to ride their bikes on the overcrossing.</td>
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AGENDA: November 1, 2012

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: CalPERS health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission:

Adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) to continue providing CalPERS Health Benefits to RTC employees by complying with the terms of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA) and fixing the employer's contribution for employees and the employer's contribution for retirees at different amounts.

BACKGROUND

Medical insurance is currently offered to all RTC active and retired employees through the CalPERS Health Benefits Program as established in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the RTC’s two bargaining groups and in the Executive Director’s employment agreement. As per these agreements, the RTC contributes to the cost of the employee’s health insurance premiums at levels established by each Memoranda of Understanding with the Community of RTC Employees (CORE), the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM), and the Executive Director’s employment contract. Currently, all of the RTC bargaining agreements are identical in terms of the amounts that the RTC contributes toward employee and dependent health premiums. The amount contributed by RTC for retired employees and their dependents is set at a lower amount than for active employees with annual increases as required by law.

The CalPERS Health Benefits Program is governed by PEMHCA, the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act. To offer employee benefits through this program, the RTC must abide by PEMHCA rules and annually adopt and file resolutions with CalPERS regarding health insurance contribution rates for the upcoming year. Resolutions must be filed by November of the preceding year to establish the following year’s contribution amounts.

DISCUSSION

The current Memoranda of Understanding for both the Community of RTC Employees (CORE) and the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM) expire on March 31, 2013. These Memoranda specify the percentage of health insurance
premiums to be paid by the RTC and by employees respectively based on the premium costs set each year by CalPERS for the calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Premium and contribution rates for 2013 are included in Attachment 2. Premium payments made for the Executive Director are consistent with those provided to employees in the RAMM bargaining unit.

The RTC bargaining groups are currently in negotiations and the RTC has not made a commitment regarding the percentages that the agency will contribute toward employee and retiree health insurance premiums beyond March of 2013. However, since PEMCHA requires that the RTC submit a resolution no later than November to establish the contribution amounts for the following year, a resolution specifying the contribution rates for 2013 is required at this time. If, after concluding negotiations the contribution amounts change, the RTC can adopt and submit an amended resolution.

The attached resolution (Attachment 1) reflects the contribution levels and provisions established in the MOUs currently in effect until March 2013.

**SUMMARY**

To continue in the CalPERS Health Insurance program governed by the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA), the RTC must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by PEMCHA and submit a resolution by November 2012 that sets the contribution rates for health insurance premiums for the upcoming year. The resolution before you today fulfills this commitment to meet the PEMHCA rules. Staff recommends that the RTC adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) outlining the RTC’s health insurance contribution amounts for RTC active employees and retirees for calendar year 2013. Following the conclusion of labor negotiations, if contribution amounts change, staff will prepare and submit an amended resolution to PERS.

**Attachments:**
1. Resolution for CalPERS Health Benefits – All Employees
2. CalPERS/RTC Health Plan Rates for 2013
RESOLUTION NO.
Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT

WHEREAS, (1) Government Code Section 22892(a) provides that a local agency contracting under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act shall fix the amount of the employer's contribution at an amount not less than the amount required under Section 22892(b)(1) of the Act, and

WHEREAS, (2) Government Code Section 22892(c) provides that a contracting agency may fix the amount of the employer's contribution for employees and the employer's contribution for annuitants at different amounts, provided that the monthly contribution for annuitants is annually increased to equal an amount not less than the number of years the contracting agency has been subject to this subdivision multiplied by 5 percent of the current monthly contribution for employees, until such time as the amounts are equal; and

WHEREAS, (3) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency is local agency contracting under the Act for participation by members of the Community of RTC Employees Unit, RTC Association of Middle Managers and the Executive Director now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, (a) That the employer's contribution for each employee shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of his/her family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of $745.40 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, $1412.33 per month for an employee enrolled for self and one family member, and $1836.04 per month for an employee enrolled for self and two or more family members, plus administrative fees and Contingency Reserve Fund Assessments.

RESOLVED, (b) That the employer's contribution for each annuitant shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of his/her family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of $657.00 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, $707.00 per month for an employee enrolled for self and one family member, and $763.00 per month for an employee enrolled for self and two or more family members, plus administrative fees and Contingency Reserve Fund Assessments; and be it further

RESOLVED, (c) That Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has fully complied with any and all applicable provisions of Government Code Section 7507 in electing the benefits set forth above.

Adopted at a regular/special meeting of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at 9:00 a.m this 1st day of November 2012.
Signed: _________________________________
(Kirby Nicol, Chairman)

Attest: _________________________________
(George Dondero, Secretary)
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Coverage Effective: January 2013 through December 2013

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### MAXIMUM MONTHLY RTC CONTRIBUTION

- **EE** = employee only
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AGENDA: November 1, 2012

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Bicycle Coordinator

RE: Bicycle Committee Membership Appointment

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission appointment Myrna Sherman to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Advisory Committee as the City of Watsonville’s voting representative.

BACKGROUND

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Committee correspond to City and Supervisorial District seats on the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). Commissioners may nominate individuals for the RTC’s 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. While staff works throughout the year to fill empty seats, vacancies currently exist for District 4 (voting and alternate member positions), the City of Watsonville (voting and alternate member positions) and District 5 (alternate position).

The Bicycle Committee’s description, role and membership are shown on the 2004 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Rules and Regulations (Attachment 1). A draft roster is also included as Attachment 2.

DISCUSSION

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Advisory Committee exist for District 4 (voting and alternate member positions), the City of Watsonville (voting and alternate member positions) and District 5 (alternate position). Staff has been working to recruit applicants to fill those vacancies and solicited recommendations from Commissioners.

City of Watsonville Applicant – Myrna Sherman, a City of Watsonville resident, submitted an application (Attachment 3) to serve as the voting member representing her city of residence for the remainder of the current term. Ms. Sherman is an avid bicyclist and has much experience with bicycle ridership issues and conditions in South County. The current term expires in March, 2013 and as such, Ms. Sherman would have to reapply at that time should she wish to continue service.

Staff forwarded Ms. Sherman’s application to Commissioner Montesino who submitted his nomination of Ms. Sherman (Attachment 4) on Friday, October 5, 2012.
Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the nomination provided by Commissioner Montesino and appoint Myrna Sherman as the voting representative to the RTC’s Bicycle Committee.

SUMMARY

Vacancies on the Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Advisory exist for District 4 (voting and alternate), District 5 (alternate) and the City of Watsonville (voting and alternate). Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission appoint Myrna Sherman, an applicant wishing to represent the City of Watsonville as a voting member, to fill that seat.

Attachments:
1) SCCRTC Rules and Regulations: Exhibit 4 - Bicycle Committee description
2) Draft Bicycle Committee roster
3) Application from Myrna Sherman (with personal information redacted)
4) Commissioner Montesino nomination
Committee: **BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

**Committee Objectives:** 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. 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 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.

5. Advises the local jurisdictions' Public Works and Planning departments and Santa Cruz Metro, at their request, in their other functions as they related to bicycling, including bicycle plans, policies and ordinances and bikeway maintenance activities.

6. Advises local agencies and the Commission on the implementation of bicycle promotion programs funded by Commission funds;

7. Reviews and approves applications for Bikes Secure bike parking grant applications;

8. 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;

9. 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

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*Rules and Regulations December 2004*
One person representing each of the four cities 4
One at-large member (until March, 2005 expiration of this position) 1
A representative of Bike to Work 1
A representative of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition 1

Total (prior to April, 2005) 12
Total (after March, 2005) 11

**Appointments:** 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 Committee and via open application process. The cities and the County Supervisors may nominate individuals for Commission consideration.

**Quorum:** A quorum is six members, assuming that there are no vacant positions. If there are vacant positions, a quorum will be half of the number of filled positions.

**Meeting Frequency and Time:** Set meeting time as 2nd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm.

**Meeting Location:** 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.

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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.

Please type or print clearly

Name: Myrna Sherman
Home address: Watsonville, CA 95076
Mailing address (if different): ____________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
Phone: (home) ________________ (business/message/mobile)__________________
E-mail:
Length of residence in Santa Cruz County: 28 years

Position(s) I am applying for: □ Any appropriate position
x ☐ Regional Transportation__Commission bicycle Committee

Previous experience on a government commission or committee (please specify)
County Mental Health Board
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## Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience

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### Statement of Qualifications:

Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on this committee and why you are qualified for the appointment. If you have served on this committee in the past, please summarize your accomplishments on the committee and indicate which of the committee’s potential future endeavors most interest you.

### Certification:

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

Myrna Sherman
9/5/12

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Signature  Date

### Return Application to:

SCCRTC
Bicycle Committee
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
fax: (831) 460-3215 or email: ccaletti@sccrtc.org

### Questions or Comments:

Call Cory Caletti at (831) 460-3201 or by email at ccaletti@sccrtc.org
To Whom It May Concern:

As a cycling enthusiast in Santa Cruz County for the past 15 years and an avid member of the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club, I am fully involved in many aspects of cycling. I ride at least 60 miles a week (more if I have time), lead monthly rides and attend multiple cycling related meetings a month. In my capacity as Ride Coordinator for the SCCCC, I am in touch with cyclists of all ages and riding abilities. As a ride leader I am face to face with these same riders. Education and safety are always my main concern, and then of course the joy of cycling for all. I am excited about this position, as it is a South county position. As a resident of South County, I know the best riding is here. As ride leader, I like to start as many rides in South County as possible. Living in South County gives a cyclist an entirely different view than in other parts of the county. Here we have farm workers, riding bikes, with no helmet, on sidewalks or riding in the opposite direction of traffic. This is where education and safety classes would come into play. I don’t just want to be a cyclist in my home town, but make a difference to the cyclists living here as well as those passing through. I know there are plans for bike paths throughout the county and many in South County. To be a part of this process is very exciting. I do hope you will consider me for this appointment.

Thank You,

Myrna Sherman
Good morning,

I have gone through Myrna's application and I am delighted to nominate her to the bicycle committee. I would encourage my commission colleagues to appoint Myrna Sherman to the bicycle committee to represent Watsonville.

Thank you

Eduardo Montesino
Mayor/Alcalde
City of Watsonville
cel. 831 247 9699
TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Reappointments to the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION
The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve reappointment (Attachment 1) of Sally French to the E&D TAC as the member representing Social Service Providers for People with Disabilities as shown in the revised membership roster (Attachment 2); and
2. Assist with nominations of members of the community for vacant positions.

BACKGROUND
The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) functions best when all committee membership and alternate positions are filled. Committee members, staff, Commissioners and the community are partners in this endeavor.

DISCUSSION
At its October 2012 meeting, the E&D TAC recommended that the RTC approve reappointment of Sally French for the member position representing Social Service Providers for People with Disabilities. Ms. French is the Director of the local branch of Hope Services, an agency that assists individuals with developmental disabilities to live and participate in their communities. In addition to serving on the E&D TAC, Sally also serves on its subcommittee, the Pedestrian Safety Work Group.

Attached is the application submitted by Sally French (Attachment 1) and a revised roster (Attachment 2) showing the recommended reappointment in bold.

The E&D TAC and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the reappointment of Sally French for member position representing Social Service Provider for People with Disabilities.

In addition, active recruitment is underway for vacant member and alternate positions representing:

- Private Operators
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Supervisorial District
- 4\textsuperscript{th} Supervisorial District

Staff would appreciate assistance from commissioners in filling the vacant positions. The E&D TAC membership application can be found on the RTC’s website: http://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/APPLICATION-EDTAC1.pdf or commissioners can relay nominations to staff for follow up.
**SUMMARY**

The E&D TAC and staff recommend that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approve one reappointment and assist with nominations for vacant positions.

*Attachments:*

1. Committee Reappointment Application for Sally French
2. E&D TAC Roster

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC)

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every other month at 1:30 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 is 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.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name: Sally French
Home address: [Redacted] Watsonville 95076
Mailing address (if different):

Phone: (home) [Redacted] (business/message) [Redacted]
E-mail: Sfrench@recessions.org

Length of residence in Santa Cruz County: 7 years

Position(s) I am applying for: □ Any appropriate position
☑ Rep. a S.S. agency

Previous experience on a government commission or committee (please specify)

I have been on the Elderly Disabled Committee for the past 3 years. In addition, I have served on the Pedestrian Safety Committee for the past 2 years.
### Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience

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Signature: [Signature]  
Date: [Date]

**Return Application to:**  
SCCRTC  
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee  
1523 Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
fax: 460-3215  email: kpushnik@sccrtc.org

**Questions or Comments:**  
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## Membership Roster (September 2012)

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### Staff

Karena Pushnik, Transportation Planner, RTC, 460-3210, kpushnik@sccrtc.org
## Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
### THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

#### November 2012 Through January 2013

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee. Please visit our website for meeting agendas and locations [www.sccrtc.org/meetings/](http://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/)

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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
City of Watsonville-Council Chambers-275 Main St Ste 400-Watsonville, CA

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Subject: STARS

Organization: Minnesota Department of Transportation
From: Yugloop@aol.com [mailto:Yugloop@aol.com]
To: Regional Transportation Commission
Subject: Re: Road Info

I'm just curious why, when I check Road Info for Hwy 17 on the Caltrans Page (my commute), it NEVER reports anything WRONG... however the Map clearly indicates "accidents"... this portion of the Bay area is probably the most consistently neglected and misreported around...Am I the ONLY one who feels this way?

Sincerely,

Tired of Getting Bad Info and then Sitting in Traffic

_______________________________________________________________________________

Hello "Tired" -

We recommend that you use the Regional Transportation Commission/Commute Solution's one-stop Traffic Conditions website. There you'll find links to live traffic cameras, and the Caltrans QuickMap site that shows not only scheduled road work, but also incidents/accidents. In addition, Traffic Conditions site has links to other resources about CHP incidents, construction projects and rideshare information.

Your feedback is most welcome.
Thank you.

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Karena Pushnik,  Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Santa Cruz Office (main) 831.460.3210 | Watsonville 831.768.8012
1523 Pacific Avenue | Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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This Contact Request Form has been submitted by a member of the public to http://sccrtc.org/contact-us/.

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<td>The north-bound land of El Rancho Drive south of Sims Road in Scotts Valley (the frontage road along south-bound Highway 17) has been washed out for nearly 2-1/2 years. Is there any plan to repair this? Currently, the single south-bound lane and north-bound lanes are controlled with stop signs. Seems dangerous and cause for accidents. It also slows commuting time. A lot of people are just blowing through it and that's scary. Thanks.</td>
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Hello Glenn Robbins –
This portion of El Rancho Drive is under the jurisdiction of the unincorporated county. I’ve copied their Public Works Department with your request for information about this project and your safety concerns. It would be best if they provided responses directly to you.

Unfortunately, very little funding is designated specifically for road maintenance and other potential funding for these purposes must compete with other vital services such as law enforcement, fire protection and social services.

Thank you for contacting the RTC. For more information about the RTC’s programs and projects, please visit our webpage: www.sccrtc.org.

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From: Jeanne Kendall [mailto:outnaboutranch@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 9:48 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider equestrian access to this trail network.
Many equestrians ride Wilder State Park and Gray Whale and would love to have access to this scenic area. We equestrians share the trails with bikes and hikers in both of the state parks now.

Thank you,

Jeanne A. Kendall
7900 Stoney Creek Rd.
Jackson, Ca 95642
(209) 304-0889
email address: outnaboutranch@gmail.com

__________________________________________________________________________

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 again.

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Cathy Judd, Administrative Assistant
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Haven’t we evaluated enough – passenger rail has shown not to work on this line. RTC is just looking to spend more money on Studies.

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What's wrong with Seacliff stop off?

JP

Hello James Peterson –
Thank you for your email. In response to your inquiry, future passenger train service scenarios may include a stop at Seacliff.

The November 17 Celebration Event will feature only a few of the potential stops and will not take passengers between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. The train will serve as a backdrop to these festivities.

We are, however, working with the operator to determine whether short preview train rides can be provided from the west side of Santa Cruz north as part of the celebration event. More details to follow.

Karena Pushnik
RTC | 831.460.3210
Excellent- thank you!

Jonathan Steinberg
Human Resources Manager
Island Conservation
100 Shaffer Rd LML UCSC
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Phone: 831 359-4787 ext 101
Fax: 831 459-1476
Cell: 831 247-2323
Email: jonathan.steinberg@islandconservation.org
Skype: jonathan.steinberg

"Island Conservation is the world's most effective organization in terms of species saved from extinction per dollar spent."
Michael Soule, Cofounder, the Society for Conservation Biology

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What a waste of tax payers money....

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Congratulations, I think the RTC will be very happy with Iowa Pacific.

John R. Whatley  
Engineering Coordinator  
Transit & Rail  
505-944-5987  
505-827-5134

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 again.
From: Pahs, Matthew (DOT) [mailto:matthew.pahs@state.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 9:40 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: STARS

Karena
I am interested in learning more about freight and specifically trucking within your STARS program. Your website state “Improve access opportunities for people and goods” (http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/stars/). Do you have measures and targets for freight?
Matt

Hello Matthew Pahs –
A3, A5 and CE3 generally relate to the movement of goods and services.

Currently we are using STARS Plan to help us craft measurable targets to evaluate our long range Regional Transportation Plan.
Here is the link to general information about the RTP update: http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/long-range-plans/rtp/
And here is the link to the targets we’re using to evaluate the RTP projects: http://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/StaffReport_TPWDraftGoalsPolicies.pdf
(see attachment 2 for targets and attachment 3 for strategies). As you can see specific targets related to goods movement are not included, primarily because we have not found any reliable data that is available now and would be trackable over time. That said, this is our first time though this new process and the plan is a work in progress. We’d love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you.

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NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans has sustained record-high construction levels at or above $11 billion since May 2012. This is directly attributable to Proposition 1B and the 2009 Recovery Act.

- Caltrans is working to enhance its capital project delivery. This includes the proposal and passing of legislation to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method for six pilot projects throughout the state. This method involves establishing a contractor early in the delivery process to identify additional opportunities to improve the design, reduce costs and increase efficiencies. Overall, the new method will provide another project delivery tool once the legislation is signed.

- Caltrans was recently recognized as a national leader of Complete Streets in promoting safer, healthier transportation. The National Complete Streets Coalition ranked Caltrans’ Complete Streets policy third among more than 350 policies adopted before Jan. 1, 2012 by states, regions, and counties. Caltrans’ noted strengths are in accommodating all users and transportation modes as well as implementing its Complete Streets policy.

- Caltrans and the California Natural Resources Agency are pleased to announce the joint release of the Guidelines and Application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the 2012/13 grant cycle. Applications must be received at the Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento CA, 95814, by Friday, January 4, 2013 - no later than 4 p.m.

You may access the EEMP Guidelines and Application at: http://www.resources.ca.gov/eem/.
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<td>Hwy. 1 Watsonville (CAPM) Rehab. (0M7504)</td>
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<td>Pavement Rehabilitation (hot mix asphalt on existing pavement)</td>
<td>April 15, 2012-Fall 2012</td>
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<td>Highway 1 in Santa Cruz (17,5-18,2)</td>
<td>Construct colored and textured Median Barrier</td>
<td>April 23, 2012-Fall 2012</td>
<td>$1.6 M</td>
<td>SHOPP</td>
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<td>Doug Hessing (FK) Toms Septic Construction, Salinas Alternating lane closures, primarily overnight</td>
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<td>In Santa Cruz from so. of the Rte 01/09 junction to just no. of Vernon St. (PM 0.0-PM 0.6)</td>
<td>Cold plane and hot mix asphalt and repaving</td>
<td>Spring 2012-October 2012</td>
<td>$350,000</td>
<td>Highway Maint.</td>
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<td>Kelly McClain (TL) Pavex Construction Div., San Jose Work completed, pending final approval</td>
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<td>Hwy. 9 Holiday Lane Improvements (0K2304)</td>
<td>Highway 9 between Ben Lomond and the Highland Co. Park; S. of Holiday Lane (PM 8.4-8.6)</td>
<td>Construct Viaduct, Upgrade guard rail</td>
<td>Summer 2012 – Winter 2013/14</td>
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<td>Hwy. 17 Santa’s Village Road Guardrail (0G4004)</td>
<td>Near Scott’s Valley from just north of Santa’s Village to Crescent Drive (PM 6.1-6.6)</td>
<td>Construct concrete guardrail</td>
<td>January 2011-August 9, 2012</td>
<td>$3 Million</td>
<td>SHOPP</td>
<td>Caltrans</td>
<td>Gordon N. Ball Inc., Alamo</td>
<td>In plant establishment. All work completed, waiting for maintenance approval.</td>
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<td>Hwy. 17 Summit Slide Repair (1A7104)</td>
<td>In Santa Cruz County near Scotts Valley at 0.2 mile north of Glenwood Dr.</td>
<td>Construct retaining wall with concrete slab &amp; barrier, HMA pave</td>
<td>Spring 2013-Fall 2013</td>
<td>$2 Million</td>
<td>SHOPP</td>
<td>Caltrans</td>
<td>Condon-Johnson &amp; Associates Inc., Oakland</td>
<td>Bids opened 5/30/12. Project awarded on 7/24. Possibly suspended until next Spring.</td>
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<td>Upgrade Metal Beam Guard Rail, other improvements</td>
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<td>Hwy. 1 Guardrail/ Crash Cushions (0M970_)</td>
<td>Highway 1, various locations from San Lorenzo R. Bridge to Waddell Creek (PM 17.4-26.0)</td>
<td>Upgrade guard rail, end treatments</td>
<td>Summer 2012 – Summer 2013</td>
<td>Total $2.8M</td>
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AGENDA: November 1, 2012

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director
RE: Nominating Committee for RTC Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Chair appoint a nominating committee to nominate the RTC Chair and Vice Chair for 2013.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the RTC’s Rules and Regulations under “General Rules and Regulation” section E, the annual election of the RTC Chair and Vice Chair takes place at its December meeting. The existing chair appoints a nominating committee of three or four commissioners at the November RTC meeting. The nominating committee makes its recommendation for chair and vice chair at the December RTC meeting for the following year.

The chair and vice chair will serve a one-year term beginning in January of 2013, or until a new election takes place. The vice chair will serve as the chair for the RTC’s Transportation Policy Workshop meetings.

The current Commission Chair is Kirby Nicol, City of Capitola and the Vice Chair is Neal Coonerty, Santa Cruz County Supervisor.

SUMMARY

Per the RTC Rules and Regulation an RTC Chair and Vice Chair are elected at its December meeting; therefore, staff recommends that a nominating committee be formed to nominate a new chair and vice chair at the RTC’s December meeting.
TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) accept the monthly report on construction activities for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project.

BACKGROUND

On January 5, 2012, the RTC authorized a construction contract for work to begin on the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor on February 3, 2012, following receipt of performance bonds and insurance certificates.

DISCUSSION

RTC Resident Engineer, Bruce Shewchuk, will present an oral report on current construction activities and will respond to questions. 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 preceeding construction of retaining walls along the cut slope section of the project. As part of this effort, work was completed on the drainage system in Oak Way and work continues on upgrading the drainage system along the highway with connections under the highway from north to south to be constructed at night with lane closures as necessary.

The contractor has begun hauling away excess dirt from both sides of the highway and excavation for the foundation of the retaining walls to be constructed on the northbound side of the highway in front of the shoring. The contractor will also be installing bio-degradable jute mesh on the exposed slope to avoid erosion as rainy season approaches.

As reported last month, the contractor is claiming differing site conditions required more extensive shoring system than originally anticipated on the northside of the highway. RTC’s construction engineer is closely monitoring this work to aid in quickly resolving any potential claims of extra costs associated with this work.
Student Shuttle

For the period the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing is out of service, the environmental document identified either the construction of a temporary pedestrian bridge or a shuttle to mitigate the impact to students needing access to area schools. During the final design phase of the project it was determined that a temporary pedestrian bridge was extremely expensive, would extend the construction schedule, and pose even greater impacts to the adjacent community. Accordingly, a decision was made to operate a shuttle serving students at DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High schools for students who either did or could walk or ride their bikes to-and-from school. Funding for the operation of the shuttle is provided in the Transportation Management Plan as a mitigation effort in the amount of $75,000.

Santa Cruz City Schools (SCCS) provided staff with information regarding student’s place of residence that allowed staff to work with qualified student shuttle operators to develop a route and operation schedule that meet student needs within the available budget. Attached is the route and schedule for DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High schools (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively). As of this writing, 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 following an initial increase in ridership after the beginning of school, ridership has leveled out. As noted at the last RTC meeting, over half of students within the Harbor High shuttle zone (25 of the 48) have signed up to use the shuttle. Because there is additional capacity on the vehicles, staff is prepared to extend outreach efforts to attract additional riders. However, it is not advisable to alter or expand the existing shuttle route which would jeopardize the current on-time shuttle performance and, in turn, have a negative impact on ridership. It should also be noted that daylight saving time and inclement weather may impact ridership, for both elementary age and high school students which may have been using other “fair weather” transportation options.

Construction Financial Status

As of this writing, there remain three contract change orders (CCO’s) in development as previously reported. Those CCO’s relate to the following work:

- Construction of the multi-use path between Park Way and La Fonda Avenue.
- Extending the sidewalk on Rooney Street approximately 55 feet to the corner of Elk Street.
- A series of revisions to the improvement plans for the sidewalks along Rooney Street and Morrissey Boulevard.

The estimated cost of the CCO’s are not reported in the cost accounting shown below. These figures will be adjusted when they are approved and the exact costs are known. Through 8 months of construction activity, the approved progress payments total $3,564,305. As of this writing the progress payment for the current
period is still under review by the construction engineer and will be reported at the next meeting.

Following is the current contractor cost accounting:

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Additional contract change orders are anticipated in the coming weeks, including: unexpected extra work associated with the different site conditions and drainage needs on the north slope; install a trunk line to the drainage system on Oak Way for improved efficiency in connection with the drainage system in the highway; installation of a new drainage system crossing the freeway west of La Fonda to tie into the system on the southside of the highway as the existing line was found below the footing of the new retaining wall; installation of a trunk line to intercept drain pipes coming from properties along Oak Way and direct that water into the low lying wetland area. Before the project construction began, the RTC approved a set of policies for contract change orders and established a contract change orders ad-hoc committee. It has not been necessary to convene the ad-hoc committee up to this point but if any contract change order is over $100,000, the ad-hoc committee will be convened.

SUMMARY

Work is now focused on drainage systems along the highway and the retaining walls on the cut slope section of the highway. The contractor is claiming differing site conditions required installation of shoring system, now in place, more extensive than originally envisioned on the northside of the highway. RTC’s construction engineer is closely monitoring activities to aid in quickly resolving any potential claims of extra costs associated with this work. Information regarding the student shuttle operations is provided including the route map and schedule for the service to DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High schools (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively).

Attachments:
1. DeLaveaga Elementary Shuttle Route and Schedule
2. Harbor High School Shuttle Route and Schedule
## DeLaveaga Shuttle Stop Times

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- The Shuttle will only transport students on the approved roster.
- Be at your designated shuttle stop 5 minutes before the pick-up time in the morning. The shuttle schedule does not allow waiting time.
- Call Michael’s Transportation before 6:30 am if your child will not be at the morning pick-up, and before 1:30 pm for afternoon school pick-up.
- Ridership priority for students that walked or bicycled across the La Fonda Bridge last year or new students within the eligibility zone. Call the RTC for clarification.

### Contacts
- Day-to-Day Shuttle Operation: Michael’s Transportation – David Rouse @ 750-0602 or Adriana Catledge @ 212-0535
- Shuttle Eligibility, Operator Issues, Highway 1 Project: Regional Transportation Commission – Kim Shultz or Karena Pushnik @ 460-3200
## Harbor High Shuttle Stop Times

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- Shuttle Eligibility, Operator Issues, Highway 1 Project: Regional Transportation Commission – Kim Shultz or Karena Pushnik @ 460-3200
TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager  
RE: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network – Draft Master Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept a presentation on the Draft Master Plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project, provide feedback, and consider attending associated public workshops on November 26, 27, 28 and 29th, 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (Trail Network) is envisioned to be a multi-use transportation, recreational, and interpretive facility for bicyclists and pedestrians that will span the coast of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary from the San Mateo/Santa Cruz County line in Santa Cruz County to Lovers Point in Pacific Grove, Monterey County. Federal funds to establish a continuous trail spanning Monterey and Santa Cruz counties were secured by Congressman Sam Farr with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) taking the lead for the Monterey County portion of the trail and the RTC taking the lead in Santa Cruz County. Local funds have also been programmed to the project by the RTC.

The Trail Network will be separated from motor vehicle traffic, as possible, and utilize the on-street network to provide greater community connectivity. The Trail Network will serve transportation, recreation, health, eco-tourism, coastal access, economic vitality, and educational and interpretive purposes. The “spine” of the Trail Network will be built parallel to the operational rail line, within the rail right of way as possible, so that freight service can continue and future passenger rail service may be provided. Spur trails will connect the primary alignment to major activity centers. Approximately 50% of the county’s population, 88 parks and 45 schools are in census tracts within 1 mile of the rail line.

The RTC authorized staff to engage RRM Design Group, a consulting firm specializing in trail planning, to develop a master plan and environmental review document for the Trail Network project in Santa Cruz County. The consultant contract for development of the Master Plan and environmental document was increased from $499,992 to $627,757 to accommodate additional public participation forums as requested by the public and the RTC and more extensive analysis on tie-ins and overlaps with the California Coastal Trail. The California Coastal Trail is a proposed trail system to be located as close to the coastline as possible, from the Oregon to the Mexico borders. The California Coastal Conservancy, the agency responsible for preserving and expanding coastal access, supporting coastal trail development, and identifying the California Coastal Trail provided $250,000 for development of the Master Plan in order to provide for that trail tie-in and connection.
The RTC received a presentation in August, 2011 on the project scope, schedule and document development. Following that presentation, RRM Design Group conducted corridor tours; identified and mapped opportunities and constraints; met with stakeholder groups representing over 50 agencies, community representatives and businesses; and held three route identification public workshops throughout the county which were attended by over 200 community members.

DISCUSSION
After careful research, field study, mapping exercises, public outreach and input from key agency partners, a Draft Master Plan [Attachment 1] has been developed. The Draft Master Plan presented is a comprehensive analysis of the existing conditions, opportunities, constraints, and alignment alternatives. The Draft Master Plan aims to identify a primary alignment for a continuous bicycle and pedestrian trail along the rail right-of-way where separation from motor vehicle traffic is possible. Additionally, spur trails and on-street facilities would provide connectivity to coastal destinations and other activity centers. As directed by the RTC and mandated by rail right-of-way purchase agreements, planning and design of the Trail Network assumes and prioritizes rail service on the rail right-of-way.

Draft Master Plan development process

In addition to the research, analysis and outreach identified above, an administrative draft plan was developed in consultation with local jurisdictions and agency partners who also reviewed that plan and provided significant feedback. Proposals were also discussed with Iowa Pacific (operating as Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway), the Farm Bureau, agricultural operators and the Agricultural Commissioner, as well as other key partners. Comments were addressed and incorporated as possible.

Draft Master Plan contents

The Draft Master Plan is organized into chapters as follows:

1) Introduction - The project’s history, evolution, major milestones achieved to date, current project scope and the Plan’s relationship to other planning efforts for non-motorized mobility are described. The “braided trail network” concept is introduced and the goal of providing a comprehensive system of bicycle and pedestrian facilities with proximity to the coast and separated from motor vehicle traffic to the greatest extent possible is addressed. How the Master Plan is organized and what public outreach has been conducted to date for its development is outlined.

2) Goals, Objectives, and Policies - Within the planning and policy context, this chapter provides the goals of generally desired outcomes, measurable and specific objectives, as well as policies related to implementation of the project’s goals and objectives. Additionally, implementing actions are identified.

3) Master Plan Setting - The planning area is divided into three major areas or “reaches”, each containing a set of characteristics that will require coordinated treatment types. The northern, central and southern reaches are identified and opportunities and constraints for each area are discussed. Additionally, activity centers are summarized since access to desirable destinations is integral to vibrant trail systems.

4) Trail Alignments - The entire Trail Network is divided into twenty (20) segments as described. Segment proposals identify trail treatment types through cross-section graphics, show spur trails as well as improvements needed to existing facilities. Cost estimates are provided for the number of miles, amenities, at-grade crossings and new
bridge structures. Consideration is given to right-of-way width, proximity to activity centers, and network connectivity the segment would provide.

5) Trail Design Standards - A trail functions best when it is seamless to the users and is constructed to uniform standards as it traverses through different jurisdictions and geographic areas. This chapter addresses standards for each facility type, treatments for crossings and intersections and universal design guidelines to provide accessibility to the highest number of users. Amenities, shared use conflict reduction measures, dog and equestrian uses and other trail functionality considerations are also addressed.

6) Project Prioritization and Costs - Categories by which to prioritize segment implementation and a weighted scoring system is recommended. While categories such as proximity to activity centers, cost estimates and constrained right-of-ways are identified, a place holder is also reserved for community preference. A short, medium and long term phasing scenario is recommended.

7) Operation and Maintenance - Aside from regular maintenance, the trail management will also involve carefully considered interface guidelines with current and future agricultural and rail operations. Responsibilities and a variety of different mechanisms by which trail segment projects may be developed, constructed and maintained are offered.

A presentation on the content of the Draft Master Plan will be provided to the RTC on Thursday, November 1st, 2012 by Mike Sherrod of RRM Design Group.

Hard copies of the Draft Master Plan are being provided to Commissioners only. The full 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.

November public workshops

As always, wide-spread public participation and engagement is encouraged. Therefore, the RTC is holding four public workshops to present the Draft Master Plan to the public and solicit input. Additionally, the public workshop exercises are being planned so that members of the public may weigh in on their specific priority segments.

Workshops have been scheduled for the following locations and times:

- 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
- Thursday, November 29th, 2012: Civic Plaza Community Room, Watsonville

All workshops will be held from 6 PM to 8 PM and will focus on the geographic area in the vicinity of the workshop location. Commissioners are invited to attend and are asked to notify RTC staff of planned attendance. Workshops will be promoted through Community Television, Santa Cruz Sentinel's Street Smarts column, articles and flyers in the local Chambers’ and community partners’ distribution avenues, as well as through the RTC’s website and Facebook page. An English and Spanish two-sided flyer for the public workshops is attached and more are available for distribution (Attachment 2).
Funding

To date, almost $7 Million has been secured for the Trail Network for implementation in Santa Cruz County. Of that amount, approximately $2.5 Million comes from the federal Transportation Enhancement program and approximately $4.5 Million is attributed to the efforts of Congressman Sam Farr who secured federal funding for the project. The California Coastal Conservancy has also contributed funds to extend Trail Network planning to the San Mateo County/Santa Cruz County border and to ensure consideration to tie-in and overlap with the California Coastal Trail.

While early construction estimates were in the $1 Million per mile range, the geographic conditions of the analysis area coupled with the majority of the train trestles being incapable of holding cantilevered bike/pedestrian structures have increased the cost estimate as indicated in the Draft Master Plan. RTC staff will work aggressively to seek on-going funding through creative as well as traditional mechanisms, and to deliver projects in an efficient manner.

Draft Environmental Impact Report

Simultaneous to the development of the Draft Master Plan, an environmental impact report (EIR) is also being developed. The RTC has therefore released a notice of preparation and initial study for the EIR. Pursuant to the public participation goals of the California Environmental Quality Act, the RTC hosted two scoping meetings in September to gather additional input on the content and focus of the environmental analysis to be conducted and presented in the draft EIR. The deadline for additional comments has been extended to November 30th, 2012 to give the public additional time to consider the scope of the environmental analysis.

Estimated Timeline of Activities

Following review of the Draft Master Plan, RTC staff and RRM Design Group will make modifications and conduct additional research as needed in preparation of a final master plan. 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.

Comments from the public

Although no Trail Network planning documents have been released prior to now, RTC staff received comments from equestrian groups requesting that equestrian access be provided from Wilder Ranch to Davenport and beyond (Attachment 3). Additional comments from the public are encouraged and welcomed until December 21st, 2012. Comments should be submitted to Cory Caletti, Project Manager at ccaletti@sccrtc.org.

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept a presentation on the Draft Master Plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project and provide feedback.

As adoption of the master plan nears, staff will consider how the RTC may approach project implementation in the short term and beyond and how project funding should be allocated.
SUMMARY

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 is in charge of planning and implementing the Santa Cruz County portion of the Trail Network. The Draft Master Plan identifies proposed trail alignments, design features, construction costs, priorities and implementation mechanisms and is available for review and comment until December 21st, 2012.

Attachments:
1) Draft MBSST Network Master Plan (enclosed for Commissioners only; a limited number of hard copies available at the RTC; also available on CDs and for download on the RTC website)
2) November public workshops announcement flyer (two-sided English/Spanish)
3) Public comments received
Draft Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan

The Draft Trail Network Plan is attached separately for Commissioners only. A limited number of hardcopies are available at the Santa Cruz and Watsonville RTC offices. The Draft Plan is also available for download on the RTC website (www.sccrtc.org) and on CD.
The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network will be a braided system of bicycle and pedestrian trails that will provide non-motorized travel options and access to desirable destinations. The “rail trail” will serve as the spine of a network that will also see spur trails connecting to the coast, neighborhoods, activity centers and schools. The Draft Master Plan will provide segment by segment descriptions and discuss implementation, cost, design, construction prioritization and ongoing maintenance.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Come hear a presentation on the Draft Master Plan for the MBSST Network and provide feedback on project details.
La red del sendero escénico del santuario de la bahía de Monterey [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST)] será un sistema hecho de rutas para bicicletas y peatones que brindarán opciones de viaje sin el uso de transportes motorizados para tener acceso a su destino deseado. El “sendero” funcionará como la guía de una red que también ofrecerá caminos estimulantes que se conectarán con la costa, los vecindarios, centros de actividades y escuelas. El borrador del Plan Maestro brindará descripciones de cada sección del sendero y discutirá la implementación, costo, diseño, priorización de construcción y el mantenimiento en curso del mismo.

**SU OPINIÓN CUENTA.** Venga y escuche la presentación del borrador del Plan Maestro de la red MBSST y otorgue su opinión acerca de los detalles del proyecto.
Allowing horses on select sections of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network, particularly between Wilder and Davenport, would be a wonderful addition to the spirit of the trail. The Santa Cruz area has a proven history of good will between horsemen, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and this would serve to further that goal.

Thanks, Cristie Thomas and Scott Lindberg

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:L:M:N:O: Arts

Scott Lindberg : Cristie Thomas
architectural and sculptural elements
for the landscape and home
phone: 831.728.3998
portfolio: www.LMNOarts.com
Dear Cory Caletti,

I love Santa Cruz and enjoy jogging the trails. I volunteer on Horse Patrol at Wilder Ranch State Park, as well as contribute to the parks. Apparently, you are designing the public access along the railroad tracks. Please consider an equestrian path adjacent to the proposed trail from the parking lot of Wilder Ranch State Park to the trails in Davenport.

Thank you,
Nannette Benedict
Cory Caletti

From: shariclick@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 10:00 PM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Equestrian trail

Cory,
I am part of the State Parks volunteer Horse Patrol for Wilder Ranch. I hope you will consider including equestrian access to the new trail that will connect Wilder and Davenport. We ride on the bike path to get to Wilder now and we have been able to wear a dirt path right next to the pavement that most of the horses use. There are about 75-80 horses that board at Coast Rd Stables and maybe 30 (just a guess) across the street at Jade Ranch and we are just a 15 minute ride to Wilder. I know that many people trailer their horses in to Wilder to enjoy the trails there. There are a lot of horse riders who would appreciate having access to that section of the trail.

Thank you so much!!
Shari Click
October 8, 2012

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager  
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
1523 Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Re: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network  
Equestrian access to Trail from Wilder Ranch State Park  
main parking area to Davenport.

Dear Cory Caletti:

I have been a resident in Santa Cruz County for 36 years and am proud of the efforts Santa Cruz has made to create and maintain public access to our natural environments including: beaches, state, county and city parks, as well as UCSC property. And I must admit when the trail to Wilder State Ranch along Highway One was paved, I was not happy. I knew it would bring more people on wheels, with the ability to go even faster than before. I was afraid equestrians would lose access to a park where they and pedestrians had once dominated.

What happened was the bicyclists and equestrians have learned to work together to enjoy our natural community. The Santa Cruz Bicycle Club, I believe is the organization that has really encouraged its members to learn about bicycling in equestrian and pedestrian environments and sharing the trails. I am very impressed with the improvement over the years of these groups sharing the trail.

My hope is that multi-use trails can include equestrians as much as possible. And to that end I encourage the SCCRTC to evaluate including equestrian access to the trail connecting Wilder Ranch State Park and Davenport.

The psyche, human and equine, need these natural environments to connect with, and appreciate the amazing gifts from mother earth. Our children need to have this exposure to realize their value and continue their maintenance for their children. It is a win-win for all, if multi-use trails truly remain multi-use as much as is safely possible. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely

Ann Horton
Cory Caletti

From: Debbie Timms [Deb@RanchoRuiz.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 6:08 PM  
To: 'DeeDee Levine'; Cory Caletti  
Subject: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

To: ccaletti@sccrtc.org  
Subject: [BayAreaSavvyPlayers] Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager,

Please add Equestrian use to your Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network plan.

Having access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond) would be remarkable.

This could give equestrians trail access to the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport, not to mention a new lovely ocean view trail along the way.

Equestrians are caring and careful users of trail access.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbie Timms  
Santa Clara County  
408-847-4824

"Out beyond our ideas of wrong doing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there."
- Rumi
From: Christine James [cjames@surfnetusa.com]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 8:31 AM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Equestrian access

I am an avid equestrian trail rider, this is my sport of choice, it would be fantastic if there could be an access trail provided for equestrians from Wilder ranch to Davenport. Please consider this as there are so many of equestrians that would benefit from this proposed trail.

Sincerely,
Christine James
Dear Mr. Caletti,

I am a local biker and equestrian. I ride, hike and bike in Wilder at least 4 times a week and I visit other parks to ride, bike and hike.

I think it would be a crime not to allow horses on the new trail. Horses do not cause any trail damage as do bike. It is important for people on bike and on foot to share space with equestrians who have been around longer than bikers or hikers.

I cannot begin to tell you the delight I see in peoples faces when they see horses on the trail. Children smile at the sight of these fine animals and most horse people will stop and talk to the children.

It is a wonderful benefit to our park and trail system to have equestrians out there taking advantage of these great places.

So please include equestrians in your plans.

Thanks so much,

Margaret P. Hughes
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Dear Cory,

I understand you are in charge of the plans for the new scenic trail. This is a heavily used horse area historically and I am wanting to urge you to remember horses in your plans!

Thank you so much!!!!

Dee Kenville
161 Hagemann Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Dear Ms. Caletti,

Your name was given to me as being the project manager for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network plan.

I would like to bring to your attention to a large and very diverse equestrian community who would love to share these new trails with bikers and pedestrians.

Please consider opening these scenic trails to the hoofs! We are careful and caring trail / park users.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mindi Hansen
San Benito County
408-607-7959
Cory Caletti

From: DeeDee Levine [sonnyduo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager,

Please add Equestrian use to your Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network plan.

Having access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond) would be remarkable. This could give equestrians trail access to the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport, not to mention a new lovely ocean view trail along the way.

Equestrians are caring and careful users of trail access.

Thank you for your consideration,

DeeDee Levine
San Mateo County
650-208-1663

"Out beyond our ideas of wrong doing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there."
- Rumi
To Cory Caletti, Please consider my request to have access to ride horses along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond), be included in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network plan.

Thank you,

Lindy James 831-662-3768

"All we need to know is realized through the Body"
Please consider horse trails on the coast project from Santa Cruz to Davenport and beyond. They can be just beside the pavement if paved or just beside the trail for bikes and pedestrians. We love to ride our horses along beautiful paths that connect to wonderful places.

Thank you for considering this in you planning, Robin Rainwater
Equestrian use should be considered in your trail plans. PLEASE
Dear Cory,

I am very excited about the proposed MBS Scenic Trail Network but I am disappointed that equestrian access seems to have been overlooked. The historic and recent use of the (existing) trails by riders on horses is well established. There is a ready, willing and able body of horse people who would gladly donate their time and energy to trail building, maintenance and patrol of the trail network. I currently volunteer with the State Parks as a member of Horse Patrol. We ride the trails, interacting with users to improve public relations, advise on trail conditions and regulations, and serve as an eye and ear for potential problems such as accidents. I know that many of us would volunteer our time and horses to serve the trail network in this way, as well. I urge you to make equestrians part of the master plan in the MBS Scenic Trail Network.

Thank you for the good work you are doing on this exciting project. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Susan Coale
I am an equestrian, a sworn volunteer with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue, and Unit Leader for the San Mateo County Parks Volunteer Horse Patrol. Please include equestrian access in your plans for new trails. Horses are a huge part of California and deserve your consideration when building new trails. Children love to see horses when they're first being exposed to hiking by their parents. They are prey animals and very much accepted by other wildlife.

Thanks for your help,
Bob Rosenberg
San Jose, CA
**From:** connie dejong [conniedej@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2012 11:17 AM
**To:** Cory Caletti
**Subject:** Please add equestrian access from Wilder to North of Davenport

I am a member of the Santa Cruz Horseman's Assoc. and the Santa Cruz County Horseman's Association. I also request equestrian access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond). This could give equestrians trail access to the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport, not to mention a new lovely ocean view trail along the way.

Connie DeJong
Villa Montagne Equestrian B&B
Cory Caletti

From: glenmarpk@msn.com on behalf of P Kelley [glenmarranch@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 8:08 AM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: FW: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager

I have been asked to share this with you.

A new plan for a Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network is in the works and it has NO PLAN for equestrian access. Santa Cruz Horseman's Assoc. has suggested we request access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond). This could give equestrians trail access to the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport, not to mention a new lovely ocean view trail along the way.

If you agree that equestrian use should be considered in their trail plans, PLEASE take steps to encourage these changes to the new plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

P Kelley
San Jose, California
October 10, 2012

Cory Caletti
Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA  95060

Dear Ms. Caletti:

I understand that the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network is under development and I’d like to encourage the inclusion of access for equestrians in addition to pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motorized trail users. I understand that much of the proposed trail path runs through areas not suited for horses to travel. However, it appears that some segments of the proposed trail, especially the north coast of Santa Cruz between Wilder Ranch State Park and Davenport, would be appropriate for multi-use including equestrians.
I strongly believe that it is a reasonable request to consider access for equestrians to ride on a path adjacent to this proposed scenic trail from the Wilder Ranch main parking area to Davenport. This equestrian access would be vital to potential linkages with the new BLM trails under development at the Coast Dairies property north of Wilder Ranch, as well as the newly acquired and protected Cemex property in Davenport. The horse community in Santa Cruz County is a large, well-established and active one. Please consider including equestrian use in your plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network.

Thank you for considering my suggestion. And thank you too for your efforts on the public’s behalf in what is a truly worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Patsy Wilkes
Cory Caletti,  
Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager

Dear Cory:

I am writing in regards to the following matter.

A new plan for a Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network is in the works and it has NO PLAN for equestrian access. Santa Cruz Horseman's Assoc. who I have done large animal rescue with during the fires several years ago and found a very well organized and enthusiastic group, has suggested horseback riders request access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport (and potentially beyond). This could give equestrians trail access to the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport, not to mention a new lovely ocean view trail along the way.

Currently I am so grateful to the foresight of others in allowing for beach access on horseback. I have ridden Halfmoon Bay and Point Reyes where the trail access is breathtaking. And I've ridden all over Pebble Beach from the old stables and was astonished at the beauty of that area. I've also been a rider in the Salinas parade and rodeo and many other activities throughout the state. When I'm on my horse, whether it is part of law enforcement activities, training or pleasure rides people are happy to see horses and it is a positive part of their experience to see riders. When I'm out riding I see others who may be part of tourist groups enjoying rides along our beautiful coast. It creates jobs for vendors and is a draw for visitors. It is important that Monterey offer access to those who ride and consider this in preservation activities. For those of us who are not only serious about the sport but are also major contributors to volunteer and charity work in the community we would like to ask you to include us in your masterplan. We are very effective community representatives, speakers fundraisers and caretakers and would benefit the preservation efforts.

I have forwarded this information to friends of mine who live in the Carmel and Monterey area or adjacent.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Dr. Rosemarie Menager  
menager@pacbell.net  
(650) 766-0963
Dear Ms Caletti,

I am writing to express my interest and support for equestrian use of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. I am currently a volunteer horse patrol member riding volunteer patrol at Wilder Ranch. I also own a ranch on Highway 1, just South of Wilder Ranch State Park. As an avid equestrian I want to express my support for Equestrian trails which would at the very least allow us access to ride along the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch north to Davenport. I hope you will include equestrians in the network!

Thank you,

Erica Berg
Jade's Ranch
Dear Cory Caletti,
You have addressed the use of the proposed trail plans along the coast for pedestrians, wheel chair users and cyclists, but have you considered equestrians? It would be lovely to have a track adjacent to the proposed people trail between Wilder Ranch and Davenport for horses. I have often enjoyed the Wilder trails on my horse and if you are intending to serve all your public open space users, it might be good to include equestrians. Those of us who ride shared trail areas exhibit good trail manners and the views would be stunning from horseback!
Thank you for considering this request.
Diane Bingemann Garcia
Woodside Horse Owners Association
Los Altos Hills Horseman's Association
Los Altos Hounds
Horsepark at Woodside affiliate
ETRAC
Please consider allowing equestrian access to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Trail Network. Equestrians have supported parks and trails in California for many years and it is unfair to restrict access to this community. Some of the first trails in California were developed by horse clubs. If you allow equestrians access to the stretch of trail from Wilder Ranch to Davenport, they will be able to access the new BLM property north of Wilder and the Cemex property in Davenport. We're all working toward the same goals of preserving existing trails and developing new ones for ALL Californians to enjoy.

Thank You for listening.
Linda Thomason
Chairman, Region 1 North American Trail Ride Conference
and local equestrian trailrider.
Hello Tammy: Thank you for your email and comments. They will be provided to the Regional Transportation Commission.

Equestrian use is being considered as appropriate for segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network and the "rail trail" spine. A Draft Master Plan will be available for review and comment early November. We will also hold public workshops in late November. I hope you’ll join us. If you aren’t on our e-news notification list, would you like us to sign you up?

You may also view the MBSST Network project page on our website for more information: http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/

Thank you for your interest in this exciting trail project. Cheers, Cory Caletti

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Regional Transportation Commission
831.460.3201

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Hi Cory,

I’m writing to express my support for the inclusion of equestrian use of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail for the section from Wilder State Ranch to Davenport.

Bicyclist, pedestrians and equestrians have proven to successfully co-utilize the multi-use trails in Wilder State Ranch and along the path leading to Wilder State Ranch. It is my hope that the SCC Regional Transportation Commission will take this into consideration when making its final recommendations.

Thank you for registering my support for equestrian inclusion in the plan.

Tammy Pelstring
127 De La Costa
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060
831.457.1075
Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff and the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Issue a call for projects for $5 million in FY12-FY13 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Santa Cruz County, is responsible for selecting projects to receive a variety of state and federal transportation funds. This includes Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from the “highway” portion of the federal transportation act (MAP-21).

Last fall, given significant uncertainty surrounding the new federal transportation act and the California Transportation Commission’s (CTC) reluctance to release State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to projects on local streets and roads in the past, the RTC decided to wait to program Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

Following CTC approval of STIP funds for local road projects last spring and enactment of the two-year federal transportation act in July 2012, in late September the CTC approved a funding plan for fiscal year 2013 (FY13) federal highway funds. This included appropriation of RSTP funds and a commitment to fund projects previously designated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to receive funds from the now eliminated federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) program with new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds in FY13. The state is not anticipated to finalize the formulas and process for distributing FY14 RSTP, TAP, and other federal funds until spring 2013.

DISCUSSION

While there is uncertainty regarding FY14 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding levels, there is over $5 million in FY12 and FY13 RSTP funds currently available for programming in Santa Cruz County. Given the large backlog of transportation needs in Santa Cruz County and low bid prices being realized by many agencies, staff and the Interagency
Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) recommend that the RTC issue a call for projects for $5 million in RSTP.

Process for project selection

Staff proposes that the RTC issue a call for projects at its November 1st meeting, with applications due December 15, review by RTC Advisory Committees in January 2013, and adoption of the final project list following a public hearing at the RTC’s February or March 2013 meeting.

Eligible Projects and Project Evaluation

RSTP funds can be used on a variety of projects, as outlined in the federal transportation act and summarized in Attachment 1. These include: highway, local street and road, transit and paratransit capital, bicycle, pedestrian, carpool, safety, and bridge projects. Cities, the County of Santa Cruz, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), Santa Cruz Metro, and non-profit agencies (with public agency sponsorship) are among those eligible to apply for the funds.

Given the large backlog of transportation needs in the region and the extremely limited amount of funding available for transportation projects, it is important to ensure that funds are used cost effectively to improve the region’s transportation system. Therefore, several factors will be considered when evaluating projects, including consideration of how projects address the goals, policies, and targets developed by the RTC for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update (Attachment 2). These include an evaluation of how projects:

1. Improve access for all modes, especially to and within key destinations
2. Improve transportation safety, reduce fatalities and injuries
3. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption through a reduction in vehicle miles traveled and/or speed consistency
4. Improve travel time reliability and increase efficiency of the transportation system
5. Preserve existing infrastructure or service

Project sponsors will be encouraged to propose at least some projects that could be implemented in 2013.

SUMMARY

$5 million Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds are available for programming. Staff and the ITAC recommend that the RTC issue a call for projects to program those funds.

Attachments:
1. RSTP Eligibility
2. RTP Draft Goals, Targets, and Policies

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1. **Eligible Projects and Activities**
   
a. **Location of Projects (23 U.S.C. 133(c)):** In general, the location of STP projects is not limited. However, STP projects may not be undertaken on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors unless the roads were on a Federal-aid highway system on January 1, 1991, except:
   1. for Bridges Not on Federal-aid Highways,
   2. for projects described in paragraphs (2), (4), (6), (7), (11), (20), (25), and (26), of 23 U.S.C. 133(b) (described below under "Eligible Activities"),

  b. **Eligible Activities (23 U.S.C. 133(b)):**
     1. **Road Construction and Preservation:** Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, preservation, or operational improvements for highways (roads), including construction of local access roads under section 14501 of title 40. "Construction" is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(3) and "operational improvement" is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(17). Projects to accommodate other transportation modes continue to be eligible pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 142(c) if such accommodation does not adversely affect automotive safety.
     2. **Bridge Preservation:** Replacement (including replacement with fill material), rehabilitation, preservation, protection (including painting, scour countermeasures, seismic retrofits, impact protection measures, security countermeasures, and protection against extreme events) and application of environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and deicing compositions for bridges (and approaches to bridges and other elevated structures) and tunnels on public roads of all functional classifications, including any such construction or reconstruction necessary to accommodate other transportation modes.
     3. **New Bridges:** Construction of a new bridge or tunnel at a new location on a Federal-aid highway.
     4. **Bridge Inspections:** Inspection and evaluation of bridges and tunnels and training of bridge and tunnel inspectors as defined in 23 U.S.C. 144, and inspection and evaluation of other highway assets. This includes, but is not limited to, signs, retaining walls, and drainage structures. Not subject to Location of Project requirement above.
     5. **Transit Capital:** Capital costs for transit projects eligible for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49 (most FTA transit programs); which includes vehicles and facilities (publicly or privately owned) that are used to provide intercity passenger bus service.
     7. **Safety Projects:** Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, installation of safety barriers and nets on bridges, hazard eliminations, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife, and railway-highway grade crossings. Not subject to Location of Project requirements.
     8. **Research and Development:** Highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs.
     9. **TSM Projects/Programs:** Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs, including advanced truck stop electrification systems. Truck stop electrification system is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(32).
     10. **Planning:** Surface transportation planning programs.
11. **Transportation alternatives.** Transportation Alternatives as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29) and in 23 U.S.C. 213. Not subject to Location of Project requirements.

12. **Transportation control measures** listed in section 108 (f)(1)(A) (other than clause (xvi)) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7408 (f)(1)(A)).

13. **Management Systems:** Development and establishment of management systems.

14. **Environmental mitigation efforts** relating to projects funded under title 23, U.S.C., to the same extent as such activities are eligible under 23 U.S.C. 119(g).

15. **Intersections:** Projects relating to intersections that have-
   A. disproportionately high accident rates;
   B. high levels of congestion, as evidenced by interrupted traffic flow at the intersection and a level of service rating of "F" during peak travel hours, calculated in accordance with the Highway Capacity Manual; and
   C. are located on a Federal-aid highway.

16. **ITS:** Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements.

17. **Environmental Restoration:** Environmental restoration and pollution abatement in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 328.

18. **Weed Control:** Control of noxious weeds and aquatic noxious weeds and establishment of native species in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 329.

19. **Congestion Pricing/Tolling:** Projects and strategies designed to support congestion pricing, including electric toll collection and TDM strategies and programs.

20. **Recreational trails** projects eligible for funding under 23 U.S.C. 206. Not subject to Location of Project requirements.

21. **Ferries:** Construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities; approach roadways for these terminals are eligible as projects to accommodate other transportation modes.

22. **Border infrastructure projects** eligible for funding under section 1303 of SAFETEA-LU.

23. **Truck parking facilities** eligible for funding under section 1401 of the MAP-21.

24. **State Asset Management Plans:** Development and implementation of a State asset management plan for the National Highway System in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 119, including data collection, maintenance, and integration and the costs associated with obtaining, updating, and licensing software and equipment required for risk based asset management and performance based management, and for similar activities related to the development and implementation of a performance based management program for other public roads.

25. **Port Intermodal Projects:** A project that, if located within the boundaries of a port terminal, includes only such surface transportation infrastructure modifications as are necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, and access into and out of the port.

26. **Minor Collectors:** Construction and operational improvements for any minor collector if-
   A. the minor collector and the project to be carried out are in the same corridor and in proximity to a National Highway System route;
   B. the construction or improvements will enhance the level of service on the National Highway System route and improve regional traffic flow; and
   C. the construction or improvements are more cost-effective, as determined by a benefit-cost analysis, than an improvement to the National Highway System.

27. **Workforce development,** training, and education activities that are in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 504(c).

2. **Applicability of Planning Requirements (23 U.S.C. 133(c)(5)):** Projects must be identified in the FTIP and they must be consistent with the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan(s).
GOAL 1. Improve people's access to jobs, schools, health care and other regular needs in ways that improve health, reduce pollution and retain money in the local economy.

There is a strong relationship between achieving access, health, economic benefit, and climate and energy goals and meeting targets. In many cases actions to achieve one goal will lead toward achieving the other goals. For example, providing more carpools, transit and bicycle trips reduces fuel consumption, retains money in the local Santa Cruz County economy and reduces congestion.

**TARGETS:**

- Improve people’s ability to meet most of their daily needs without having to drive. Improve access and proximity to employment centers.
  - **1A.** Increase the percentage of people within a 30-minute walk, bike or transit trip to key destinations. *(Specific target numbers will be developed in conjunction with Sustainable Communities Strategy.)*

- Re-invest in the local economy by reducing transportation expenses from vehicle ownership, operation and fuel consumption. Reduce smog-forming pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - **1B.** Reduce per capita fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 5 percent by 2035 through a reduction in vehicle miles traveled and improved speed consistency. [Note: Of the 5 percent reduction in fuel consumption/greenhouse gas emissions, improving speed consistency could account for up to 1% with the remaining due to reductions in vehicle miles traveled.]
  - **1C.** Re-invest in the local economy by $TBD million/year (2012 dollars) by 2035 compared to business-as-usual forecasts through a reduction in fuel consumption due to a reduction in vehicle miles traveled.

- Improve the convenience and quality of trips, especially for walk, bicycle, transit and car/vanpool trips.
  - **1D.** Improve travel time reliability for vehicle trips and multimodal level of service for walk and bicycle trips to and within key destinations. *(Specific target numbers still to be developed.)*

- Improve health by increasing physical activity in using the transportation system.
  - **1E.** Decrease single occupancy vehicle mode share compared to the baseline condition between 2 to 8 percent by 2035.

**POLICIES:**

1.1. *Transportation Demand Management (TDM):* Expand demand management programs that decrease the number of vehicle miles traveled and result in mode shift.
1.2. *Transportation System Management*: Implement Transportation System Management programs and projects on major roadways across Santa Cruz County that increases the efficiency of the existing transportation system.

1.3. *Transportation Infrastructure*: Improve multimodal access to and within key destinations.


1.5. *Land Use*: Support land use decisions that locate new facilities close to existing services, particularly those that service transportation disadvantaged populations.

> **GOAL 2. Reduce transportation related fatalities and injuries for all transportation modes**

Safety is a fundamental outcome from transportation system investments and operations. Across the United States, pedestrians and bicyclists (vulnerable users) are killed and injured at a significantly higher rate than the percentage of trips they take.

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Policies:

2.1 *Safety*: Prioritize funding for safety projects and programs that will reduce fatal or injury collisions.

2.2 *Emergency Services*: Support projects that provide access to emergency services.

2.3 *System Design*: Reduce the potential for conflict between bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles.

> **GOAL 3. Deliver access and safety improvements cost effectively, within available revenues, equitably and responsive to the needs of all users of the transportation system, and beneficially for the natural environment.**

The manner in which access and safety outcomes referenced in Goal 1 and Goal 2 are delivered can impact cost-effectiveness, distribution of benefits amongst population groups, and ecological function.
Policies:

3.1 Cost Effectiveness & System Maintenance: Maintain and operate the existing transportation system cost-effectively and in a manner that adapts the current transportation system to maximize existing investments.

3.2 Coordination: Improve coordination between agencies in a manner that improves efficiencies, reduces, and duplication (e.g. paratransit and transit; road repairs; signal synchronization; TDM programs).

3.3 System Financing: Support new or increased taxes and fees that reflect the cost to operate and maintain the transportation system.

3.4 Equity: Demonstrate that planned investments will reduce disparities in safety and access for transportation disadvantaged populations.

3.5 Ecological Function: Deliver transportation investments in a way that increases tree canopy, where appropriate, improves habitat and water quality, enhances sensitive areas.

3.6 Public Engagement: Solicit broad public input on all aspects of regional and local transportation plans, projects and funding actions.

Targets:

Maintain the existing system.

3A. Increase/improve the condition of transportation facilities. This includes bringing the average local road pavement condition index to 70 by 2035.

3B. Reduce the number of transportation facilities in “distressed” condition. This includes reducing the lane miles in “distressed” condition by 5 percent per year.

Enhance healthy, safe access to key destinations for transportation-disadvantaged populations.

3C. Increase the percentage of people that are within a 30-minute walk, bike or transit trip to key destinations who are transportation disadvantaged people due to age, income, disability or limited English proficiency, within a 30-minute walk, bike or transit trip to key destinations.

Solicit broad public input.

3D. Maximize participation from diverse members of the public in RTC planning and project implementation activities.