Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
January 24, 2013 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Construction Update:
Rain through the Christmas period slowed progress; however, the recent sunny weather and additional construction work in the evenings and weekends resulted in the completion of all but one of the retaining walls. Next steps include finishing the northbound retaining wall and construction of the new auxiliary lanes. Traffic will then be diverted to the new lanes while the center column of the La Fonda Overcrossing is removed and rebuilt. At this time, completion of the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing is projected for early summer. Completion of the entire project, including installation of landscaping, is anticipated for late summer.

Draft 2013 Legislative Program and Legislative Updates:
The RTC adopted a 2013 legislative program to guide its analysis of state and federal legislative or administrative actions. The RTC will continue to focus on preserving funds dedicated to transportation and generating new, more stable revenue sources. Key issues in 2013 include implementation of the federal transportation bill (MAP-21) at the state and federal level; the next federal transportation act; and state initiatives that could result in increased funding for transportation projects, including: proposals for cap-and-trade revenues, a new state transportation bond initiative, a statewide vehicle license fee, and lowering the voter threshold for local transportation ballot measures to 55%.

Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Allocation Claim from the City of Santa Cruz:
The RTC approved the City of Santa Cruz’s Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim for the following projects: $20,000 for annual restriping of the city’s 30 miles of bikeways, maintenance of bikeways, and minor improvements; $1,000 to develop bicycle parking facilities at high use areas in the public right of way; and $150,000 for Phase 2 of the West Cliff Drive path paving project, to include paving and minor widening of the multi-use path from Lighthouse Field to Almar Avenue.

Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds for Santa Cruz METRO:
The RTC designated its share of Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program funds to the Santa Cruz METRO for transit security projects, as it has done since 2008. Santa Cruz METRO will use this $212,337 in security funds to
complete installation of lighting and video surveillance equipment at METRO facilities, including Park and Ride lots.

**Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Budget and Work Program:**
The RTC amended its Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget to incorporate the award (via competitive process) of a partnership planning grant from Caltrans to develop a Santa Cruz County unified corridor investment plan. The unified corridor investment plan will analyze Highway 1, Soquel Drive and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line and will assist Caltrans, the RTC and other partner agencies in prioritizing limited funds to those projects that provide the greatest benefits towards achieving local, state and federal transportation goals.

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

**Commission Meeting**
Thursday, February 7, 2013, 9:00 am  
Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**
Thursday, February 21, 2013, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**
Thursday, February 14, 2013, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Bicycle Committee**
Monday, February 11, 2013, 6:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, February 21, 2013, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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