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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) April 1, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line purchase recommended and due diligence reports released:

After a comprehensive, thorough and detailed assessment of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, the RTC unanimously approved entering into a purchase and sale agreement with Union Pacific to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line for a total cost of \$19.2 million which includes \$14.2 million to the property owner and at least \$5 million to fund improvements to the Branch Line. The purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the corridor for future transportation uses including freight and passenger rail service, and transit and bicycle/pedestrian trails. With the recommendation of the RTC Executive Director to pursue acquisition of the rail corridor, the RTC was permitted to release draft agreements and the remainder of the due diligence reports, with the exception of the lease analysis report and agreements still under negotiation with the short line operator, for a 30-day public review. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., Fifth Fl., Santa Cruz, CA. Documents are available at the RTC office or on the RTC website www.sccrtc.org. The RTC will make a final decision on the purchase of the rail corridor at their May 6 meeting.

Public hearing on draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) held:

The RTC held a public hearing on the draft RTP and draft SEIR and received input on project priorities, goals and policies. Public comment will continue to be taken until April 19, 2010 and will be brought to the RTC at its May meeting. The final documents are expected to be adopted at the June RTC meeting.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

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Commission Meetings

Thursday, May 6, 2010, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) – Public Hearing
Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 6:00 pm
Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee
TBD

SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, April 12, 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, April 15, 2010, 1:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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