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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) January 14, 2010 Meeting Highlights

2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program adopted:

Following a public hearing, the RTC adopted the proposed *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program* designating \$1.1 million of State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement (STIP TE) funds to the Broadway/Brommer Multiuse path. In addition, \$1.45 million was programmed to fund the environmental review phase of the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project. Other funding included \$925,000 of state funds to required planning, programming and monitoring activities and \$500,000 in state funds to the Highway 1 Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project to help defend a challenge to the final environmental documents.

Advisory committee for Sustainable Transportation Access Rating System approved:

The RTC approved a technical advisory committee for the Sustainable Transportation Access Rating System (STARS) to assist the RTC and the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project. STARS is a point-based rating guideline and planning tool which attempts to integrate capacity enhancement, transit, transportation demand management, transportation system management and land use.

2010 State and Federal Legislative Programs adopted:

The RTC adopted the State and Federal Legislative Programs after receiving a report from its state legislative assistant and an update from staff highlighting key issues affecting transportation. Included in the reports were a proposed "gas tax swap" in the 2010 state budget and the possibility of a federal Jobs for Main Street Act that could fund "ready to go" road and transit projects.

Report on Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Landscaping Project delivered:

The RTC received a presentation describing the planned landscaping for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project. The long awaited landscaping project had been delayed due to budget constraints, but received approval for funding from the California Transportation Commission in October 2009. Among the species of shrubs and trees included in the plan are 400 native coastal redwoods. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2010.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the City of Santa Cruz approved:

The RTC allocated \$75,000 for the Branciforte Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, \$1,000 for the bicycle parking program and \$20,000 for bikeway striping and improvements when it approved an Article 8 TDA claim for bike and pedestrian improvement projects for the City of Santa Cruz.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831/460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

Commission Meetings

Thursday, February 4, 2010, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main St, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) – Commission meetings

Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 3:30 pm
CAO Office
701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

February 8, 2010, 7:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2010, 1:30 pm
Thursday, February 18, 2010, 1:30 pm
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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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