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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) June 3, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Sidewalk Safety and Accessibility report received:

The RTC received a report from the Pedestrian Safety Work Group, a subcommittee of the RTC's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, on local jurisdiction and property owner responsibilities and practices regarding sidewalk maintenance. The report focused on sidewalks as part of the overall transportation system from the perspective of seniors and people with disabilities. Key findings include the importance of public education and outreach about homeowner responsibilities to keep sidewalks adjacent to their properties in compliance with American with Disabilities Act requirements, and processes for local jurisdiction oversight, tracking and monitoring.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for senior/disabled transportation programs approved:

The RTC approved \$51,754 in TDA funds for the Volunteer Center and \$488,721 in TDA funds for Community Bridges for safety net transportation services primarily to low income seniors and people with disabilities. The Volunteer Center's transportation program provided about 5,520 rides to 233 clients in FY 08-09 by 76 volunteer drivers. The TDA allocation will fund mileage reimbursement, insurance and administrative costs. Community Bridges, as the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Santa Cruz County, is responsible to ensure that specialized transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities are coordinated in a cost effective manner. Community Bridges provides medical transportation services, transportation to five senior meal sites, out of county transportation (formerly provided by the Red Cross) and rides for dialysis patients, in addition to administering the Taxi Scrip program.

Commute Solutions events/ incentive programs announced:

The RTC's Commute Solutions program announced its new Cash for Carpools Program which provides a \$25 gas card to commuters who form new carpools. Commute Solutions is also partnering with the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District on a "Dump the Pump" promotion on June 17th that encourages individuals to ride the bus instead of driving alone. Commute Solutions is hosting a Webinar for employers to be held June 24th from 10:15am-1pm at the RTC conference room titled "Boosting Morale, Performance and Savings via Compressed Work Weeks". Information and RSVP is available at 831 460 3200.

Public Hearing on 2010 Unmet Specialized Transportation Needs held:

The RTC held a public hearing to solicit input on unmet specialized transportation and transit needs in the region. The Unmet Needs list will be used to assess and prioritize projects and programs as funding becomes available.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831/460-3200 to confirm.

Most agendas posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

Commission Meetings

Thursday, August 5, 2010, 9:00 am
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
1 Civic Center Dr, Scotts Valley

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, June 17, 2010, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Tuesday, August 12, 2010, 3:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, June 14, 2010, 6:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz
1220 41st Avenue Suite C, Capitola

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 17, 2010, 1:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC web site at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.comunitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.