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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) March 4, 2010 Meeting Highlights**

### ***Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan and draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) released:***

The RTC received a report that the draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the draft SEIR were released March 1<sup>st</sup>. The RTP outlines transportation challenges, funding scenarios and planned projects in Santa Cruz County through 2035. The draft SEIR assesses the potential program-level impacts of the projects for Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties 2010 RTPs and the *2010 Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. A public hearing on the draft RTP will be held Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., 5th Floor, Santa Cruz. Public comment via mail, email or at the public hearing will be taken until April 19, 2010.

### ***Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds allocated:***

The RTC allocated \$212,337 in Proposition 1B Transit Security funds to the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District (Metro). These funds will allow Metro to complete security projects including facilities surveillance, radio communications, a Transit Center emergency alert system and emergency generator installation.

### ***Transportation Development Act allocation claim approved:***

The RTC approved a Transportation Development Act claim from the City of Scotts Valley for \$93,315 for sidewalk construction projects and/or Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curbs. Improvement projects are located on Bean Creek Road near the Scotts Valley Middle School, Vine Hill Rd and other locations within the city.

### ***Local Tax Payer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act initiative supported:***

The RTC voted to support a ballot initiative for the November 2010 ballot to protect local government, including redevelopment, transportation and transit, revenues. The measure prohibits the state from taking or borrowing local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response, transportation and other vital local government services. The ballot initiative is proposed by a statewide coalition of local government, transportation and public transit leaders, including the League of California Cities.

***State senate bill to modernize SAFE programs introduced:***

The RTC received a report that staff and RTC state legislative assistants were successful in obtaining senate sponsorship for a bill that would modernize SAFE language to expand the list of eligible motorist aid services under the program and authorize the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to place call boxes in state and federal parks. SB 1418 (Wiggins) which was introduced to the state legislature February 19, 2010 would also allow individual Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) to increase the SAFE fee by \$1 to \$2 on vehicles registered within their jurisdictions. Current RTC SAFE programs include the Freeway Service Patrol program, the Call Box program and the Safe on 17 extra CHP enforcement program.

***Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings***

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Commission Meetings

Thursday, April 1, 2010, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) – Commission meetings

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

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, April 8, 2010, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, April 2, 2010, 6:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 1:30 pm  
United Way of Santa Cruz  
1220 41st Avenue Suite C, Capitola

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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