Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
September 5, 2013 Meeting Highlights

**Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Update:**
The new La Fonda Avenue Bridge opened on August 24th, following a community event to commemorate completion of the new bridge and appreciate the cooperation and support of the neighborhood. The successful community event was attended by approximately 500 people, and was partially funded by the RTC’s construction management firm, Parsons Brinckerhoff. The new La Fonda Avenue Bridge has a 6 foot sidewalk and 6 foot bike lane on both sides, and two 10 foot travel lanes designed to slow motorists over the bridge near the heavily traveled entrance and exit of Harbor High School. Also during this period, work on the soundwall on the northbound side of the highway was completed, and landscape irrigation work advanced on the southbound side of the highway and at the Morrissey Boulevard Interchange.

**Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP):**
The RTC will issue a ‘call for projects’ based on our region’s share of up to $5.5 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and $2.5 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. In addition, the RTC will issue a call for projects for approximately $5.3 million in projects that implement the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Master Plan. The California Transportation Commission (CTC), which both approves projects and releases funding, has indicated its intent to focus on 2014 RTIP proposals that meet state highway improvement and intercity rail needs that have been identified by Caltrans. RSTP funds can be used on a variety of projects, as outlined in the federal transportation act, including: highway, local street and road, transit and paratransit capital, bicycle, pedestrian, carpool, safety, and bridge projects. A public hearing will be held in December to approve projects to be included in the funding request.

**Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook:**
The RTC adopted the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook, developed by RTC staff in collaboration with other transportation planning entities in the region, as part of the 2014 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) sustainable communities strategy. The Complete Streets Guidebook identifies best practice tools and strategies for transitioning to complete streets, which provide adequate facilities for all roadway users, including non-
drivers of all ages and abilities. The Guidebook also provides guidance for incorporating complete streets policies into circulation elements of local jurisdictions’ general plans. The Guidebook is not prescriptive, but rather offers trade-off assessments, checklists, and recommendations which can be adopted by local jurisdictions to comply with the California Complete Streets Legislation (AB 1358), enacted to advance bicycle and pedestrian access as an essential design objective. The Guidebook is available on the RTC’s website at: http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-area-complete-streets-guidebook/

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

**Commission Meeting**
Thursday, October 3, 2013, 9:00 am
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**
Thursday, September 19, 2013, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**
Thursday, September 19, 2013, 3:00 pm
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

**Bicycle Committee**
Monday, September 23, 2013, 6:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, September 19, 2013, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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