



## Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

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### AGENDA

**Thursday, February 4, 2010  
9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH  
Watsonville City Council Chambers  
275 Main St  
Watsonville CA 95076**

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County of Santa Cruz	Tony Campos
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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Ron Graves
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Marcela Tavantzis

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*Article 8 Transportation Development Act Claims – only City and County representatives vote*

*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 January 14, 2010 regular commission meeting
5. Accept draft minutes of the January 21, 2010 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

### **POLICY ITEMS**

*No consent items*

### **PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

6. Approve staff recommendation regarding the Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) Technical Advisory Committee

### **BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

7. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
8. Accept FY08-09 fiscal audit for the SCCRTC (enclosed separately for Commissioners)

### **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

*No consent items*

**INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS**

9. Accept monthly meeting schedule
10. Accept correspondence log
11. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
  - a. Letter to the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District from the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee regarding the draft Title VI policy/programs and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals
  - b. Letter to the California Coastal Commission from RTC Executive Director George Dondero regarding support for the Arana Gulch Master Plan
12. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on SCCRTC projects and transportation issues
13. Accept information items
  - a. California Council of Governments 2010 priority actions adopted November 30, 2009
  - b. Excerpt from *San Jose Mercury* of December 20, 2009 titled "I-880 - the road we love to hate: Mr. Roadshow's Dirty Dozen"

**REGULAR AGENDA**

14. Commissioner reports-oral reports
15. Director's report – oral report  
(*George Dondero, Executive Director*)
16. Welcome new commissioners and solicit committee preferences  
(*George Dondero, Executive Director*)
  - a. Staff report
  - b. 2010 commission roster
17. Caltrans report and consider action items
  - a. Construction projects report
18. Housing within Reach Workshop Series – sponsorship  
(*George Dondero, Executive Director*)
  - a. Staff report
  - b. Request for \$500 sponsorship of Housing Within Reach Workshop Series

- c. Announcement for the Housing Within Reach Workshop Series
  - d. About Transition Santa Cruz from its website
19. Programming potential Federal Jobs Bill funds  
(*Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner*)
- a. Staff report
  - b. Recommended projects for Federal Jobs Bill funds
20. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project – pre-construction activities  
(*Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner*)
- a. Staff report
  - b. Resolution authorizing a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff
21. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

22. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 for acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller Owen & Trost

Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Union Pacific

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

23. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation to be considered pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 for one case.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

24. Report on closed session
25. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
- a. No agenda items this month
26. Next Meetings

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Santa Cruz, CA

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## Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

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### MINUTES

Thursday  
January 14, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz City Council Chambers  
809 Center St  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

#### 1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.

##### Members present:

Dene Bustichi	Kirby Nicol
Tony Campos	Ellen Pirie
Neal Coonerty	Antonio Rivas
Randy Johnson	Donna Ziel
Don Lane	Donald Hagen (Alt)
John Leopold	Marcela Tavantzis
Aileen Loe (ex officio)	

##### Staff present:

George Dondero	Luis Mendez
Kim Shultz	Yesenia Parra
Karena Pushnik	Gini Pineda
Grace Blakeslee	Daniel Nikuna
Cory Caletti	Rachel Moriconi
Tegan Speiser	

#### 2. Oral communications

**Rick Longinotti** asked the Commission to place consideration of sponsorship for the Housing Within Reach lecture series on its next agenda, saying that the program is in alignment with the spirit of SB 375 and social equity policies and practices that reduce the need for travel. He distributed a flier describing the lecture series.

**Jack Nelson** said that climate scientist James Hanson said that there could be a runaway climate effect if we continue burning our fossil fuels.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Executive Director George Dondero said that there were add-on pages for Items 23, 25, 26 and 28 and a replacement page for Item 28.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Rivas/Nicol approved unanimously)

**MINUTES**

4. Approved draft minutes of the November 5, 2009 regular SCCRTC meeting
5. Approved draft minutes of the November 19, 2009 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting
6. Approved draft minutes of the December 17, 2009 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting
7. Accepted draft minutes of the November 19, 2009 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting
8. Accepted draft minutes of the December 8, 2009 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
9. Accepted draft minutes of the December 10, 2009 Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee meeting
10. Accepted draft minutes of the December 14, 2009 Bicycle Committee meeting
11. Accepted draft minutes of the December 17, 2009 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

**POLICY ITEMS**

*No consent items*

**PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

*No consent items*

**BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
13. Approved consultant selection for 2009 Triennial Performance Audit (Resolution 12-10)

14. Approved fiscal year (FY) 09-10 work program and budget amendment (Resolution 13-10)

#### **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

15. Approved fiscal year (FY) 10-11 work program format

#### **INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS**

16. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
17. Accepted correspondence log
18. Accepted letters from SCCRTC committees and staff to other agencies
  - a. Letter to California Coastal Commission from the Bicycle Committee regarding support for Arana Gulch Master Plan
19. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on SCCRTC projects and transportation issues
20. Accepted information items
  - a. Article from *The Herald* titled "Transportation Agency for Monterey County chooses light rail for rapid transit line"
  - b. Letter to SCCRTC from California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer regarding California Transportation Financing Authority

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

21. Commissioner reports- none
22. Director's report – none
23. Caltrans report and consider action items

Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, said that the landscaping contract for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project will be awarded soon. Ms. Loe also noted the handout for the transportation planning grants.

24. Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Landscaping Project

Senior Planner Karena Pushnik gave a brief staff report and introduced Bryan Parker, Caltrans, who gave a presentation describing the planned landscaping for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project. The project, which had been delayed due to budget constraints, received approval for funding from the California Transportation Commission in October 2009. Mr. Parker described the project limits and challenges when planting in the area. Among the species

of trees included in the plan are 400 native coastal redwoods propagated by Clark Magruder and Luen Miller specifically for this project. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2010.

Commissioner Pirie arrived.

Commissioners discussed the type of irrigation to be used and encouraged Caltrans to hire local residents to work on the project when possible.

The Commission will send a letter to Mr. Magruder and Mr. Miller thanking them for taking the time to plant and provide the coastal redwoods.

25. Draft 2010 state and federal legislative programs and legislative update

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi introduced state legislative assistant John Arriaga. Mr. Arriaga spoke on the new legislative session, the \$20 billion state budget deficit and the "gas tax swap" proposed by the governor to divert revenues to the general fund.

Ms. Moriconi said that a main focus of the state legislative program is protecting transportation funds. Congress is considering the Jobs for Main Street Act which could fund "ready to go" road and transit projects. Ms. Moriconi noted changes made to the draft legislative agenda since it was presented to the RTC in December.

Commissioner Pirie asked that language supporting legislation that would allow the County of Santa Cruz to pursue a sales tax measure for local transportation improvements be put back into the draft agenda.

Commissioner Rivas suggested changing the language of Item 2 of the federal legislative program to read: "Support efforts to included increased federal highway and transit funding in any federal proposals designed to reduce local unemployment".

Commissioner Nicol moved to approve the staff recommendations and the amendments suggested by Commissioners Pirie and Rivas. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Receive a verbal report from the RTC's Sacramento Legislative Assistant;
2. Receive verbal updates on the State Budget and federal jobs bills and take action, if necessary; and
3. Adopt the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Programs, as amended.

**Jack Nelson** said that he supported increasing gas taxes but not vehicle registration fees because people driving fuel efficient cars were charged as much as those driving gas guzzlers.

The motion passed unanimously.

26. **10:00 AM Public hearing** - Adoption of the *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi said that the only new funding available in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Santa Cruz County is \$1.1 million of Transportation Enhancement funds. These funds are restricted for use on projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, scenic land acquisitions and landscaping beyond required project mitigations. Ms. Moriconi reviewed the Commission's approval to direct these funds to the Broadway/Brommer Multiuse Path. In addition, the RTC has an unprogrammed balance of \$3.5 million. Although it is unlikely that the state will allow the RTC to access the funds, it is recommended that the RTC request the funds.

Commissioners discussed the lawsuit to defend the final environmental document for the Highway 1 Auxiliary lanes project, expressing the hope that it will be resolved quickly, and suggesting a closed session for the next meeting to consider the possibility of joining the litigation. Commissioners also discussed costs and construction details of the Broadway/Brommer Multiuse Path.

Chair Johnson opened the floor to the public hearing.

**Paul Shoehammer** supported funding the Broadway/Brommer project saying that it promotes biking and walking, is supported by seniors and that the Department of Fish and Wildlife concluded that the path will not hurt the endangered tar plant and its habitat.

**Michael Burns** said it is hard to ride on the dirt path and that the multiuse path would be safer.

**Jean Brocklebank** objected to funding the multiuse path saying that the planned bridge will be invasive to the habitat and that the money would be better spent on bike racks and cyclist education.

**Steve McCabe** said that he is a research botanist who opposes funding the multiuse path because the project endangers the tar plant.

**Carolyn Jett** said that the Broadway/Brommer path would help to connect great biking streets and make it easier to use alternate transportation modes.

**Kem Akol** said the Broadway/Brommer project will increase bicycle usage.

**Kirby Fosgate** supported the path saying it makes it safe to travel from Broadway to Brommer St.

**Paul Hempstead** supported the path as a safer alternative for cyclists.

**Charlie Dixon** supported the path noting that the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee said that this would be the only path providing access for the mobility impaired.

**Cary Friedman** said that other routes between Live Oak and downtown are not safe for cyclists.

**Holly Tyler** said there has been sufficient review for this project which was a high priority in the 80's and is still good idea.

**Reed Searle** commented on the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes lawsuit saying that a settlement would be great and would reduce costs.

**Micah Posner** said that the path will have an exponential effect on getting people to ride bikes and walk.

**Jack Nelson** said that he used to be a county planner and is familiar with the tar plant, but that bike use needs to be increased and he thinks the environmental document shows that the plant will not be hurt.

**Kyle Waites** said that he is involved in the Arana Gulch cleanup and that the bridges are longer than being reported. He said that this project would promote more loitering and garbage will be thrown off the bridges.

**Celia Scott** asked about the status of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes project lawsuit and suggested that a decision on funding the Broadway/Brommer path wait until the Coastal Commission makes its decision on whether to approve the project.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Campos seconded to approve the combination of recommendations from its advisory committees and staff to adopt the *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* to:

1. Program \$1.1 million in projected State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement (STIP TE) funds to the Broadway-Brommer Multi-Use Path for construction;
2. Program \$925,000 in additional STIP funds for federally mandated planning, programming and monitoring (PPM) activities from FY 10/11 to 14/15; and
3. Make changes to several previously programmed projects, which include shifting funds between projects, updating project schedules, and modifying project scope.
4. Program \$1.45 million in additional STIP funds to the Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project for the environmental review phase; and

5. Program \$500,000 in additional STIP funds to the Highway 1 Soquel – Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project to help defend a challenge to the final environmental documents, and authorize use of \$326,000 in previously reserved Regional Surface Transportation Exchange Program (RSTPX) funds for these cost increases if the CTC does not approve this supplemental allocation of STIP funds.
6. Hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed *2010 RTIP* and consider any written comments received (to be distributed at the meeting);
7. Approve a resolution adopting the proposed *2010 RTIP* with the recommendations listed above;
8. Amend the FY09/10 RTC Budget to reflect changes for Regional Surface Transportation Exchange Program (RSTPX) funded-projects; and
9. Request that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and California Transportation Commission (CTC) incorporate these amendments into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) respectively.

After further discussion of the funding for the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes environmental document legal challenge and details of the Broadway/Brommer multiuse path, Commissioner Campos called the question.

The motion (Resolutions 14-10 and 15-10) passed unanimously.

27. FY 09/10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 allocation claim from the City of Santa Cruz for bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects

Senior Planner Cory Caletti presented the staff report and introduced Chris Schneider, City of Santa Cruz Public Works, who provided details about the projects to be funded.

Commissioner Lane moved and Commissioner Leopold seconded to approve the Bicycle Committee, the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission approve a resolution approving the City of Santa Cruz FY 09/10 Transportation Development Act Article 8 allocation claim for \$96,000 for the following projects:

1. Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements (\$20,000);
2. Bicycle Parking Program (\$1,000); and
3. Branciforte Creek Bike/Pedestrian Bridge (\$75,000).

The motion (Resolution 16-10) passed unanimously.

28. Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) Technical Advisory Committee

The Commission recessed at 11:13 am.

The Commission reconvened 11:23 am.

Executive Director George Dondero said that the committee would be in place from now until October and would advise the Commission about which STARS credits to develop. He said that the proposed group represents a broad spectrum of interest and a degree of technical knowledge.

Commissioners discussed the composition of the committee including potential additional representation from Watsonville and a community group.

Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Campos seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the proposed Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) Technical Advisory Committee to assist the project development team and the RTC in the development of credits and their applications to the Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project.

Commissioner Pirie asked the maker to include the provision that staff would return with two additional committee members: one to represent an organization based in Watsonville and one to represent a community group.

**Jack Nelson** asked if the meetings will be open to the public and said he is concerned about balance and would like to see someone concerned about climate change on the committee.

George Dondero said that the meetings will be publicly noticed and that there will be time for public comment.

**Paul Elerick** suggested adding someone from the Sierra Club.

**Micah Posner** suggested adding people who are skeptical of the widening project.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

29. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 11:50am.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

30. Conference with Real Property Negotiator for acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller Owen & Trost

Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Union Pacific

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

### **OPEN SESSION**

31. Report on closed session - none
32. Next Meetings

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

There is no Transportation Policy Workshop meeting scheduled for January.

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St, Watsonville CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

### **ATTENDEES**

B Selvidge	
Jack Nelson	
Les White	SCMTD
Randy DeShazo	AMBAG
Celia Scott	
Reed Searle	
Jean Brocklebank	
Kirby Fosgate	
Kem Akol	
Carolyn Jett	Greenways to School
Cary Friedman	
Holly Tyler	
Rick Longinotti	
Paul Shoehammer	
Michael Burns	
Steve McCage	
Paul Hempstead	
Charlie Dixon	
Micah Posner	
Kyle Waites	
Chris Schneiter	City of Santa Cruz Public Works



*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission*  
**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, January 21, 2010  
1:30 p.m.

SCCRTC Conference Room  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

**ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Angela Aitken, SCMTD  
Teresa Buika, UCSC  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action  
Sandra Coley, PVTMA  
Mark Dettle, City of Santa Cruz Planning Proxy  
David Koch, City of Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy  
Chris Schneider, City of Santa Cruz Public Works  
April Warnock, SCMTD  
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works and Planning Proxy

**STAFF PRESENT**

Grace Blakeslee  
Rachel Moriconi

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Calate, Caltrans District 5  
Russell Chen, County Public Works  
Donn Miyahara, Caltrans District 5

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair Chris Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.
3. Oral communications –

Chris Schneider announced that the APWA local chapter gave the San Lorenzo Valley Bike /Pedestrian bridge project the award for the best transportation project under \$5 million. The local chapter needs new people on board. Planners and engineers from Santa Cruz County are encouraged to participate. Also at the APWA meeting, Deanna Sessums from League of Cities distributed petitions to put a measure to protect local funds on the November state ballot.

Rachel Moriconi said that the meeting is being recorded. She also said that members cannot participate remotely unless their location is publicly noticed. Members discussed that the ITAC is a committee subject to the Brown Act because it advises the Commission.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Item 9 was moved after Item 6. Handouts for items 8 and 9 were distributed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Aitken/Koch) approved unanimously**

5. Approved minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting
6. Received Approved *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Project List*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

9. Programming Potential Federal Jobs Bill Funds

Rachel Moriconi provided information on the federal Jobs for Main Street Act, approved by the House of Representatives in December which requires fifty-percent (50%) of the funds to be awarded (under contract) within 90-days. If funds are distributed by the state and federal governments using the same formulas as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the region could receive \$5.8 million directly and \$6.3 million through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The California Transportation Commission (CTC) would determine how STIP funds are ultimately distributed. She reviewed options for distributing potential funds from the bill and requested Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) input and recommendations for programming the funds. Options and issues discussed included the following:

- o Immediately select projects to receive 50% of RTC share (\$2.6 of \$5.8M) – subject to 90 day award;
- o Only select projects to receive funds from STIP \$6.3M;
- o Seek more than \$6.3M from the STIP, though it would count against future county shares;
- o Distribute funds by formula to local jurisdictions;
- o Assume maximum funding and distribute according to a formula. Allow agencies to be flexible and tailor projects to meet actual funding if lower than requested;
- o Use local funds as backup if projects not approved by CTC;
- o Submit for \$12 million worth of projects for the CTC to choose from, if overprogramming does not count against the region in the future
- o Consider switching ARRA funds for new stimulus funds if allowed by FHWA, since ARRA deadlines to award are less stringent;
- o FHWA may not allow new funds to be added to ARRA projects if they have already been advertised;
- o FHWA wants awards made within 90 days after funds obligated although this is not a rule;
- o ARRA funding needs to be re-obligated by September 1 if cost savings are realized on projects, so projects should be awarded by June, in order to redirect cost savings if needed.

### ***Action:* The ITAC unanimously approved a motion (Koch/Dettle) to recommend that the RTC:**

1. Program the maximum potential federal funds to local jurisdictions by population formula for projects that could be awarded (under contract) within 90 days of enactment of a federal jobs bill, contingent on provisions of the final bill, including back-up projects in the event that additional funds are available or projects experience delays;
2. Include SCMTD's projects on the backup list;
3. Reevaluate the project list if the final bill makes a different level of funding available to the region or includes less stringent deadlines for award of funds to ensure the most appropriate projects in the region receive these new funds;

4. Authorize staff, in consultation with project sponsors, to redirect funds to backup projects, if projects are at risk of missing deadlines established in the bill or by Caltrans; and
5. Require project sponsors to add bicycle lanes, cross-walk striping, curbcuts, and other accessibility improvements as part of projects, where appropriate and feasible.

***2:30pm- Teresa Buika, Sandra Coley, and David Koch left. Quorum was no longer available and the meeting was adjourned. Remaining participants discussed the following:***

7. Status of other ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents

Project sponsors gave updates on their projects.

*City of Santa Cruz* - Chris Schneider reported that construction of the Highway 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Underpass at San Lorenzo River has been suspended due to the weather/flooding in the area. The city is awarding contracts for a Safe Route to Schools project around Mission Street and for left turns on Soquel at Hageman. The city will go out to bid on its second round of ARRA road repair projects next week.

*Ecology Action* - Piet Canin reported on the Go Green program at Cabrillo College. He noted that the school is struggling paying subsidies for bus passes due to the significant increase in bus ridership as a result of the program.

*County of Santa Cruz* - Steve Wiesner reported that construction of the East Cliff Bluff Stabilization project, sanitation projects, and retaining wall extension on Soquel-San Jose Road continues. He noted that the only storm damage sustained as of the meeting was on Bear Creek Road. County Public Works roadway information is available online at: [www.sccroadclosure.org](http://www.sccroadclosure.org).

*SCMTD* - Angela Aitken reported that SCMTD will learn in the next few weeks if it receives grant funds from several federal and state programs.

8. Update on the State Budget

Rachel Moriconi provided a summary of the Governor's State Budget proposal (hand-out distributed at the beginning of the meeting), outlining potential impacts to transportation entities in Santa Cruz County. The group discussed the devastating effect the Governor's proposal would have on public transit, as well as the potential impact to local streets and roads and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the future.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for **February 18, 2010** at 1:30 PM in the RTC's Conference Room.

*Minutes Prepared by: Gini Pineda and Rachel Moriconi, SCCRTC*

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**AGENDA:** January 14, 2010

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** George Dondero, Executive Director  
**RE:** Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) Technical Advisory Committee

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the proposed two additional members for the Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) Technical Advisory Committee to assist the project development team and the RTC in the development of credits and their applications to the Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project.

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## **BACKGROUND**

At the January 14, 2010 meeting, the RTC approved the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee to assist in development work of the Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) and its potential applications to the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project. The STARS evaluation framework will be the first comprehensive approach to integrate five key aspects of transportation: capacity enhancement, transit, transportation demand management (TDM), transportation system management (TSM) and land use. The committee will collaborate with the STARS team, the project development team and RTC staff to develop recommendations to the RTC.

The RTC also directed staff to find two additional committee members representing a) a community based organization and b) the Watsonville area.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff is proposing to add the following individuals to the STARS TAC:

**Lisa Dobbins** – is the Executive Director of Action Pajaro Valley, a non-profit organization formed to help residents, businesses and organizations come together to form a vision for the future of the area, to provide educational forums on a variety of issues, and develop solutions and build consensus around multiple issues shaping the future of Pajaro Valley. The group hosted over 30 educational forums on issues ranging from groundwater to transportation to affordable housing. They address related issues such as growth management, water supply alternatives, flood protection, and transportation infrastructure.

**J.C. "Jack" McKellar** – is a professor at San Jose State University. He has taught in the Department of Technology for the past 18 years. He teaches an upper level core course called Earth and Environment which is half technical writing and half environmental engineering. Jack belongs to six environmental organizations including the Sierra Club. He commutes to work on the Hwy. 17 Express bus.

## **SUMMARY**

The RTC has entered into a contract to partner with developers of the STARS program to assist in development of credits and to apply a number of these credits to the Highway 1 HOV Lane project to help make it a model project incorporating sustainability principles and criteria. As requested by the Commission, two additional members for the Technical Advisory Committee to help implement the process are recommended by staff for approval.

### Attachments:

1. Proposed STARS Technical Advisory Committee members (amended)

## Proposed STARS Technical Advisory Committee

	Stakeholder type	Entity	Name
1	Business, local	Aptos Chamber of Commerce	Tom Hart Palo Alto Medical Foundation
2	Business, regional	SC County Business Council	Chris Mann Graniterock Corp.
3	Design Consultant	Nolte Associates Engineering & Design	Laura Bonich VP Sustainability
4	Metropolitan Planning Org.	Assoc of Monterey Bay Area Governments(AMBAG)	John Doughty, Director
5	Environment - energy	County Commission on the Environment	Gine Johnson Chair
6	Environment - watersheds	Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County	Karen Christensen Director
7	Environment - coastal	CA Coastal Commission	Tami Grove Planner
8	Public Transit	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Les White General Manager
9	State Dept. of Transportation	Caltrans Dist 5	Aileen Loe Deputy Director of Planning
10	Non motorized - bicycle	RTC Bike Committee	Daniel Kostelec Chair
11	Non motorized - pedestrian	RTC Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee	Veronica Elsea member
12	Evolving/innovative vehicle technology	Plug In America	Jay Friedland Legislative Director
13	Education	UCSC	Larry Pageler Transp.& Parking Services, Co- Director
14	Education	Cabrillo College	Sesario Escoto Dean of Student Services
15	Air Pollution Control District	MBUAPCD	David Fairchild Planner
16	Emergency Responders	CHP	Captain Christina Manriquez
17	Watsonville and South County	Action Pajaro Valley	Lisa Dobbins Executive Director
18	Community	Sierra Club and other environmental organizations	Jack McKellar Professor, SJSU
19	Project Sponsor	RTC	Kim Shultz, Proj. Mgr
	Project Sponsor	RTC	Yesenia Parra, staff
	Project Sponsor	RTC	Karena Pushnik, staff
	Project Sponsor	RTC	George Dondero, E.D..

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TDA REVENUE REPORT  
FY09-10  
REVISED 1/18/10**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>FY08-09 ACTUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>FY09-10 ESTIMATE REVENUE</b>	<b>FY09-10 ACTUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE AS % OF PROJECTION</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE % OF ACTUAL TO PROJECTION</b>
JULY	570,200	454,800	454,800	0	0.00%	100.00%
AUGUST	760,200	646,170	539,000	-107,170	-16.59%	90.27%
SEPTEMBER	634,334	539,184	719,093	179,909	33.37%	104.43%
OCTOBER	567,100	499,048	490,500	-8,548	-1.71%	103.00%
NOVEMBER	756,100	665,368	555,900	-109,468	-16.45%	98.39%
DECEMBER	700,859	616,756	625,785	9,029	1.46%	98.94%
JANUARY	538,600	538,600	465,300	-73,300	-13.61%	97.23%
FEBRUARY	590,700	590,700				
MARCH	578,624	578,624				
APRIL	432,400	432,400				
MAY	464,400	464,400				
JUNE	606,615	606,615				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,200,133</b>	<b>6,632,665</b>	<b>3,850,378</b>	<b>-109,548</b>	<b>-1.65%</b>	<b>58%</b>

**Note:**

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**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Daniel Nikuna, Fiscal Officer  
**RE:** FY2008-09 Fiscal Audit

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the SCCRTC FY2008-2009 audited financial statements (enclosed separately for Commissioners).

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Commission is required by state law to undergo an annual financial audit. Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, performed the FY 2008-2009 fiscal audit for the Commission; this audit is enclosed separately for Commissioners. Moss, Levy & Hartzheim also performed the audit of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds of the City of Santa Cruz for its own TDA fund and the pass-through claims on behalf of Community Bridges and the Volunteer Center. The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's audit by Brown Armstrong, CPAs is still in progress and is scheduled to be presented to the Metro Board in early February. The audit is not required for any Claimant who did not receive TDA payment during the reporting period.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Commission received a clean opinion from the Auditor and no major concerns were raised which would require changes to the SCCRTC internal controls and accounting practices. The audit reports of the City of Santa Cruz are also unqualified.

The Management Discussion & Analysis Section of the SCCRTC audit report contains extensive financial highlights with comparison to the prior fiscal year. Some of the highlights in the report include the major decrease in TDA and STA revenues, continuing slow collection turnover, and high cash balance for unclaimed allocations to local jurisdictions in the trust funds (page 12).

The expenditures remained under control; however, continuing to secure stable funding sources would remain a challenge in the future. The reports are public documents and are available at the Commission's office and on the website ([www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org)) where applicable.

## **SUMMARY**

The FY2008-2009 Commission's audit has been completed and is ready for review. Staff recommends that the Commission accept the audit report.

Enclosure: FY2008-2009 SCCRTC Fiscal Audit (enclosed separately for Commissioners)

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission**  
**THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE**  
**FEBRUARY 2010**  
**through**  
**APRIL 2010**  
(Revised 1/21/10)

**All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no  
action items to be considered by the board or committee**

Meeting Date	Meeting Day	Meeting Type	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
02/04/10	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	Watsonville City Council Chambers
02/08/10	Monday	Rail Acquisition Committee	2:00 pm	Commission Offices
02/08/10	Monday	<b>Bicycle Committee - Cancelled</b>	7:00 pm	Commission Offices
2/9/2010	Tuesday	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
02/11/10	Thursday	Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee	3:30 pm	CAO Conference Room
02/18/10	Thursday	Transportation Policy Workshop	9:00 am	Commission Offices
02/18/10	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
02/22/10	Monday	<b>Bicycle Committee - Special Meeting and Time</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Commission Offices
03/04/10	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	Board of Supervisors Chambers
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04/08/10	Thursday	Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee	3:30 pm	CAO Conference Room
04/12/10	Monday	Bicycle Committee	7:00 pm	Commission Offices
4/13/2010	Tuesday	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
04/15/10	Thursday	Transportation Policy Workshop	9:00 am	Commission Offices
04/15/10	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
<b>Commission Offices - 1523 Pacific Ave - Santa Cruz CA 95060</b>				
<b>Board of Supervisors Chambers/CAO Conference Room/RDA Conf Room - 701 Ocean St - Santa Cruz CA 95060</b>				
<b>Watsonville City Council Chambers / Community Rooms- 275 Main St - Watsonville CA 95076</b>				
<b>Santa Cruz City Council Chambers - 809 Center St - Santa Cruz CA 95060</b>				

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12/14/10	Letter	I				SCCRTC	Majid	Yamin	City of Scotts Valley	RTIP Amendment Request for Scotts Valley Projects
12/25/09	Email	I	GP 12/25/09			SCCRTC	David	Eselius		Santa Cruz County RTC's Under Identified Purchase of 31-Mile Union Pacific Railway Right-of-Way and Freight Service
12/28/09	Email	I	GP 12/28/09			SCCRTC	David	Eselius		Harvey West Emergency Evacuation and Emergency Ingress Route
12/28/09	Letter	I				SCCRTC	Randell H	Iwasaki	Department of Transportation	Sustainable Transportation Access Rating System
01/04/10	Letter	O		Bennie	Stanton	Department of Transportation	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Final Project Expenditure Report for the FY2008-2009 STIP Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM) Grant
01/05/10	Letter	O		Les	White	SCMTD	John	Daugherty	E&D TAC	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Input on the Draft Title VI Policy/Program and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals

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01/07/10	Letter	O		Michael	Molesky		John	Daugherty	E&D TAC	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Reappointment for the Position Representing Social Service Provider - Disabled (County)
01/12/10	Letter	O		Barbara Joseph Abel Bill	Boxer Simitian Maldonado Monning	US Senate CA State Senate State Senate State Assembly	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Update on ARRA Transportation Projects in Santa Cruz County
01/12/10	Letter	O		Anna Dianne Sam Anna	Caballero Feinstein Eshoo	CA State Assembly US Senate US Congress US Congress	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Update on ARRA Transportation Projects in Santa Cruz County
01/12/10	Letter	O				Department of Transportation	Luis	Mendez	SCCRTC	Reimbursement for Federal Funds for Federal Aid Projects No: 05-6149R
01/12/10	Letter	O		David Catherine	Fairchild Patterson Valdez	MBUAPCD Community Bridges	Karena	Pushnik	SCCRTC	AB2766 Grant Agreement 06-37 Greenwheels/Hybrid SUV Purchase Balance and Expiration
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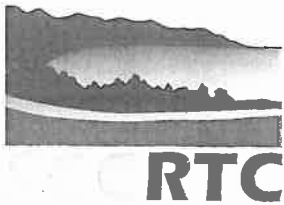
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10/14/10	Letter	I		George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Lupita	Fernandez	City of Watsonville	Reappointment of Council Member Antonio Rivas as Representative and David Koch as Alternate to the SCCRTC
01/15/10	Letter	O		Luis Sam Mike Jim	Alejo Storey Rotkin Reed	City of Watsonville City of Capitola City of Santa Cruz City of Scotts Valley	Gini	Pineda	SCCRTC	Year 2010 Appointments to Regional Transportation Commission
01/15/10	Email	I	GP 01/15/10			SCCRTC	Kristopher	Miller		Relocation of Hazardous Propane Facility
01/18/10	Letter	O		David	Fairchild	MBUAPCD	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Final Summary Report for AB2766 Grant 04-36
01/21/10	Letter	O		Luis	Duazo	Caltrans, District 5	Luis	Mendez	SCCRTC	Reimbursement for STP Funds for SR1 HOV Lanes
01/21/10	Letter	O		John	Doughty	AMBAG	Luis	Mendez	SCCRTC	FY09-10 Second Quarter CMAQ Invoice - Partial for PVTMA

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01/21/10	Letter	O		Bonnie	Neely	California Coastal Commission	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Support for the Arana Gulch Master Plan

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January 5, 2010

Les White, General Manager  
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
370 Encinal St, #100  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee input on the Draft Title VI Policy/Program and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals**

Dear Mr. White:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises transportation service providers and planning agencies on issues related to the provision of specialized transportation for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At their December 8, 2009 meeting, the E&D TAC took the following actions based on the Metro's request for input from the committee:

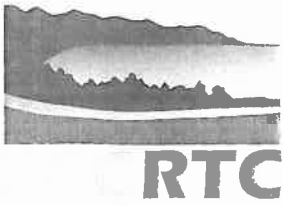
- **The E&D TAC approves the draft regulations as written, including the acceptance of gender identification as a protected group. The committee appreciates the response from Metro to the E&D TAC concerns about the accessibility of the complaint forms.**
- **The E&D TAC supports the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise policy goals.**

Sincerely,

John Daugherty, Chair  
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

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January 21, 2010

Bonnie Neely, Chair  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

RE: Support for the Arana Gulch Master Plan

Dear Chair Neely:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) staff urges you to approve the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz's permit request for the Arana Gulch Park Master Plan. The RTC has had a long history of supporting the proposed multi-use trail connecting Broadway and Brommer Streets, which is included in the Arana Gulch Master Plan. The proposed multi-use trail is designed for bicycles, pedestrians, and people with disabilities. Given that the path provides safe access between the City of Santa Cruz and community of Live Oak for such a wide range of users, the RTC's two citizen advisory committees, the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Committee, are among the many entities in our region that have taken positions of support for this project.

The Arana Gulch Park Master Plan supports several of the *Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan's* Goals and Policies, including policies to increase bicycle and pedestrian use and reduce vehicle miles traveled, fill gaps in the transportation system, support development of multi-use paths, and increase safety.

Please accept the following comments for your consideration:

- On January 14, 2010 the RTC programmed \$1.1 million of the region's share of federal Transportation Enhancement funds to the Broadway- Brommer Bike Path. This was in addition to the \$1.8 million previously allocated to this project over a period spanning many years. The RTC has preserved funding for this project even though transportation funding is very limited because of its importance to the regional transportation system.
- RTC staff strongly supports the Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Connection proposed in the Arana Gulch Park Master Plan. This proposed multi-use trail will help fill a critical gap in the regional east-west bicycle and pedestrian network thereby increasing the ease and safety of bicycle and pedestrian trips for transportation purposes in and between our communities. Currently, there is no continuous bike lane/bike path that connects Santa Cruz and the Live Oak/Capitola area. Providing a complete and convenient regional bicycle and pedestrian network increases the opportunity and attractiveness of bicycle and pedestrian trips for transportation purposes. Bicycle/pedestrian facilities have positive, cumulative environmental impacts. Our community's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by promoting alternative transportation would be greatly aided by this project.
- This project also provides "universal access" by enabling all people, including young, old and disabled persons who may have diminished perceptual or ambulatory abilities, to travel safely to destinations served by our public streets and pathway systems.


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- We fully support ADA accessibility to wheelchair users that would be provided by the Arana Gulch multi-use path. Of all four greenbelts in Santa Cruz County, only this project would construct trails that allow access for people using mobility devices. The paved trail would also allow persons with disabilities improved access to the coastal zone.
- The Arana Gulch Master Plan trail system is consistent with the concepts for the Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail (MBSST) Network which includes interpretive elements as well as transportation elements and recreation elements. The RTC is expected to undertake a Master Plan and Environmental Review process for the MBSST this spring.

The Arana Gulch Master Plan meets the Coastal Commission's goal of improving access to the coastal zone and we strongly encourage you to support this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 831-460-3200.

Sincerely,



George Dondero  
Executive Director

cc: RTC  
RTC Bicycle Committee  
RTC E & D TAC Committee  
City of Santa Cruz Public Works – Chris Schneider

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## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

### CALCOG 2010 PRIORITY ACTIONS

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 30, 2009

1. Work with a broad coalition to provide for stable, adequate, and long-term funding for transportation infrastructure, including highways, transit, high-speed and passenger rail, local streets and roads, and transportation demand management, in order to meet increased population capacity, safety, and goods movement needs.

- Seek a constitutional amendment to lower the vote requirement for local sales tax measures for transportation and local infrastructure bonds.
- Support State budget reforms and constitutional amendments that protect public transit and other transportation funds at risk of diversion to the State General Fund.
- Seek State and Federal legislation to increase and index the Fuel Tax.
- Support State budget reforms to reduce the pressure to divert public transit, local streets and road funds, and which can lead to more adequate, reliable State and local funding.
- Seek State and Federal legislation to allow for innovative financing tools and project delivery mechanisms.
- Continue to support legislation to authorize High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or Toll (HOT or Express) Lanes as well as support authority for design/build, expanded authority for public/private partnerships, and other innovative financing and operations opportunities.
- Ensure that Federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year without regard to delays in enacting the State Budget.
- Preserve and enhance truck, heavy rail, and short haul rail as vital tools for the movement of goods and the improvement of air quality throughout the State.

2. Work with Caltrans and other interested parties to advocate for the *California Consensus Principles and Priorities* in the next Federal Surface Transportation Authorization. Also advocate for transportation infrastructure funding in any future economic stimulus legislation.

**CALCOG 2010 PRIORITY ACTIONS**  
**ADOPTED NOVEMBER 30, 2009**  
**PAGE TWO**

Include the preservation of long-range transportation planning along with adequate funding to maintain the existing system. Also expand and improve transportation systems consistent with regional plans, including the needs of smaller metropolitan areas.

Recognize the role that California plays in the movement of goods throughout the nation, and support the establishment of a dedicated Freight Trust Fund. Create new incentives and pilot demonstration funding programs to support green projects and environmental sustainability. Include reforms that lead to more efficient and effective project delivery in goods movement.

Develop a draft set of recommendations on national greenhouse gas emissions legislation or a greenhouse gas transportation-related element that could be inserted into the federal transportation financing bill. Convene a working group of State officials, regional agencies, and other key stakeholder groups.

3. Work with the State Legislature, State agencies, local governments, and other key stakeholders on the implementation of SB 375, including funding and regulations.

- Work with Caltrans, other State agencies, and stakeholders to develop guidance, follow up actions, or legislation to utilize the SB 375 regional plan environmental analysis to reduce the analytical requirements for individual transportation projects.
- Pursue legislation to extend CEQA streamlining provisions to transportation projects and seek clarification on exemption for voter-approved projects.
- Seek legislation to better synchronize the timing of the Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- Provide legislative oversight through reports on implementation of AB 32, SB 375, and SB 732.
- Work to ensure that, where a Regional Blueprint has been adopted, consistency with Regional Blueprints is a consideration in allocation of discretionary funds from State agencies that affect land development or preservation.
- Secure funding for Regional Blueprint implementation.
- Provide for local authority and flexibility in climate change legislation and State agency policies.

**CALCOG 2010 PRIORITY ACTIONS**

**ADOPTED NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

**PAGE THREE**

- Ensure that COGs, MPOs, and other affected regional planning agencies receive adequate funding to fulfill requirements of SB 375 through dedicated State funding sources such as from Proposition 84.
- Seek to restore public transit operations funding in State budgets, and ensure that any future funding for SB 375 implementation include funding for public transit operations since public transit is critical to implementation of SB 375.
- Seek permanent funding to enable regional agencies such as COGs, MPOs, and County Transportation Commissions to prepare for expanded RTP and RHNA obligations in compliance with SB 375 requirements.
- Seek funding from the California Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap-and-Trade Program in accordance with AB 32 to support public transit services and SB 375 implementation by regions, cities, and counties.

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MR. ROADSHOW'S DIRTY DOZEN

# THE GOOD ...



# ... THE BAD

## THE UGLY (HINT: MOST PARTS OF I-880)

### THE MOST IMPROVED

- 1 I-880/I-238 interchange: New third lane is a big hit.
- 2 I-880 at Mission Blvd.: New interchange helps unsnarl traffic.
- 3 I-205: Third lane makes trip to I-5 much smoother.
- 4 Homestead Road: Silly ban on left turns out of Kaiser hospital finally lifted.
- 5 Hwy. 87 meters on: Smoother commute all the way around.
- 6 New bicycle/pedestrian bridges: Mary Avenue/I-280 overcrossing and bridges over 101 and 237 please cyclists.
- 7 Ardenwood Park and Ride in Fremont: More parking, better lighting.
- 8 Narvaez Ave. and Hwy. 87: No more complaints since new signal equipment installed.



### THE DIRTY DOZEN

- 1 I-880/Hwy. 101 interchange: Constant merging chaos, even on weekends.
- 2 Northbound I-680: Lack of fourth lane causes daily afternoon tie-ups.
- 3 I-880/I-280/Stevens Creek Blvd.: Outdated ramps cannot handle today's traffic, especially this time of year.
- 4 Hwy. 101 between Morgan Hill and San Jose airport: It's the potholes, stupid.
- 5 I-880/Hwy. 92: From here north to Oakland, the Nimitz is a real grind.
- 6 I-880/Montague Expwy.: Another merging mess.
- 7 Hwy. 101 at Hwy. 92: Merging chaos, Peninsula-style.
- 8 Central Expwy.: Short merges cause hot temp...

**AGENDA:** February 4, 2010

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
**FROM:** George Dondero, Executive Director  
**RE:** Welcome new commissioner and committee preferences

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) disband the Rail Acquisition Committee and
  2. Staff also recommends that individual Commissioners inform the RTC Chair or Executive Director by February 12th of your preferences regarding serving on the RTC's Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee.
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## **DISCUSSION**

Attachment 1 is the 2010 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission roster. One new Commissioner has joined the RTC - Ron Graves representing Santa Cruz Metro. Commissioner Graves served on the RTC in the past for 25 years between 1972 and 1997. Staff welcomes Commissioner Graves back to the RTC. In addition, some new alternates have been appointed. Please review the roster and inform staff of any needed corrections.

In the past, when there were several new Commissioners, committee members and alternates, staff held an RTC orientation for new Commissioners and committee members. Because there is only one new member this year, instead of holding a general orientation session, staff is available to meet with new members and alternates individually or in small groups as needed.

### **Preferences for Committee Appointments**

As established in the RTC's Rules and Regulations, Commissioner appointments to Committees are made annually at the March RTC meeting by the Chair with concurrence of the RTC. There are two standing RTC committees which involve Commissioner appointments, the Budget and Administration/Personnel (B&A/P) Committee and the Rail Acquisition Committee (RAC).

The Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee serves to review and monitor issues relating to the budget, work program, and other administrative and personnel functions of the RTC and makes recommendations to the Commission regarding such items. The committee also functions as the Personnel Committee to review personnel matters. The current members of the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee are:

Member	Alternate
Tony Campos	Gustavo Gonzalez
Neal Coonerty	Andy Schiffrin
John Leopold	Steve Lustgarden
Ellen Pirie	Robin Musitelli
Antonio Rivas	David Koch
Mark Stone	Donna Ziel

**Staff recommends that Commissioners wishing to be appointed or reappointed to this committee inform the RTC Chair or Executive Director by February 12, 2010.** The Commission Chair will make appointments at the March 5, 2009 meeting. These appointments will remain in effect until the Chair makes new appointments in March 2011.

The Rail Acquisition Committee serves as an advisory committee to the SCCRTC on matters regarding acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way. The current members of the Rail Acquisition Committee are:

Member	Alternate
Dene Bustichi	Don Hagen
Tony Campos	Gustavo Gonzalez
Neal Coonerty	Andy Schiffrin
John Leopold	Steve Lustgarden
Kirby Nicol	Bob Begun
Ellen Pirie	Robin Musitelli
Mark Stone	Dona Ziel

The Rail Acquisition Committee has not met since June 2008. Due to the stage of negotiations for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition project, the entire RTC has been holding regular closed sessions to direct staff and its negotiator; therefore, there has been no need to convene the Rail Acquisition Committee. If the RTC determines that there is a need for a focused discussion on an element of the project by a subset of the RTC, the RTC may establish an ad-hoc committee or working group for that specific purpose. **Therefore, staff recommends that the RTC dissolve the Rail Acquisition Committee.**

**SUMMARY**

The RTC has two standing commissioner committees. Staff recommends dissolving the Rail Acquisition Committee because the RTC is fully engaged in all aspects of the Rail Line Acquisition project and the Committee has not met since June 2008. Staff also recommends that individual Commissioners inform the Chair or Executive Director of your interest in continuing to serve on or being newly appointed to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee by February 12, 2010. The appointments will be made by the Chair at the March RTC meeting.

Attachments:

1. 2010 Commission Roster

**2010  
ROSTER  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
AND SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Dene Bustichi	SC Metro	Donald Hagen - Alternate - #1
Tony Campos	County of Santa Cruz	Gustavo Gonzalez
Neal Coonerty	County of Santa Cruz	Andy Schiffrin
Ron Graves	SC Metro	Mike Rotkin- Alternate - #2
Randy Johnson	City of Scotts Valley	Donna Lind
Don Lane	City of Santa Cruz	Lynn Robinson
John Leopold	County of Santa Cruz	Steve Lustgarden
Kirby Nicol	City of Capitola	Robert "Bob" Begun
Ellen Pirie	County of Santa Cruz	Robin Musitelli
Antonio Rivas	City of Watsonville	David Koch
Mark Stone	County of Santa Cruz	Donna Ziel
Marcela Tavantzis	SC Metro	Michelle Hinkle - Alternate - #3
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## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REPORT

### ❖ UPDATED INFORMATION

### PRESENTED TO: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Information submitted on January 21, 2010  
For the meeting of February 4, 2010

#### HWY. 9 – SAN LORENZO METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL UPGRADE

- **IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM SOUTH OF SAN LORENZO RIVER BRIDGE TO SOUTH OF ROUTE 9/35 INTERSECTION (PM 23.8 – 24.7, 7.7, 7.8)**
- Project: Install metal beam guard rail
- Traffic Controls: One-way traffic control Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 5 pm.
- Resident Engineer: Barry Dunlap
- Contractor: John Madonna Construction, San Luis Obispo
- Construction Cost: \$834,000
- Start Date: October 5, 2009
- Estimated Completion: Work finished Dec. 18, 2009 due to winter suspension and will resume/ complete in Spring 2010, weather dependent
- EA: 0K2404

#### HWY. 17 – GUARDRAIL UPGRADES

#### **NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM SANTAS VILLAGE ROAD TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LINE (PM 6.0 – 12.6)**

- Project: Upgrade guardrail, crash cushions, end treatments and retaining walls for guardrail
- ❖ Traffic Controls: Alternating lane closures northbound Sundays through Thursdays from 7 pm to 5 am and Fridays 9 pm to 5 am and southbound Sundays through Thursdays from 8 pm to 2 pm and Fridays 8 pm to 12 pm.
- Resident Engineer: Patrick Dussell
- Contractor: K L M Construction Inc., Puyallup, WA
- Construction Cost: \$5.5 Million
- ❖ Start Date: January 13, 2010
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2011
- EA: 0L70U4

## **HWY. 17 – VINEHILL WET WEATHER IMPROVEMENTS**

- **NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY FROM SOUTH OF WEST VINEHILL ROAD TO SOUTH OF VINEHILL ROAD (PM 7.0 – 7.3)**
- Project: Construct soldier pile wall
- Traffic Controls: One lane closed in each direction Mondays through Fridays from 8 pm to 5 am. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Traffic delays should be less than 15 minutes.
- Resident Engineer: Patrick Dussell
- Contractor: H S R Inc., Santa Clara
- Construction Cost: \$1.5 Million
- Start Date: June 20, 2009
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2010
- EA: 0P8104

## ***UPCOMING PROJECTS***

### **HWY. 1/17 – MERGE LANES LANDSCAPE**

**IN SANTA CRUZ ON ROUTE 1 FROM LA FONDA AVENUE OVERCROSSING TO ROUTE 1/17 SEPARATION AND ON ROUTE 17 FROM ROUTE 1/17 SEPERATION TO PASATIEMPO (PM 1, 17 15.4 – 17.1, 0.1 – 0.7)**

- Project: Highway planting and irrigation
- Project Manager: Luis Duazo
- ❖ Contractor: Watkin & Bortolussi Inc., San Rafael
- Construction Cost: \$695,000
- ❖ Estimated Start Date: Pending award and approval
- EA: 129114

### **HWY. 9 – RETAINING WALL**

**ABOUT 7 MILES NORTH OF BOULDER CREEK JUST SOUTH OF THE ROUTE 236/9 SEPARATION (PM 20.4)**

- Project: Construct retaining wall
- Resident Engineer: Patrick Dussell
- Contractor: Jim Freethy Excavating Inc., Danville
- Construction Cost: \$229,000
- ❖ Estimated Start Date: End of January/February 2010, weather permitting
- Estimated Completion: March 2010
- EA: 0P8704

**AGENDA:** February 4, 2010

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** George Dondero, Executive Director  
**RE:** Housing within Reach Workshop Series - Sponsorship

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) not sponsor the Housing within Reach workshop series of Transition Santa Cruz with a donation of \$500.00.

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## **BACKGROUND**

At the January 14, 2010 meeting of the RTC, Rick Longinotti of Transition Santa Cruz asked that the RTC place on its agenda for its next meeting consideration of sponsorship for its Housing Within Reach workshop series. Mr. Longinotti also submitted a sponsorship request by email ([Attachment 1](#)) along with an announcement for the workshop series ([Attachment 2](#)).

## **DISCUSSION**

Transition Santa Cruz is a collaborative effort working to help reduce dependence on fossil fuels and impacts on climate change (see [Attachment 3](#)). To this end Transition Santa Cruz has held a number of workshops on a variety of topics including land use and transportation. In June 2009, Transition Santa Cruz published a report titled Transportation and Land Use in Santa Cruz County resulting from an Open Space Workshop.

The Housing Within Reach workshop series is composed of five workshops including one workshop on housing, transportation and green house gases. Thus far Transition Santa Cruz has secured two sponsors for this workshop. As sponsors the United Methodist Church has offered meeting space at a 50% discount and the United Way has offered to help publicize the workshop series. Mr. Longinotti requests that, as a sponsor, the RTC provide a donation of \$500.00.

While the Housing Within Reach workshop series includes a workshop where transportation will be discussed, considering the difficult budget situation that the RTC is currently facing, **staff recommends that the RTC not sponsor the Housing Within Reach workshop series with a donation of \$500.00.** In the past, the RTC provided monetary sponsorship for pedestrian safety workshops and the complete counts effort for the upcoming 2010 census. However, due to the current budget situation, the RTC has practically eliminated its budget for sponsorships. Providing a monetary sponsorship to this workshop series may compel the RTC to provide monetary sponsorship for other community events that involve transportation and currently the RTC does not have the funds to sustain such sponsorships.

**SUMMARY**

The RTC received a sponsorship request of \$500.00 for the Housing Within Reach workshop series of Transition Santa Cruz. Staff recommends that the RTC not sponsor the Housing within Reach workshop series with a donation of \$500.00 due to the inability of the RTC to sustain such sponsorships at this time.

Attachments:

1. Request for \$500 sponsorship of Housing Within Reach workshop series
2. Announcement for the Housing Within Reach Workshop series
3. About Transition Santa Cruz from its website

**From:** Rick Longinotti [mailto:longinotti@baymoon.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 11:00 AM

**To:** George Dondero

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**Subject:** Housing & Transportation Workshop

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On behalf of Transition Santa Cruz, I am writing to ask RTC co-sponsorship of a series of workshops called, "Housing Within Reach: Of Our Pocketbooks; Of Our Workplaces, Schools & Stores". The workshop announcement is attached. The series focuses on transit-oriented development as a priority for new housing.

The Regional Targets Advisory Committee for California's SB 375, meant to achieve greenhouse gas reduction through land use decisions, reports:

"Social equity policies and practices that have the potential to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (such as provision of appropriately located affordable housing that matches well with local wage levels) must be elevated on the list of Best Management Practices..."

I invite you join with us in spreading the word about these workshops among your constituents as well as supporting the promotion of the event with a donation of \$500.

We will list the RTC on all our publicity.

Thank you,

Rick Longinotti  
425-0341  
[Transitionsc.org](http://Transitionsc.org)

# Housing Within Reach Of Our Pocketbooks Of Our Workplaces, Schools, & Stores

United Methodist Church  
250 California St. 7-9pm

## Jan 14: Overview of Housing Economics

**Why we're losing ground on affordability and what we can do about it.** With **Bruce Van Allen**, former mayor, tenant organizer, & project manager for several local affordable housing developments  
**Paul Wagner**, journalist; former chair, City of Santa Cruz Housing Advisory Committee

## Jan 28: Programs for Affordability

**A primer on existing City programs: What's working? What can be improved?** With **Carol Berg**, Santa Cruz Housing & Community Development Manager  
**Generating more funding for affordability.** With **Jan Lindenthal**, VP, Mid-Peninsula Housing

## Feb 11: A Developer Perspective on Affordability

**Affordability by design? Zoning changes? Reduced parking requirements? Inclusionary requirements? Density?** With **John Swift**, developer and land use consultant  
**Getting housing built through partnerships & innovation in planning.** With **Jeff Oberdorfer**, FAIA, ED, First Community Housing.  
**Car-free & car-lite development for Santa Cruz,** With **Rick Longinotti**, Transition Santa Cruz

## Feb 25: Housing, Transportation & Greenhouse

**Gases The land use and transportation decisions of the future.**  
With **John Doughty**, executive director, AMBAG and **Celia Scott**, former mayor & environmental attorney/planner

## Mar 11: Next Steps

**A community meeting to unite on strategies that will increase and preserve housing affordability for everyone in our community.**  
Led by **David Foster**, Capitola Housing & Redevelopment Project Manager; Santa Cruz Planning Commission

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- Peak Oil
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### About Transition Santa Cruz

**Transition Santa Cruz** is a collaborative effort to prepare Santa Cruz for a future in which cheap, abundant energy is no longer available. We aim to become resilient and able to handle the stresses of peak oil and climate change, by building a thriving local economy and community that is not heavily dependent on any particular outside resource. In the process, we will be taking some of the most effective steps we can take to reduce our impact on the climate system.



Key to **Transition Santa Cruz** is the notion that a post-fossil-fuel future could be better in many ways than life in our current society. We are committed to exploring and creating concrete manifestations of positive visions of life after oil, by working at a grassroots level and unleashing the creative genius of our community. The twin global crises of peak oil and climate change are two aspects of a single problem, which is over-reliance on fossil fuels. Climate change, and the need to respond to it with changes in our high carbon emissions, is increasingly well understood by many people. Understanding of the reality of peak oil (and other fossil fuels) lags somewhat behind, yet it is an important part of realistic planning for our future. With its focus on "what goes into the gas tank," as opposed to the climate-change-driven focus on what comes out of the tailpipe, the peak oil focus is an invaluable tool for galvanizing action on energy use. Therefore, one of the first tasks of **Transition Santa Cruz** is to raise awareness about peak oil.



The entire era of cheap energy, which began in the mid-1800s, has been a very brief, exceptional period of human history, with an unprecedented growth of population and economies, and consumption of the Earth's resources. By now, virtually everything we use in our everyday lives depends on fossil fuels. Especially in the industrialized countries, everything we eat, wear, live in, transport ourselves with, warm ourselves with, etc., represents the consumption of large amounts of fossil fuel energy. In the process of becoming so reliant on these fuels, we have lost many of the basic living skills, and much of the community interconnectedness that we once had. There is no good replacement source of energy on the scale that we are used to consuming fossil fuel energy.

When this fact is combined with the pressing need to stop greenhouse gas emissions, it becomes clear that we have an immediate need for a plan for living in a much less energy-consuming way. Such a plan is known as an *Energy Descent Action Plan*, or *Community Resilience Plan*. There is no sign that such a plan is on the horizon at the national or state levels of government. Towns and cities need to take the lead. Fortunately, this is now beginning to happen. Large cities, like Portland, OR and San Francisco, and small towns, like Willits, CA, have passed Peak Oil resolutions and are beginning to take action.

One of the most effective movements in this direction comes from England under the name *Transition Initiatives*. These are grassroots movements for educating local citizens about the challenges ahead, and inspiring people with the possibility that a low-energy-use future could be better than our current lifestyle. They include as many people as possible in the process of imagining such a future, and creating visible projects that demonstrate the reclaiming of lost living skills, the re-purposing of land to increase local self-reliance, the shift from a global to a local economy, and so on. Ultimately, Transition Initiatives result in the creation of Energy Descent Action Plans with a strong base of support in the community. As of January, 2010, about 240 towns and cities worldwide had officially recognized Transition Initiatives. **Transition Santa Cruz**, the 99th recognized Transition Initiative worldwide, is proud that Santa Cruz is one of them!



**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
**FROM:** Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner  
**RE:** Programming Potential Federal Jobs Bill Funds

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Distribute the maximum amount anticipated from a potential new stimulus bill to local jurisdictions by population formula toward projects that could be awarded (under contract) within 90 days of enactment of the bill (Attachment 1), contingent on provisions of the final bill and with totals for each agency to be adjusted proportionally based on the actual amounts of stimulus funds available to the region;
2. Reevaluate projects if the final bill or state actions include less stringent deadlines for award of funds or make additional funding available to the region, in order to ensure that the most appropriate projects in the region receive these new funds;
3. Authorize staff, in consultation with project sponsors, to redirect funds to backup projects, if projects are at risk of missing deadlines established in the bill or by Caltrans or the CTC; and
4. Require project sponsors to add bicycle lanes, cross-walk striping, curbcuts/access ramps, and other accessibility improvements as part of projects, where appropriate and feasible.

Staff recommends that the RTC:

1. Approve \$12.7 million in projects to receive potential stimulus funds that come directly to the region (est. \$5.8 million), plus the region's formula share of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) stimulus funds that would come through the CTC (est. \$6.3 million), plus \$575,000 of the region's unprogrammed STIP balance, distributed to local jurisdiction by population formula as shown in Attachment 1 – Scenario A; and
  2. Request that the CTC allocate an additional \$2,671,000 in STIP stimulus funds to the Graham Hill Road Safety Project to replace STIP funds currently programmed to the project, as a second priority to road repairs (as requested by County Public Works), if some of the funds flow through the STIP.
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## **BACKGROUND**

As reported last month, the House of Representatives has approved a new stimulus package, the Jobs for Main Street Act, which includes funding for "ready-to-go" road and transit projects, similar to levels provided last year through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The House bill requires 50% of the funds to be under contract (awarded) within 90 days. The Senate is expected to take up the bill in late January or early February.

Last year, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was responsible for programming \$5.8 million in funds based on formulas established in ARRA. An additional \$6.3 million was made available to the region from California's formula share of funds through state legislation (ABx3 20). Project sponsors and Caltrans

Local Assistance did an outstanding job obligating those funds within the deadlines established for ARRA and constructed nearly half of the projects last summer.

## DISCUSSION

If the final jobs bill carries forward the incredibly tight deadlines approved in the House version and is signed into law by the President in February, all preconstruction work (programming, environmental, design, and submittal of requests for authorization to proceed) for half of the funds would need to be completed by approximately March 15, 2010 and the boards of implementing agencies may need to authorize their staff to advertise and award projects without board review.

If final funding levels are similar to those in ARRA, **approximately \$5.8 million would flow through the SCCRTC** and additional funds coming to California (state share) would flow through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). RTC staff estimates that **Santa Cruz County's fair share of STIP stimulus funds would be \$6.3 million**. The amount available from the state share could fluctuate depending on how much the state decides to program and allocate to projects previously approved for bond funds, State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects, or projects in other counties via the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The CTC has indicated that in order to meet the tight deadlines, some counties could receive more than their STIP county share, with STIP shares to be adjusted in the future.

While it is unclear exactly how much, if any, new funding will be available for projects in Santa Cruz County, FHWA and Caltrans is recommending that regions identify projects to receive potential new stimulus funds now so that project sponsors and the state as a whole will be ready to meet the proposed deadlines. The CTC has issued a notice that it will program and allocate new stimulus funds that may flow through the STIP as early as its February 23, 2010 meeting.

### Distributing Potential Stimulus Funds

Since the actual amount of stimulus funds available to the region could vary greatly, **ITAC and staff recommend that the RTC distribute the new stimulus bill to local jurisdictions by population formula toward projects that could be awarded (under contract) within 90 days of enactment of the bill, with totals for each agency to be adjusted proportionally based on the actual amounts of stimulus funds available to the region.**

Stimulus funds can be used on a wide variety of projects, including local road repairs on "federal-aid routes", bridges, highways, bike, pedestrian, and transit capital projects. Projects that could meet the tight deadlines set forth in the House bill, and the maximum amount of new stimulus funds each project could use, are shown in Attachment 1. In most instances these are lump sum road repair projects which could be adjusted to include more or fewer roadways depending on the actual amount of funding available. Project sponsors would determine exact roads to use the funds on. Many projects on this list were part of the backup list for ARRA, which was approved by the RTC in October 2009, and have already finished preconstruction work and submitted a Request for Authorization to Proceed (RAP) with construction to Caltrans in December 2009. For other projects, sponsors still need to initiate pre-construction work (such as preparing environmental paperwork for Caltrans review).

### Determining Amount of STIP Stimulus to Request

Since the CTC has indicated that in order to meet the tight deadlines, some counties could receive more than their "fair share" of STIP funds, the RTC may want to seek more than its estimated STIP formula share of stimulus funds (\$6.3 million). Public Works staff noted that since the CTC has repeatedly rejected

RTC requests for STIP funds for local projects in recent years, this could be the rare opportunity to access STIP funds for local projects. As such, **staff recommends that the RTC also seek and distribute \$575,000 of the region's unprogrammed balance of STIP funds by population formula to local jurisdictions.**

**Staff, with concurrence from Public Works staffs, recommend that the RTC also seek \$2,671,000 in STIP stimulus for the Graham Hill Road Safety project, above and beyond the region's "fair share" that would be distributed by formula to the local jurisdictions.** The Graham Hill Road project is currently programmed to receive this level of STIP funds, but is on the CTC's pending list due to a lack of state resources. Since this would replace current STIP funds with STIP stimulus funds, it would not impact future county shares. County public works staff has indicated that this project is a second priority to road repairs and asks that the RTC communicate this to the CTC.

Seeking more than amounts specified above for funds flowing through the CTC could affect future STIP County Shares, reducing the amount of STIP funds available for regionally significant projects, such as highway, rail, and transit projects. In the future, regional projects would be more dependent on Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds, which has been a consistent funding source for local projects.

Alternately, Caltrans has proposed that a significant amount of the funds to the state be taken "off the top" for bond and SHOPP projects, leaving only \$4.7 million (with \$433,000 of this for Transportation Enhancements), rather than \$6.3 million, available through STIP formulas for Santa Cruz County. Though Caltrans recommends that funding amounts be based on STIP formulas, Caltrans may suggest state legislation that would allow these funds to be distributed through Caltrans, rather than the CTC STIP process. Under this scenario (Scenario C on Attachment 1) it is unlikely that the region could access additional funds for Graham Hill Road or funds from the region's unprogrammed STIP balance.

### **Different Funding Scenarios**

Attachment 1 shows how stimulus funds would be distributed among jurisdictions on a population basis under various scenarios, as recommended by staff and the ITAC. Actual distribution levels to local jurisdictions would be adjusted based on the actual stimulus funds made available to the region. Notably, initial proposals in the Senate are half of that proposed in the House version of the bill.

1. Scenario A - Staff recommendation, \$12.7 million in funds from:
  - a. Estimated formula share of funds direct to Region: \$5.8 million
  - b. Estimated formula share of STIP funds: \$6.3 million (would come through the CTC); and
  - c. STIP Unprogrammed Balance: \$575,000 (would come through the CTC).
2. Scenario B – If only \$5.8 million made available to the region, with \$0 from the CTC.
3. Scenario C – If only \$10.5 million made available to region (only \$4.7 million from the STIP formula shares and \$5.8 million from the region's direct share)

### **Additional Recommendations**

In addition to selecting projects to receive potential new stimulus funds as noted above, **staff and the ITAC recommend that the RTC:**

1. **Reevaluate the project list, if the final bill makes additional funds available to the region or includes less stringent deadlines for award of funds, to ensure that the most**

**appropriate projects in the region receive these new funds.** If it is possible to swap previously obligated ARRA funds, which have less stringent award deadlines, for these new funds, staff and project sponsors may recommend doing that in some instances.

2. **Authorize staff, in consultation with project sponsors, to redirect funds to backup projects (see Attachment 1), if projects are at risk of missing deadlines** established in the bill or by Caltrans. Any shifts, and obligation of funds for backup projects, would likely be necessary at least 75 days before the award deadline. Funds would first be redirected between projects within the same jurisdiction. If a jurisdiction is not able to utilize the funds on one of its backup projects, funds would be redirected on a first come first serve basis to other backup projects, with Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) projects as a backup to local jurisdictions' projects. and
3. **Require project sponsors to add bicycle lanes, cross-walk striping, curbcuts, and other accessibility improvements as part of road repair projects, where appropriate and feasible.** While this may not be possible for all projects, especially given the tight deadlines, it is consistent with recommendations made by the Bicycle Committee and Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and approved by the RTC for ARRA, and is consistent with "Complete Streets"-type policies that exist for most agencies.

## **SUMMARY**

The House of Representatives has approved the Jobs for Main Street Act. If approved by the Senate and President, half of the funds would need to be under contract (awarded) within 90 days. If deadlines are not met, funds would be lost to other states. Staff and the ITAC recommend that the RTC select projects to receive projected funds at this meeting so that project sponsors can prepare their projects to meet these relatively tight deadlines and the region can access funds that may flow through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Attachment: Recommended Distribution of New Funds

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## Attachment 1

### Distribution of New Stimulus Funds - Projects that could meet 90-Day Award (under contract) Deadline

#### Distribution by Population to Local Jurisdictions

RTIP #	Implementing Agency	Project	% share per agency (based on population)	Max project sponsors could award in 90-days	Scenario A: Recommendation-Region Direct \$5.8M + STIP share \$6.3M *+unprogrammed STIP balance \$575K	Scenario B: If only \$5.8M to Region	Scenario C: If only \$4.7M from STIP + Region's \$5.8M
NEW	County of Santa Cruz	Pavement Management - Part 3	50.6%	\$6,400,000	\$5,713,818	\$2,934,923	\$5,334,133
CO 02	County of Santa Cruz	Graham Hill Road Improvement Project*		\$3,371,000	\$700,000	backup	backup
CAP 14	Capitola	Lump Sum Road Repair	3.7%	\$500,000	\$475,271	\$217,481	\$395,265
NEW	Santa Cruz City	Pavement Repairs: Swanton, etc.	22.0%	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
NEW	Santa Cruz City	Lump Sum Pavement Repairs, storm drains - citywide		\$3,000,000	\$1,782,926	\$273,449	\$1,314,455
NEW	Scotts Valley	Lump Sum Road Repair	4.4%	\$1,000,000	\$555,056	\$253,990	\$461,620
WAT 36	Watsonville	Green Valley Road Rehab-Phase 2	19.3%	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,120,157	\$1,000,000
WAT 37	Watsonville	Lump Sum Road Repair Part 2		\$2,500,000	\$1,447,929	backup	\$1,035,851
RTC01	SCCRTC	Freeway Service Patrol	n/a	\$320,000	backup	backup	backup
NEW	SCMTD	Second CNG tank		\$1,300,000	backup	backup	backup
NEW	SCMTD	Bus Replacements		\$5,250,000	backup	backup	backup
MTD 18	SCMTD	MetroBase Operations Building		\$27,000,000	backup	backup	backup
			100.0%	\$52,641,000	\$12,675,000	\$5,800,000	\$10,541,324

\*Staff recommendation: Approve fund distribution as shown in Scenario A, plus \$2.671 million for Graham Hill Rd.

**AGENDA:** February 4, 2010

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner  
**RE:** Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project – Pre-Construction Activities

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff in the amount of \$22,000 to conduct specified preconstruction activities and to amend the FY 2009/2010 Budget to allocate \$22,000 in savings from other line items in the Auxiliary Lanes project budget.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Since early 2008, the RTC has contemplated assuming construction management responsibility for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. Beyond the expedited project schedule, the benefits of the RTC assuming construction management authority include:

- Direct involvement in critical decisions regarding the project
- Proactive construction management approach
- Community accountability and community relations

In June 2009, following a consultant selection process, the RTC approved assuming responsibility for administering the construction phase of the Auxiliary Lanes project and directed staff to negotiate a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff for construction management services. The RTC also directed staff to work with Caltrans to prepare a cooperative agreement that will set the roles and responsibilities between Caltrans and the RTC (and by extension RTC's construction management consultant) for the construction phase. Caltrans has submitted a draft cooperative agreement to the RTC for review and consideration.

## **DISCUSSION**

The RTC's consideration and approval of the cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the construction phase of the Auxiliary Lanes project will formalize the RTC's role in managing the construction process. This action will trigger changes in the project design process and programming documents through Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) required of all Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funded projects.

It is timely to begin these deliberations as soon as possible with the participation of the construction management consultant who will serve as RTC's agent in meeting the construction delivery schedule. In addition to detailed construction scheduling discussions and review of the cooperative agreement, staff would like the construction management consultant to participate in the "constructability review" of the engineering plans at the 65 percent completion level

(anticipated in late March). Among other activities, the constructability review includes verifying the availability and suitability of construction staging areas and participation in the utility coordination process with Caltrans (the single biggest cause of delay in starting construction contracts).

Staff has worked with Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) in developing a scope of services (Exhibit A to Attachment 1) that identifies a short list of preconstruction activities (in contrast to the more conventional construction management duties) that will begin prior to advertising the bid documents. A couple of the preconstruction activities specifically address the fact that this is the first construction project the RTC has administrated, including: developing appropriate language in the contractor's contract customized to the risk tolerance of the RTC (specifically dealing with liability issues) and assisting the RTC in setting up contract change order (CCO) procedures well in advance of bidding the project.

Staff has negotiated a contract budget with PB to allow this work to begin in a timely manner, using cost savings currently available in the Auxiliary Lanes project budget. Specifically, staff proposes to reduce the budget for On-Call Consultants by \$12,000 and Public Information, Materials, and Postage by \$10,000 for a total amount of \$22,000 (Exhibit B to Attachment 1). The proposed reallocation of funds will not impact any of the ongoing or proposed work activities in design phase of the project. RTC staff is working with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to identify funding options for the balance of funds needed to complete preconstruction activities, estimated to cost a total of \$100,000 as identified in the recently approved 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

The proposed action is revenue neutral as funds have already been budgeted and will allow preconstruction activities to begin immediately. Accordingly, **staff recommends that the RTC approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff in the amount of \$22,000 to conduct specified preconstruction activities and to amend the FY 2009/2010 Budget to allocate \$22,000 in savings from other line items in the Auxiliary Lanes project budget.**

The more conventional construction management consultant duties will be the subject of a separate contract presented to the RTC as the current design phase is nearing completion and funds are released by the CTC for construction management services. At that time, staff will present a schedule and complete budget for the construction management duties, including: design support, environmental monitoring, and public outreach activities.

Staff and project consultants will provide a full Progress Report on the Auxiliary Lanes and HOV Lane project at the March RTC meeting.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommends that the RTC approve a resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff in the amount of \$22,000 for specified preconstruction activities and to amend the FY 2009/2010 budget to allocate the necessary funds from savings in other line items in the Auxiliary Lanes project budget. Formal construction management duties expected of the consultant team as part of the construction process will be the subject of a separate contract presented to the RTC toward the end of the final design phase and release of

construction funding by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), prior to advertising the construction bid documents.

Attachments:

1. Resolution authorizing contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of February 4, 2010  
on the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH  
PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000 AND TO AMEND THE FY 2009/2010  
BUDGET ACCORDINGLY FOR CONDUCTING PRECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES  
ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTRATING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF  
THE HIGHWAY 1 SOQUEL/MORRISSEY AUXILIARY LANES PROJECT

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved assuming responsibility for administrating the construction phase of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project in June 2009, and directed staff to work with Caltrans in development of a cooperative agreement to formalize the RTC's role in managing the construction process; and,

WHEREAS, it is timely to begin these activities as soon as possible and there are cost savings currently available in the Auxiliary Lanes project budget;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff in the amount of \$22,000 for preconstruction activities, as specified in Exhibit A.
2. The FY 2009/2010 RTC Budget is amended to allocate \$22,000 in cost savings from the On-Call Consultants and Public Information and Materials line items to Construction Management – Pre Construction Activities, as specified in Exhibit B.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute amendments to the agreement provided that the amendments are within the intended scope of duties to complete the preconstruction activities associated with RTC administering the construction phase of the Auxiliary Lanes project, and are consistent with the adopted RTC budget.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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Randy Johnson, Chair

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George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: RTC Fiscal  
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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Scope of Services Construction Management Route 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project**

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 OPERATING BUDGET BY PROGRAM - HIGHWAY 1  
 FY 2009-2010 BUDGET

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2	3	4	5	6
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5 <b>REVENUES:</b>				
6 RSTP Exchange - HOV Lanes	1,008,231	1,008,231	0	
7 CMAQ - HOV Lanes	111,200	111,200	0	
8 STIP - HOV Lanes	1,375,000	1,375,000	0	
9 Federal Earmark Aux Lanes: PA/ED (carryover)	95,654	95,654	0	
10 Federal Earmark Aux Lanes: Design	677,000	677,000	0	
11 STIP - Aux Lanes: Design (carryover)	326,000	326,000	0	
12 RSTP Exchange - Aux Lanes: Design	85,678	85,678	0	
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15 <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,284,089</b>	<b>4,284,089</b>	<b>0</b>	
16 <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
17 <b>Salaries and Benefits</b>	250,000	250,000	0	
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21 PA/ED Consultant - Nolte Contract	1,680,088	1,680,088	0	
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25 FHWA Project Value Analysis	50,000	50,000	0	
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27 Contingencies	128,021	128,021	0	
28 <b>Hwy 1 Morrissey-Soquel Aux Lane:</b>				
29 PA/ED Consultant - Nolte Contract	321,840	321,840	0	
30 PA/ED on Call Consultants	0	0	0	
31 PA/ED Public Information, materials, postage & meeting space	3,140	3,140	0	
32 <b>Hwy 1 Morrissey-Soquel Aux Lane Design:</b>				
33 Final Design and Engineering Consultants	1,017,525	1,017,525	0	
34 Design on Call Consultants	15,500	3,500	-12,000	- Moved to CM Consultant - Pre Construction Activities
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37 Transfer to RSTPX Fund	326,000	326,000	0	
38 <i>Subtotal Services &amp; Supplies</i>	<b>3,754,831</b>	<b>3,754,831</b>	<b>0</b>	
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