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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 5, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Branch Line purchase California Transportation Commission (CTC) conditions approved:

The RTC approved a resolution to address the CTC conditions attached to the approval for funding to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The conditions include initiating recreational rail service, continuing freight service as long as it is required by the Surface Transportation Board and to reimburse the state if the Branch Line is no longer used for the original purpose approved by the CTC.

Updated bikeways map released:

The RTC released an updated bikeways map showing bicycle lanes, paths and alternate routes within Santa Cruz County, including off-road trails. The map features detailed insets of the San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, Watsonville, and Santa Cruz to La Selva Beach areas as well as major attractions, schools, transit centers, bike shops, parks, campgrounds and hostels.

Funding Claim for Santa Cruz Metro approved:

The RTC approved a funding claim from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District for \$2,801,550 in State Transit Assistance funds. State Transit Assistance funds were diverted to other areas of the state budget due to the State's budget crisis. These funds were recently made available as one-time payment for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11. The funds may be used for transit capital or operating expenses.

Highway 1 Projects progress report received:

The RTC is making progress toward construction of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. 65% design level plans were submitted to Caltrans, permit applications to state and federal resource agencies were submitted in June and a Highway Aesthetics Community Advisory meeting to gather public input was held June 15th. The construction cooperative agreement with Caltrans will be presented to the Commission at the August Transportation Policy Workshop.

The RTC continues to develop the Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) credits and will determine how they might apply to the Hwy 1 HOV Lanes project.

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, September 2, 2010, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main St, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, August 19, 2010, 9:00 am
Thursday, September 16, 2010 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 9, 2010, 3:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, August 9, 2010, 6:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz
1220 41st Avenue Suite C, Capitola

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 19, 2010, 1:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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