Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
June 6, 2013 Meeting Highlights

Draft Environmental Impact Report Released for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network:
The RTC authorized release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network. The DEIR is programmatic and contains a detailed description of the identified environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and residual impacts associated with implementation of the range of proposed trail project components. The RTC will hold two public meetings to provide information about the DEIR and receive public comments: Tuesday, June 25th, 6 p.m., at Louden Nelson Community Center in Santa Cruz; and Thursday, June 27th, at 6 p.m., at the Civic Plaza Community Room in Watsonville. The DEIR will be available for public review on the RTC website, at the RTC offices and at most local libraries for a 45-day period ending on July 22nd, 2013.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for local transportation programs (items 22-25):
TDA funding was approved by the RTC for local transportation programs, including Santa Cruz Metro, the Volunteer Center, Community Bridges, the Community Traffic Safety Coalition, the Ride ‘n Stride Bicycle and Pedestrian School Education Program, and Ecology Action’s Bike to Work Program. Each year, the RTC allocates TDA funds from the region’s share of the ¼ cent sales tax according to established eligibility criteria pertaining to special transportation assistance claims. The RTC also approved State Transit Assistance (STA) funding for Santa Cruz METRO.

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation (item 27):
Based on available funding, the RTC rejected the bids received for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line bridge rehabilitation project and directed staff to remove the time constraints for the La Selva Beach trestle rehabilitation and re-issue the bid package.

Safe on 17 Annual Report and Contracts for the Freeway Service Patrol Program:
The RTC received the 2012 Safe on 17 Annual Report, which reviews the work done collaboratively by the CHP, Caltrans, RTC and other stakeholders. The Safe on 17 program includes extra enforcement, collision and citation rate monitoring, Safe on 17
Task Force Meetings, public information and outreach, and highway safety improvements. These strategies have reduced the number of fatal and injury collisions on Highway 17 by an average of 39% over the last 14 years. The RTC also authorized entering into an agreement with Ladd’s Towing for Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) towing service on Highway 1 and Highway 17. The FSP provides tow service to stranded motorists primarily during weekday commute periods and weekend high-traffic periods and is offered free to motorists.

**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

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**Commission Meeting**
Thursday, August 1, 2013, 9:00 am  
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**  
Wednesday, May 26, 2013, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**  
Thursday, June 13, 2013, 3:30 pm  
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

**Bicycle Committee**  
Monday, June 10, 2013, 6:00 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Watsonville Offices, 275 Main Street, Suite 450, Watsonville

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, June 20, 2013, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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