AGENDA

Thursday, September 2, 2010
9:00 a.m.

NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH

Capitola City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Ron Graves
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Marcela Tavantzis

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Article 4 Transportation Development Act Claims, Policy Issues, and SAFE – all 12 members vote
1. Roll call

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CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

4. Approve draft minutes of the August 5, 2010 regular SCCRTC meeting

5. Approve draft minutes of the August 19, 2010 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting

6. Accept draft minutes of the August 9, 2010 Bicycle Committee meeting

7. Accept draft minutes of the August 10, 2010 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

8. Accept draft minutes of the August 19, 2010 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

No consent items

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

9. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
10. Approve agreement for website development (Resolution)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

No consent items

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

11. Accept monthly meeting schedule

12. Accept correspondence log

13. Accept letters from SCCRTC committees and staff to other agencies
   a. Letter from the Bicycle Committee to the City of Santa Cruz regarding Pogonip multi-use trails
   b. Letter from the Bicycle Committee to the City of Watsonville regarding adding bicycle lanes to the Manabe Ow Specific Plan

14. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on SCCRTC projects and transportation issues

15. Accept information items - none

REGULAR AGENDA

16. Commissioner reports - oral reports

17. Director’s report – oral report
   (George Dondero, Executive Director)

18. Honor Gary Richards, San Jose Mercury News’ “Mr. Roadshow”, recognized as Man of the Year by the California Transportation Foundation

19. Caltrans report and consider action items
   a. Construction projects report
   b. Status of programmed State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Projects

20. 511 Traveler Information System video and survey
   (Tegan Speiser, Senior Transportation Planner)
   a. Staff report
   b. Flyer regarding the September 2nd public workshop on 511

21. Review of items to be discussed in closed session
CLOSED SESSION

22. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 relating to the freight easement: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

   Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller Owen & Trost

   Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Sierra Northern Railway

   Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

OPEN SESSION

23. Report on closed session

24. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

25. Next Meetings

   The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

   The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., Watsonville CA.

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MINUTES

Thursday
August 5, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
1 Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley CA 95066

1. Roll call

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

Members present:
Dene Bustichi
Tony Campos
Neal Coonerty
Ron Graves
Don Lane
Dave Murray (ex officio)

John Leopold
Kirby Nicol
Ellen Pirie
Antonio Rivas
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis

Member absent:
Randy Johnson

Staff present:
George Dondero
Yesenia Parra
Kim Shultz

Luis Mendez
Gini Pineda
Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications

Jack Nelson said that a recent poll of likely voters in California conducted by the Public Policy Institute showed that 67% support AB 32 and 60% favor a carbon tax. He asked that Commissioners do their part to make AB 32 work.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Executive Director George Dondero said that there was a replacement page for Item 14, a handout for Item 25 and add-on pages for Item 28.
CONSENT AGENDA (Pirie/Lane – unanimous)

MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the June 3, 2010 regular SCCRTC meeting

5. Approved draft minutes of the June 3, 2010 Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) meeting

6. Approved draft minutes of the June 17, 2010 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting

7. Approved draft minutes of the June 28, 2010 special SCCRTC meeting

8. Accepted draft minutes of the June 8, 2010 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

9. Accepted draft minutes of the June 17, 2010 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

10. Accepted fourth quarter FY 09/10 Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) work program progress report

11. Approved Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network funding (Resolution 01-11)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

13. Approved Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District claim for State Transit Assistance (Resolution 02-11)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

14. Approved appointments to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

15. Approved fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) payment schedule for Community Bridges (Resolution 03-11)
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 Representative Sam Farr from the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee regarding support for HR 4722 – Active Community Transportation Act of 2010
   b. Letter to SCMTD from the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee regarding early input on bus stop improvements

19. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on SCCRTC projects and transportation issues

20. Accepted information items
   a. Article from PubliCola, Seattle’s News Elixir, titled “We Need People Who Ride Bikes, Not Cyclists” by Josh Cohen
   b. Report from Rails-to-Trails Conservancy titled California Rails-with-Trails: A Survey of Trails along Active Rail Lines

REGULAR AGENDA

21. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

   Gary Milburn, People Power, urged the Commission to acquire the Branch Line swiftly.

   Bonnie Morr, UTU, said that the union supports moving forward with the acquisition as soon as possible and that it is a good marriage between bus and rail. She suggested that the Metro run the rail line.

   The Commission adjourned into closed session at 9:13 am.

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
OPEN SESSION

23. Report on closed session

The Commission reconvened into open session at 10:02. There was nothing to report.

24. Commissioner reports - none

25. Director’s report

Executive Director George Dondero announced that the RTC released an updated countywide bikeways map. The map is available at local employers, visitor centers, bike shops, chambers of commerce, libraries and the RTC office. Mr. Dondero referred to Item 20a which is an article supporting cycling as a means of transportation while not necessarily being a lifestyle. He said that the RTC policy encourages all modes of transportation.

Mr. Dondero said that the STARS Technical Advisory Committee met in June and July to provide feedback on the development of the STARS credits. Mr. Dondero noted that he was asked to travel to Portland next week to discuss how to apply the credits to the HOV Lanes project.

Mr. Dondero reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will issue greenhouse gas reduction targets for the AMBAG region. The targets will address reductions due to land-use changes. He said that RTC staff is working closely with AMBAG on technical issues including updating the regional Traffic Demand Model and seeking funds to improve baseline data for the region.

Commissioner Rivas suggested bikeways map distribution sites in Watsonville where people shop, including Target and Nob Hill supermarket. He also suggested making presentations to the Cabrillo College board and to high schools or the Pajaro Valley school board. Senior Planner Cory Caletti noted that bikeways maps are distributed in the Watsonville area through the Pajaro Valley Transportation Management Agency and through the south county Community Traffic Safety Coalition.

Deputy Director Luis Mendez thanked the staffs of the public works departments of the cities and the county for their invaluable help with the many bikeways map updates.

26. Caltrans report and consider action items

Dave Murray, Caltrans District 5, noted that the San Lorenzo Metal Beam Guardrail Upgrade project was complete. He introduced Dan Heron who is replacing Jennifer Calate as the Regional Planner for District 5. Mr. Murray announced that Brandy Weiner will be taking his place upon his retirement at the end of the year.
Responding to a question from Commissioner Tavantzis, Mr. Murray said that the Hwy 1/Salinas Rd interchange is in the staging phase.

27. Highway 1 Projects – Progress Report

Senior Planner Kim Shultz reported that 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.

Mr. Shultz said that 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. He added that a draft EIR is scheduled to be released in summer 2011.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Leopold regarding the status of the lawsuit filed against Caltrans over the Auxiliary Lanes project, Mr. Dondero said that the administrative record is assembled and that the court is expected to schedule a hearing in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Rivas seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Accept the progress report for the period April 2010 through June 2010 for the Highway 1 HOV Lane project and the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project; and
2. Authorize out-of-state travel for the Executive Director to attend a Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS) planning meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The motion passed unanimously.

28. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line) acquisition

Deputy Director Luis Mendez reviewed the CTC conditions necessary to complete the Branch Line purchase, saying that two conditions were already completed and three more could be satisfied today. The one remaining condition is to execute an agreement with a short line operator.

In addition, Caltrans legal counsel informed RTC staff that the RTC must obtain an opinion from a Caltrans-approved bond counsel in order to ensure that the tax-free status of the bonds used for the purchase would not be threatened since the project funded will be used by a private entity.
Mr. Mendez also noted that a budget amendment is necessary to carryover FY 09-10 funds and shift funds within the rail/trail authority budget.

**Ed Davidson** said that he hoped that any cessation of freight service along the Branch Line would not close access to Big Trees Railroad’s freight customers and that the agreements Big Trees has with Union Pacific is carried forward. He also said he did not think that the recreational rail dinner train to Davenport is feasible as a business operation.

**Bill Comfort** referred to a letter he previously submitted to the Commission. He described potential problems if reimbursement to the state becomes necessary. He said that the RTC is in a weak position for future negotiations, and that the RTC could be blackmailed into subsidizing a recreational rail line if it failed to be profitable for the operator. He advised postponing approval of the staff recommendations until the operating agreement with Sierra Railroad is finalized.

**Mike Keogh** said that it was unwise to proceed with the purchase without a contract with Union Pacific or Sierra Railroad and without resolution of the CTC conditions. He said that funding for local roads could be jeopardized.

**Rosemary Sarka**, Roaring Camp, said that she was highly supportive of the acquisition and that Roaring Camp is ready and available to provide passenger rail service if the need should arise. She said that she foresees minimal risk for a recreational service operator and envisioned destination packages that could include whale watching, festivals or hiking excursions.

Commissioner Stone recognized the value that Big Trees and Roaring Camp bring to the community.

Commissioners discussed the agreement with the CTC requiring recreational rail service on the Branch Line. The line would have to be preserved for multi modal transportation if the recreational rail were not successful.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Rivas seconded to approve staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Adopt a resolution for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line) Acquisition project to fulfill California Transportation Commission (CTC) conditions to initiate recreational rail service, continue freight service as long as it is required by the STB and reimburse the State in accordance with the Master Agreement, if the Branch Line is no longer used for the original purpose approved by the CTC; and

2. Adopt a resolution amending the fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 budget for the rail/trail authority section of the RTC budget to carryover funds from FY
2009-10 and move funds within the rail/trail authority budget to help complete acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line).

Commissioners discussed rail banking, the CTC requirement to continue freight service if required by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the process to appeal to the STB if the common carrier for freight could no longer provide the service, and reimbursement of funding to the state if the project is no longer needed for the approved purpose.

The motion (Resolutions 04-11 and 05-11) passed with Commissioner Bustichi voting “no”.

29. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

There were no agenda items this month.

30. Next meetings

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m. at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Ave., Capitola, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

**ATTENDEES**

- Mark Greenfield
- Rosemary Sarka - Roaring Camp
- Jack Nelson
- Eduardo Montesno - UTU Local 23
- Bonnie Morr - UTU Local 23
- Mike Keogh
- Ed Davidson
- Bill Comfort
- Gary Milburn
1. Introductions

Commissioner Mark Stone called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Self introductions were made.

Members present:
Neal Coonerty              Elliot Pirie
Gustavo Gonzalez (Alt.)   Lynn Robinson (Alt.)
Ron Graves                Mark Stone
Randy Johnson             Marcela Tavantzis
John Leopold              Tim Gubbins (ex-officio)
Kirby Nicol

Members absent:
Dene Bustichi             Antonio Rivas

Staff present:
George Dondero            Karena Pushnik
Luis Mendez               Rachel Moriconi
Yesenia Parra             Kim Shultz
Gini Pineda               Cory Caletti
Cathy DeLuca

2. Oral communications

Paul Elerick said he wanted to clarify that there have been settlement discussions between the plaintiffs and the defendant in the lawsuit against
Caltrans regarding the environmental document for the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes project.

Jack Nelson distributed an article from the Sentinel regarding extreme weather in several parts of the world attributed to increased heat globally and said that he sees a distressing pattern. He also referred to the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets proposed by the Air Resources Board and said that the AMBAG region should not “plan to fail” by accepting the expectation of increases in GHG emissions for 2020 and 2035 because of the low GHG emissions for the region in the 2005 base year.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Executive Director George Dondero said that there was an add-on page for Item 9. He also noted that final copies of the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan were distributed to the Commissioners and were also available at libraries.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Pirie/Coonerty – unanimous)

4. Approved staff recommendation authorizing out-of-state-travel

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 9:08 am.

**CLOSED SESSION**

6. 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

**OPEN SESSION**

7. Report on closed session

The Commission reconvened into open session at 9:50 am. There was nothing to report.
8. Revised Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) for Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line) Acquisition

Deputy Director Luis Mendez reviewed the revisions to the purchase and sale agreement with Union Pacific. Revisions include additional environmental protections for the RTC in connection with hazardous materials and language that indicates that the RTC cannot definitively commit to making $5 million in improvements to the Branch Line because the RTC must first secure the funds from the California Transportation Commission. In addition, if the RTC completes all of the planned rehabilitation work for less than the amounts programmed and allocated by the CTC, the RTC may use any remaining amounts for further repair to the Line or to purchase additional property owned by Union Pacific located north of the Branch Line.

After discussion, Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Leopold seconded to approve staff and negotiating consultants recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the revised purchase and sale agreement (PSA) with Union Pacific (UP) for purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line).

The motion (Resolution 06-11) passed with Commissioner Johnson voting “no”.

9. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project – Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for construction management

Senior Planner Kim Shultz said that a cooperative agreement is required between Caltrans and any local agency acting as the sponsoring or implementing agency for the improvement of a state highway. This agreement specifies the roles and responsibilities of the respective agencies through each phase of the project development process. Mr. Shultz introduced members of the consultant management team led by Parsons Brinkerhoff who will perform many of the responsibilities assigned to the RTC in the cooperative agreement.

Commissioners discussed the benefits and the risks to the RTC for assuming construction management authority of the project. Among the concerns is that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) expects local agencies to cover cost increases for phases of work on which local agencies are the lead, which could impact the amount of RSTP funds available for local road projects. However, staff noted that the CTC may be more likely to approve supplemental STIP funds for this project, if there are any, since it is a bond-funded CMIA project. Controlling costs, overruns, change orders and contingency funds were also discussed.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Cooperative Agreement with the State for construction of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project.
The motion (Resolution 07-11) passed with Commissioner Leopold voting “no”.

10. Next meetings

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 9:00 am at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Bart Little  Parsons Brinkerhoff
Bruce Shewchuk  Parsons Brinkerhoff
Paul Elerick  CFST
Dale Dennis  PDMG
Jack Nelson
Eduardo Montesino  UTU
Rahn Garcia  County Counsel
Bill Malone  CFST
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s
BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes - Draft
Monday, August 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Members Present:
Kem Akol, District 1
Piet Canin, Bike to Work
David Casterson, District 2
Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Leo Jed, CTSC (Alt.)
Brandon Kett, District 4
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Bob Montague, City of Watsonville
Lex Rau, Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3

Staff:
Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Cathy DeLuca, Intern

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)

Vacancies:
District 4 – Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate
Bike to Work – Alternate

Guests:
Kate Cassera, Community Member
Tom Cassera, Community Member
Ariana Green, City of Capitola
Theresa Rogerson, Co. Health Dept./CTSC
Jack Sohriakoff, Santa Cruz Co. Public Works

3. Announcements - Cory Caletti announced that the Santa Cruz County Bicycle Map has been updated, printed and is ready for distribution. The map contains all new bicycle lanes and paths constructed since 2007, update bicycle resources information, multi-use trails, a trail sharing guide as well as law enforcement agencies’ contact information. Maps were distributed along with wallet sized cards containing contact information for law enforcement agencies for use by cyclists in need of assistance.

4. Oral Communications - None

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - Eric Horton asked to have Item 13 pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Scott/Jed) to approve items 6 through 12 of the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.
6. Approved draft minutes of the April 12, 2010 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted Hazard Report
8. Accepted Bicycle Committee Roster
9. Approved Bicycle Committee meeting dates and locations for FY 10/11
10. Accepted letters of support from the Bicycle Committee for grants submitted by the City of Capitola and the City of Watsonville
11. Accepted 2009 update of Santa Cruz County Bikeway Miles
12. Accepted miscellaneous correspondence and announcements from Peter Scott, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, and the County of Santa Cruz Development Agency regarding upcoming construction projects
13. Pulled: Approve Bikes Secure Parking Subsidy Program applications from Rio Del Mar Elementary School, American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz County, Almar Center LLC and 207 Church Street LLC

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Approve Bikes Secure Parking Subsidy Program applications from Rio Del Mar Elementary School, American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz County, Almar Center LLC and 207 Church Street LLC – Item pulled from Consent Agenda

Bike Committee alternate Eric Horton requested that the Committee approve the full amount of racks requested by Rio Del Mar Elementary School explaining that the school has been working on promoting bicycling, improving bike safety in the adjoining neighborhoods, and preparing to launch a Bike to School effort. Cory Caletti reminded members that the grant limit is 8 racks per applicant and that granting exceptions depletes the current stock potentially impacting potential new requests. She indicated however, that it is within the Bike Committee's purview to make exceptions. A motion was made (Akol/Canin) to amend Item 13 to grant Rio Del Mar Elementary School the full quantity of 24 bicycle racks that was requested and approve the other requests as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

14. County of Santa Cruz Bicycle Plan: Review draft project list and propose new projects – Jack Sohriakoff, County of Santa Cruz Public Works, presented the item after Cory Caletti gave an overview of the Bicycle Committee’s responsibility to review local jurisdictions Bicycle Plans and recommend changes and amendments based on discussion about priority projects, funding scenarios, and policy impacts.

Jack Sohriakoff discussed the draft Santa Cruz County Bicycle Plan project list; existing traffic and road conditions; existing gaps in the bikeway system; significant destinations; and costs associated with design and construction of various projects. He asked members for ideas regarding new project needs and for suggestions regarding prioritization of current and newly proposed projects. The full draft will be brought back to the Bicycle Committee for review at the October, 2010 meeting.

Jack Sohriakoff indicated that he needed to receive feedback from Committee members by September 15th in order to incorporate suggestions into the draft plan. Members then discussed specific projects and the improvements needed for safe bicycle travel.

A motion was made (Montague/Akol) to request that the County split project #19 (Beach Road Class II, from Rio Boca Road to Watsonville City limits) into 2 projects; 1) Class II bike lanes on Beach Road from Lee Road to San Andreas Road as a high priority project and 2) Class II bike lanes on Beach Road from Santa Andreas to Rio Boca with an undesignated priority. The motion passed unanimously.

Another motion was made (Canin/Jed) to request that the County split project #8 (Soquel-San Jose Road Class II bike lanes, from Soquel Drive to Laurel Glen Road) into 2 projects: 1) Soquel-San Jose from Soquel from Rancho Road to the 7th Day Adventist Church as a high
priority project and 2) Soquel-San Jose from the 7th Day Adventist Church to Laurel Glen Road with an undesignated priority. Members commented on the unsafe bicycling conditions through the choke-point before the Church due to fast traveling traffic, a curve in the road and no bike lanes or shoulders.

Cory reminded the Bicycle Committee that they previously took action after appeals from San Lorenzo Valley community members to request a new project be added to the Bicycle Plan when the next update would occur. The Bike Committee had requested that the County of Santa Cruz construct bicycle facilities and safety improvements along the Highway 9 corridor with the Highway 1 to Felton area as a high priority project. Cory mentioned that Highway 9 is within Caltrans’ jurisdiction and not the jurisdiction of the County of Santa Cruz. A motion was made (Akol/Jed) to request that the County of Santa Cruz add a bicycle facilities project on Highway 9 from the Santa Cruz County line to the town of Boulder Creek as a high priority project. The motion passed with one abstention.

Jack Sohriakoff requested additional input from the Committee on whether to add bicycle lane striping on Mt. Hermon Road on a section scheduled for an overlay. Committee members agreed that bicycle lanes would be welcome at that location. Discussion about another project, a right turn bike lane at Aptos Creek Road, was continued to another meeting.

15. Continued from April 12, 2010 meeting: Santa Cruz County Bicycle Injuries and Fatalities Data Report for 2008 produced by the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency – Theresia Rogerson from the Health Services Agency presented the Bicycle Injuries and Fatalities Data Report for 2008. She mentioned that she will be coming back to this committee with the 2009 report in the near future. Theresia reported that the injury/fatality rater per 100,000 population increased from 60 in 2007 to 75 in 2008 and stated that the injury/fatality rate is more than twice the state rate of 32 for 2008. She mentioned that the number of cyclists injured and killed in Santa Cruz County rose from 152 in 2007 to 191 in 2008. Bicycle fatalities remained the same in 2008 as in 2007. Despite seeming high, the injury/fatality rate is determined by comparing population size with injury/fatality numbers. Santa Cruz County is known for having relatively high bicycle ridership and if this fact were accounted for, the relative safety or risk indicated would be more accurate. Additional funding for motorist and bicyclist education programs to prevent injury collisions is still gravely needed.

16. Measures for Prioritizing 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Projects – Cory Caletti presented the RTP item on behalf of Rachel Moriconi and said that Rachel would come to the October meeting to facilitate discussion regarding prioritization of RTP projects. Cory informed members that the RTC adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) at its June 17, 2010 meeting with nearly 500 projects identified totaling $4.5 billion over a 25 year span. Only $2.5 billion in funding is anticipated to be available to fund these projects and that the RTC will have discretion over only $200 million. Project sponsors and funding agencies are continually confronted with the challenge of funding needed projects.

Cory suggested that subcommittee convene so that members discuss identifying 5-10 key projects as high priority projects. These could be presented at the next Bicycle Committee meeting or discussed and agreed upon at that meeting. The list of projects from the RTC and from each jurisdiction’s Bicycle Plan will be sent to members via email so members can consider regionally significant projects to recommend at the next meeting. Members requested that staff bring back information regarding what Bicycle Committee RTP suggestions were included in the most recent update and which were deferred for consideration for the 2012 update. The information requested including a follow-up of project list inclusions.

17. Update on development of an Implementation Plan for the County-wide Bicycle Route Signage Program – Cathy DeLuca, SCCRTC Intern, provided information regarding research she’s conducting as a preliminary step towards developing a Countywide Bike Route Signage
Program Implementation Plan. The RTC programmed $100,000 in June of 2009 for the development of a bike route signage program to identify and direct cyclists onto routes which are deemed safer, have less traffic volume, are more scenic, direct or are otherwise more “bike friendly.” The research compiled from other similar agencies will form the basis for recommendations for local program development which will be described in a Draft Implementation Plan.

18. Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks: Oral Reports
   a. City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: The City of Santa Cruz’s efforts to consider developing an additional multi-use trail through Pogonip Park was discussed. A motion was made (Akol/Casterson) to endorse the City’s efforts and to request that the City also explore opening the short section between Hagar and Spring Street to bicycles. The motion passed with one abstention.
   b. City of Capitola Project Tracking: The Draft Capitola Bicycle Plan will be forwarded to Committee members in the near future and will be discussed at the October meeting.
   c. City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking: Bicycle lanes on Bean Creek have been constructed. The City of Scotts Valley is also scheduled to present a Draft Bicycle Plan; however, its status is unknown.
   d. City of Watsonville Project Tracking: The City of Watsonville is working on a Draft Bicycle Plan which will be presented to the Committee in the coming months. After discussion, a motion was made (Montague/Kett) to write a letter to the City of Watsonville City Council requesting that bicycle lanes be added back to the Manabe/Ow development and that the three roundabouts planned be designed to be bicycle friendly.
   e. County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Item was discussed earlier.
   f. Bike To Work Update: The Fall Bike to Work Day event is scheduled for October 7th, 2010.
   g. CTSC Update: A pedestrian observation is being conducted and volunteers are needed. The Bicycle Traffic School is now open to the public.
   h. UCSC: No report was provided.
   i. Legislative Tracking: A handout of recently introduced bills and the California Bicycle Coalition’s position on the bills was passed around.
   j. Sanctuary Scenic Trail: No report was provided.
   k. Committee Effectiveness: No report was provided.
   l. Technical Subcommittee: No report was provided.
   m. Bicyclist/Motorist Safety Education: No report was provided.
   n. RTC Packet Monitoring Subcommittee: Many items related to the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line acquisition effort have been presented to the RTC in the last few months.
   o. Shared Lane Pavement Marking (aka Sharrows): No report was provided.
   p. Safe Routes to School: Rio del Mar Elementary school has been making great efforts to improve bicycle access and facilities. The County Public Works department assisted with on-street traffic calming measures.

19. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2010 at the **Special Meeting Time of 6:30 p.m.** at the Special Meeting Location at the Capitola Community Room, 420 Capitola Ave, City of Capitola, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cathy Judd, Administrative Assistant II and Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Social Service Transportation Advisory Council Paratransit Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES-DRAFT
Tuesday, August 10, 2010

1. Call to Order

John Daugherty called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm

2. Introductions

Members Present:  Excused Absences:
Hal Anjo, Social Service Provider–Seniors (County)  Donella Bloebaum, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA–Community Bridges  Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Tom Crain, Potential Transit User (Disabled)  Clay Kempf, Seniors Council
John Daugherty, Metro
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Prov. - Disabled (Hope Services)
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider - Disabled
Catherine Patterson Valdez, CTSA/Community Bridges
Patti Shevlin, 1st District
Robert White, 5th District

Alternates Present
Sharon Barbour, 5th District
Sandra Coley, 4th District
Thom Onan, 3rd District
Patty Talbot, Senior Council
April Warnock, Metro

Staff Present:
Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik

3. Oral Communications

John Daugherty announced that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turned 20 years old on June 6, 2010.

Mike Molesky informed members that the Santa Cruz Spinal Cord Injury Peer Support Group meets the 3rd Saturday each month at 1:00 pm at 610 Frederick Street and those interested could call Roger McKowan 457 7067 for more information. He added that the group could also be found on Facebook.

Robert White requested RTC staff to find out whether the dinner train, that may be a feature once the rail acquisition is complete, will be ADA compliant.

Lisa Berkowitz said that starting the 1st of September, Community Bridges Meals on Wheels will be providing two noon meal to seniors at the Scotts Valley Senior Center (subsequent to the meeting CB decided to start with one day and move to two after staff and volunteers have a chance to feel settled with the new meal service), which will serve roughly 25 to 30 seniors. Transportation will not be provided initially and the City of Scotts Valley will be providing the building and staffing costs.
Mike Molesky said that the In Home Health Services (IHHS) agency is offering a legislative training forum, including advocacy for ADA issues, the 1st Friday of each month at 1:30pm, Building K, Emeline Street, Room 206. Two senior legislators, Charles Molnar and Bud Winslow are the facilitators and the meeting is open to all. Mike suggested that Commission Chairs attend.

Karena Pushnik told members that the revised Bikeways map has been printed and is available free of charge, and she supplied copies to members. She also informed members that the Arana Gulch item will not be heard by the Coastal Commission in August and has been postponed to the October or December meeting and said she will keep members posted as to the date of that hearing. Mike Molesky said he was informed that there would be accessible transportation available for those who wanted to attend the meeting. John Daugherty mentioned that people would be able to testify via video and those interested should contact Charlie Dixon.

Karena Pushnik announced that the Commission approved the appointment of Robert White as the 5th District representative to the E&D TAC, Sharon Barbour as the Alternate for the 5th District and Sheryl Hagemann as the alternate representing Social Services/People with Disabilities.

Tom Crain requested information regarding ADA access to Mr. Toots on the Esplanade.

4. Additions and Deletions

Karena Pushnik informed members that Item 15 had typographical errors and handed out a revised copy. In the interest of keeping the packet smaller Karena also supplied hand out materials for Item 11 and other information items.

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Catherine Patterson Valdez requested that Item 12b be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Action: The motion (Anjo/Berkowitz) to approve and accept the remainder of the consent agenda carried unanimously with Mike Molesky and Catherine Patterson Valdez abstaining.

5. Approved Minutes from June 8, 2010 meeting

6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report as of June 2010

7. Received RTC Highlights through July 2010

8. Received 6/8/10 E&D TAC letter to Metro regarding Bus Stop Improvement input

9. Received 6/8/10 E&D TAC letter to federal legislators regarding support of 4722 – Active Community Transportation Act

10. Received invitation to participate in online discussion about ADA transportation – June 26 through August 6

11. Information Items

a. MBayGRC’s Caring for Seniors with Chronic Conditions courses

b. Three articles on Travel Training/Transit Ambassadors

c. Pedestrian Safety Workshop in Salinas, August 14
12. Received Agency Updates

a. Volunteer Center
b. Community Bridges/CTSA (pulled for discussion)
   - FY 09-10 Third Quarter Lift Line Program Report
   - July 20 Lift Line program report

c. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
   - ParaCruz Operations Status Report: June 2010

d. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

12.b Community Bridges/CTSA including 3rd Quarter and 7/20 Board Reports

Catherine Patterson Valdez gave a detailed update on Community Bridges/Lift Line rides during the 3rd quarter. She noted that they will have to discontinue the rides for Dragon Slayers due to the low number of riders, the high amount of transportation time, poor road conditions, vehicle damage and funding cuts.

Catherine said that Taxi Script rides used are at 111% of their projection. She said that medical transportation is at 100% and Meals-on-Wheels is at 101%. Having exceeded funding for FY09-10 and with funding being cut for FY10-11, she indicated that Community Bridges will have to find some creative ways to fund all transportation.

She mentioned that the Watsonville City Council meeting agenda for that evening includes a request from Community Bridges/CTSA to move their maintenance, operation and intake facility from Aptos to a new location in Watsonville on Ford Street. Her office, dispatch and the IT group will remain at the Aptos location. She will provide an update at the next E&D TAC meeting.

Catherine informed members that they hope to acquire an older 8-passenger vehicle with a lift from UCSC to add to their fleet. The vehicle was originally acquired through Section 5310 program.

She also mentioned that the out-of-county transportation program for veterans funded by the federal New Freedom funds is growing and Community Bridges has been asked to extend their program to Monterey County. The funding currently available and the future scenario, make it unlikely to expand service at this time. Karena Pushnik asked about the dialysis rides that were also funded by the New Freedom grant and Catherine said that they have provided 850 dialysis ride during the months of April, May and June using New Freedom funds and that all goals are being met.

Action: The motion (Coley/Anjo) was made to accept Item 12b carries unanimously.

13. Receive Information/Provide Input on Bus Stop Improvement Program/Process – Metro Staff

Ciro Aguirre gave a presentation on the plan to expend $500,000 in bus stop improvement funds, which were made available when the Metro no longer needed the funds secured for travel assistance due to Google Transit. Metro staff included bus stops/shelter locations based on input from the E&D TAC and the Pedestrian Safety Work Group about priority origins and destinations frequented by seniors and people with disabilities. Upgrades for shelters could include screening around existing shelters, re-roofing, repair to the adjacent sidewalks to prevent trip hazards, repainting of red curbing so vehicles do not park at the stops, and the installation of solar panels and beacons to alert bus drivers of riders waiting at stops or shelters in areas that are not well lit at night. In addition, the improvement proposal includes reductions in the length of benches.
within several shelters in order to adhere to the ADA requirement of 60 inches of maneuverable space to accommodate wheelchairs. Some of the areas without shelters will have benches or drop-down seating installed and some will only be painted with red curbing. With a funding budget of $500,000 available to complete all upgrades and repairs Ciro said that Metro is limited to what repairs/upgrades can be made, and wants to make improvements in a geographically equitable manner. Ciro also explained that it would cost $100,000 to $250,000 to install a brand new shelter at a single location as they would be required to meet Caltrans’ “new construction” requirements which include full ADA specifications and include a bus pad, landing, shelter, concrete, utility relocation and potentially purchase right-of-way. In addition, Ciro noted that the City of Watsonville has adopted the Caltrans standard for new construction so any improvements in Watsonville need to comply with the full set of construction standards, thereby pushing up costs for those bus stop improvements and reducing the total number possible.

The committee expressed appreciation to Metro for considering the needs of seniors and people with disabilities when prioritizing bus stop improvements. Concerns were expressed by the committee regarding the potential impacts to seniors of the proposal to make stops ADA compliant by reducing bench space. Suggestions included expending the funding to add benches to locations where they don’t yet exist, to extend the paved landing area to accommodate wheelchairs, to extend the roof of the shelters to create more protected space for wheelchairs on the other side of the support post, and/or to replace the bench seats lost with fold down seating. Members also requested that when more funding is available, the priority list for improvements to the bus stop include following locations: the stop(s) used by people leaving Watsonville Hospital; and the outbound stop on Capitola Road at Jose Avenue that serves the Santa Cruz Health Center, public housing and the park. Attendees also wondered whether exemptions were possible to the Caltrans Standards in the City of Watsonville in order to avoid a full bus stop makeover and enable Metro to make a greater quantity of less costly improvements.

Karena Pushnik requested that Metro supply the E&D TAC with a list of all stops and the proposed improvements before the next meeting. She also requested that any observations by Metro staff doing field work about the condition of adjacent pedestrian facilities to bus stops be forward to the Pedestrian Safety Work Group (via email to Karena), since access to the stops will help remove barriers to use.

14. **Receive Status Report about Mobility Outreach and Education and Agricultural Worker Transportation Programs – Community Bridges staff**

Catherine Patterson Valdez presented her report about Community Bridges’ Mobility Outreach and Education and Agricultural Worker Transportation Programs. She said that there was interest in a Mobility Center to consolidate and disseminate transportation information and possible locations for the center were discussed. Catherine said that this project is still eligible for federal Section 5317 capitol funding; however there is neither staff nor matching funding available for her to pursue this project at this time. She said that they will revisit this in the future and keep it on the unmet needs list.

Catherine visited farm day laborers who voiced concerns about feeder buses. Even though laborers could travel from their homes to the feeder buses that would then take them to work sites, they were worried that workers coming in from Greenfield and Kings County to Santa Cruz County to work could cause them to lose their jobs to out of area workers. The Association for Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will be the lead to bring Agricultural Worker vans to this area, if feasible.

John Daugherty suggested that due to the remaining items on the agenda that the meeting time be extended.
Action: The motion (Berkowitz/Shevlin) to extend the meeting to 4:00 pm.

15. Receive Update about 2-1-1 System – E&D TAC Representative

Catherine Patterson Valdez is the E&D TAC representative to the United Way’s 2-1-1 Steering committee. She gave a brief presentation regarding her attendance at a kick-off meeting for the committee. The goal of this committee is to identify resources throughout the county so that when calls come into the 2-1-1 center, accurate information is provided to the caller to assist with any issue they might have.

Karena Pushnik told members that 2-1-1 is operational and has started providing one-on-one call-in service with operators based in San Francisco. The transportation database used by the center was supplied in the packet and appears to be missing many of the key specialized transportation providers. Karena said that the RTC is in process of updating the Guide to Specialized Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities and suggested that once the new version is available that it be provided to 2-1-1 as an additional resource for specific transportation questions.

Catherine told members that 2-1-1 still needs volunteers to help staff in emergencies and that they could call Robert Hallbaur at 227-8544 for training and instructions.

Lisa Berkowitz suggested that members test the system by calling and asking a question of the center to see if accurate information is supplied by the operators.

16. Brainstorm Strategies to Publicize Bus and ParaCruz service to the County Fair held September 14-19 – E&D TAC Chair

Maria Boyce from Metro said that there would be transportation to the Santa Cruz County Fair available for 3 days from the Watsonville Metro Station on the 14th, 18th and 19th of September. She noted that the route will be an extension of the 79 with the same stops, but would have a specific sign stating “Fair” or something similar. Ciro mentioned that ParaCruz will also be running during those days complementary to the fixed route service. Maria said that notification about service to the County Fair would be available via flyers and on the Metro website. Members suggested that notification could be made through the media, to schools and senior centers and through mass email. Karena suggested that the information come to her so that she could send it out to other groups and committees for them to share as well.

Due to the length of this meeting the following, Items 17, 18, and 19, will be deferred to the December meeting of the E&D TAC.

17. Discuss Strategies to Advocate for Bus Service to La Posada/Dominican Rehabilitation Services along Frederick St Given the Current Decreased Revenues and Service Cuts


19. Receive status report about updated Guide for Specialized Transportation – RTC Staff

20. Select Alternate Time for December Meeting (3:00 to 5:00 or 2:30 to 4:30)

Chair Daugherty made a recommendation to hold the December meeting from 2:30 to 4:30 which was acceptable to all members present.

21. Adjourn – 4:00pm

Prepared by: Cathy Judd, SCCRTC Staff
1. Call to Order – Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.

3. Oral communications

   Jennifer Calate announced that Caltrans will be closed on Fridays due to furloughs; Brandy Rider will take over as the District 5 Planning Branch Chief with Dave Murray's retirement; Jennifer Calate will be moving to Systems Planning, with Dan Herron taking over as the new regional planner for Santa Cruz County.

   On behalf of Garin Schneiter (District 5 Local Assistance Engineer), Rachel Moriconi reminded members that Local Assistance Procedures Manual Exhibit 9-C – “Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form” must be on file with District 5 by October 1, 2010 in order to access federal funds in FFY10/11. Members noted that the annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) forms and forms for projects under construction that will continue past October 1 also need to be submitted.
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - None

**CONSENT AGENDA (Buika/ Rodriguez) approved.**

5. Approved minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting. - Attendees not present June 17, 2010 abstained

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

Project sponsors gave updates on their projects.

*Caltrans* - Jennifer Calate reported that the Highway 1 Transportation Management System and Highway 9 Guardrails construction projects are complete. A microsurfacing project in Ben Lomond area will be done in September. Highway 129 pavement rehabilitation is underway, with one-way traffic control. Highway 9 repairs are expected to be completed and the road reopened by October. County Public Works staff stated that the closure has significantly impacted Graham Hill and Mt. Hermon Roads. At the request of Piet Canin, Jennifer Calate agreed to investigate if bicyclists could be allowed through the construction zone on Highway 9.

*Ecology Action* - Piet Canin reported that Ecology Action is preparing for Fall Bike to Work/School events and working on a new program called “Boltage” that counts the number of bike and walk trips taken by elementary school students and incentivizes more trips by bike and walking, with kickoff of the program planned at Gault School in October.

*SCMTD* - Angela Aitken reported that SCMTD has completed its maintenance building, with the operations building on hold until the state budget is passed, at which point the Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction will be issued. New fare boxes are expected to arrive in September/October and new paratransit vehicles will arrive in September. Metro has developed a preliminary list of bus stop improvements to be funded with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and will share the list with the ITAC once it is refined. She noted that Tove Beatty will be working on legislation and grants at Metro and serve as the representative to the ITAC. Tove noted that Metro will be starting a Transit Planning Study in Watsonville, using funds from a Caltrans Planning Grant. Dan Herron suggested the Bus Stop Improvement project be coordinated with the Safe Paths to Transit project.

*Watsonville* - Maria Rodriguez reported that the ARRA-funded Green Valley Road Rehabilitation project is under construction. Design of the RSTPX-funded Freedom Boulevard Rehab project is nearing completion with construction scheduled for early 2011. A Safe Routes to Schools-funded project targeting pedestrian improvements at three locations is under design. The Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization construction project, which includes Airport Blvd, Freedom Blvd, and Green Valley Road, will be awarded next month. Work on the Report of Conceptual Approval for the Freedom Blvd/Main St.-SR152 Roundabout is nearing completion. Once a cooperative agreement between Caltrans and the City is completed, the City will determine the next steps for the Harkins Slough Road/Highway 1 Interchange project.
County of Santa Cruz - Steve Wiesner reported that construction began on the second round of ARRA road repairs on roadways throughout the county, including Freedom Blvd, Holohan, Mt. Hermon, Jamison Creek. Construction is also underway as part of the countywide pavement management program which includes chip seals on more than ten roadways, RDA-funded overlays in Live Oak, and CSA slurry seal projects. Work continues on storm damage repairs from 2006 including repairs on East Zayante, Eureka Canyon, Kings Creek, Redwood Lodge Road, and Glenwood Drive. The East Cliff Bluff project is 90% done and expected to reopen in September, with the parkway project along East Cliff expected to begin next summer. Road repairs on Soquel Avenue near 17th Ave, including curb, gutter, and sidewalks, will begin soon. The Green Valley/Holohan/Airport Blvd intersection project is scheduled to start construction after the County Fair. The County plans to go out to bid for construction of the Graham Hill Safety Project in October, with award in December. The Calabasas Road Improvements project, including curb, gutter, and sidewalks, is scheduled for construction next summer. Information on County roadways under construction is on the County Public Works website (http://www.sccroadclosure.org/).

City of Santa Cruz - Mark Dettle reported that the Roundabouts project is scheduled to start construction in September. The Coastal Commission is expected to consider additional information on the Broadway-Brommer Bicycle/Pedestrian path this fall.

7. Update on Highway 1 Projects

Kim Shultz reported that at the Policy Workshop the RTC approved a cooperative agreement with Caltrans which will make the RTC the lead agency for managing construction of the Highway 1 Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. He noted that experience gained from managing the Auxiliary Lanes project will benefit future rail and trail projects. He reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project is scheduled for release in the summer of 2011. Work continues for the STARS analysis of the HOV Lanes project, including development of a list of credits/measures to be used to evaluate the project.

8. Highway 1 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) Update

Dave Murray reported that District 5 is finishing work on a Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) for Highway 1 aimed at maximizing mobility and safety, and reducing congestion between Highway 1/Mission St at King Street in Santa Cruz through Highway 68W and along Highway 183 in Monterey County. He noted that five scenarios are being analyzed in the plan - including ITS/TDM/Ramp metering, HOV lanes, and alternative mode analysis. Caltrans is scheduled to present the draft plan to the ITAC in September, with review by the RTC in October.

Due to limited data, model microsimulations were constrained. In the future, with additional real-time data/better vehicle detection equipment for Highway 1, parallel and adjacent local roadways, additional modeling could be done. The PEMS website includes examples of similar data available in other areas. Data from new Highway 1 detection equipment should be available online soon. Additional data will be collected through the SHOPP program. Corridor system management information is likely to be incorporated into future Route Concept Reports. Mark Dettle requested that local roads be considered in corridor studies, including the impact of ramp meters on local streets and roads.
9. 511 Traveler Information System Survey

Tegan Speiser reported that the RTC and Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) received a Caltrans Planning grant to prepare a Feasibility and Implementation Plan for a Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System. The plan is scheduled for completion in November 2011. The committee watched videos on 511 and reviewed a survey prepared for the public outreach phase of the project to better assess the type of information people would like to have available through a 511 system. The survey will be available soon online at: www.511montereybay.org.

In response to questions from ITAC members, Ms. Speiser confirmed that the system will cover Highway 17 and the plan will evaluate options for integrating with 511 systems in the Bay Area, San Luis Obispo County, and the San Joaquin Valley. ITAC members and Ms. Speiser discussed methods for seeking input on the 511 system including Public Service Announcements; outreach to First Responders, the trucking industry, monolingual Spanish-speakers and people without internet access; playing the videos on community TV before city council and other board meetings; providing surveys at the County planning department; postcards inviting people to take the survey; information at public libraries; reaching out to resources centers used by transit riders; having information at gas stations; and adding links to the survey from the RTC, Caltrans, and Metro websites.

10. 2010 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOOP) Project List

Rachel Moriconi encouraged ITAC members to review the list of programmed SHOOP construction projects on the State Route system and to inform Caltrans project managers if there are concerns or questions about specific projects, including opportunities to coordinate local projects.

11. 2010 Regional Surface Transportation Exchange Program (RSTPX)

Rachel Moriconi reported that as a relatively small county, the RTC is allowed to exchange its annual apportionment of federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for state funds (RSTPX). The state RSTPX funds are then made available for use by projects previously approved for federal RSTP funds that will be implemented within the next year. It was noted that the annual amount of RSTPX funds changes depending on the number of projects that use federal RSTP funds and the Federal Appropriations bill. She provided a recommended list of projects for this year’s RSTPX program. She also provided a list of projects approved for RSTPX funds in prior years that have not yet submitted invoices for their RSTPX funds.

The ITAC unanimously approved a motion (Dettle/Koch) recommending the RTC exchange federal RSTP for state RSTPX for $377,000 in projects that will be implemented within the next 12 months.

Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m. The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the RTC’s Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes Prepared by: Rachel Moriconi, SCCRTC
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract for RTC website redesign and development services with Monarch Media to include an additional $1,500 to cover website content expansion work.

BACKGROUND

In April 2008, the RTC circulated a Request for Proposals to hire a Website design and programming consulting firm to redesign and develop its two websites. Monarch Media was selected from among the firms that submitted qualified proposals for this project. On June 1, 2008 the RTC entered into a contract ending on June 30, 2011 with Monarch Media. Monarch Media has completed the information architecture, user input and testing, search engine optimization and analytics and graphic design phases of the project. It is currently working on the final programming stages of the project which include development and implementation of page templates, interactive forms and content integration and management.

DISCUSSION

RTC staff is very satisfied with the work that Monarch Media has completed for the RTC website redesign and development. However, due to recent technological changes in the world of websites, research by RTC staff found that the website platform that would work best for the in-house maintenance and management of RTC websites had changed. Staff determined that WordPress now offers the best solution in terms of ease of use when managing content and making updates to the website. Staff discussed this with the consultants and Monarch Media agreed with RTC staff that this would be the best platform for the RTC websites. In making this change, adjustments were required to the completed templates and to the format needed for the content that would be placed into the templates. The additional cost of the recommended changes is a total of $1,500, for a total contract cost of $16,500 for the redesign and development of the RTC’s websites sccrtc.org and commutesolutions.org.

Monarch Media has worked very closely with staff to ensure the development of the new websites is to the satisfaction of the RTC and has ensured that the work is done using the most appropriate technology. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission continue its contract with Monarch Media for ongoing web redesign and development and add an additional $1,500 to the contract for this project. There are adequate funds in the
RTC’s FY 10-11 budget for this expense.

**SUMMARY**

Monarch Media has served as the RTC’s web redesign and development consultant for the past 24 months. Staff is very satisfied with the work they have already completed and agrees with the changes Monarch has proposed for the project. Therefore; **staff recommends that the Commission continue its contract with Monarch Media for RTC website redesign and development.** The attached resolution (Attachment 1) implements this continuation. There are adequate funds in the Commission’s FY 10-11 budget for this expense.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of September 2, 2010
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH MONARCH MEDIA FOR WEB REDESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE BY $1,500

WHEREAS the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRC) entered into a contract in June 2008 with Monarch Media for the redesign and development of the RTC’s two websites; and

WHEREAS the current contract amount is for a total of $15,000 for FY09-10; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission budgeted funds for the completion of the RTC website redesign and development FY10-11 adequate to cover the consultant services cost;

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute a Contract Amendment with Monarch Media to increase the current contract value by $1,500 for a total amount not to exceed $16,500;

2. The Executive Director is authorized to extend the term of the contract, negotiate, and execute amendments to the agreement provided that the amendments are within the intended scope and within the adopted RTC budget.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

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Randy Johnson, Chair
ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: RTC Fiscal
               Administrative Services Officer
               Monarch Media
               Planner

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 2010
through
NOVEMBER 2010
(Revised 8/11/10)

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August 23, 2010

Mayor Rotkin and City of Santa Cruz Council Members
City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Pogonip Multi-Use Trails

Dear Mayor Rotkin and City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the SCCRTC Bicycle Committee to convey our support for moving forward with development of a multi-use trail through Pogonip from Golf Club Drive to U-Con Trail. Additionally, the Committee urges you to consider opening the short section between Hagar and Spring Street to bicycles filling a critical gap in the bikeway network.

The RTC’s Bicycle Committee serves to assist in the development and maintenance of a complete, convenient and safe regional bicycle and pedestrian network. Such a network increases the opportunity and attractiveness of bicycle and pedestrian trips for transportation purposes. The Committee advocates for improved conditions, infrastructure and policies to make bicycle transportation safer in Santa Cruz County.

The proposed Pogonip multi-use trail would connect the City of Santa Cruz to U-Con Trail, would deter illegal drug use, and reduce damage to open space. A new trail connection would also provide an additional facility for bicyclists, hikers, joggers, and equestrians to recreate away from motor vehicle traffic aiding in the effort combat problems like overweight/obesity.

The members of the Bicycle Committee thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve bicycle transportation and mobility needs in our county. If you have any questions, please contact Cory Caletti, staff to the Bicycle Committee, at (831) 460-3201.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kostelec
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
    Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Bicycle Committee

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MEMBER AGENCIES  Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Caltrans
August 16, 2010

Mayor Alejo and City Council Members:
City of Watsonville
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

RE: Adding Bicyclé Lanes to the Manabe Ow Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Alejo and City Council Members:

I'm writing on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) Bicycle Committee to urge you to require bike lanes be added back into the circulation element of the Manabe/Ow Specific Plan.

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In an era when greenhouse gas emissions reductions are mandated, it is critical that new roadways be constructed with all road users in mind as consistent with the "Complete Streets" initiative. Complete Streets will require that every new roadway project in the state of California accommodate alternative transportation options. We urge the developers of the Manabe/Ow project to include bicycle lanes in the development plans. Bicycling is a wonderful transportation option since it not only provides a green, emissions-free way to get around, but also helps to combat problems like overweight/obesity, of which South Santa Cruz County suffers a high rate. Bicycle lanes will help provide a safe environment for future bicycle use.

Please feel free to contact the Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Coordinator and staff to the Bicycle Committee, Cory Caletti, at (831) 460-3201 or by email at ccaletti@sccrtc.org for this and any other Bicycle Committee related matters.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kostelec
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
      Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Committee
Over the past 37 years I have been walking my various dogs to the beach in the vicinity of Seascape in Aptos. This takes me either under or past the trestle bridge at the end of Dolphin. As an ex-Engineering Officer in the army I am familiar with what Rail Tracks and Trestle Bridges should look like. Believe me, this railroad is going to need millions and millions spent on it to bring it to an acceptable condition for passenger use. A few years ago, outside the Seascape Resort a train derailed itself. No help from anyone, and in spite of running the train slower than any other train I have seen anywhere in the world. If you look at the tracks there you will see the vast difference between the repaired section and the rest of the track. No surprise that the train fell off the rails. At least with freight no injuries result, but the story could be quite different with passengers - always assuming anyone would want to travel on it. The money would be better spent on almost anything else. Also:-- all of a sudden extra freight business is going to be found to help pay for this? Come on!

Regards,

Geoffrey Thornber
131 Thunderbird Drive
Aptos, 95003

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08/05/10

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you again.

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-----Original Message-----
From: charles paulden [mailto:yogacharles@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 2:59 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Rail line

I support the purchase of the Rail line
Our General Plan calls for its purchase.
The Redevelopment Agencies in Santa Cruz, Mid County and Capitola can help fund the trail and upgrades.
Merging with Metro, to use multi model transportation, would free funding for the rail and improve public transportation.

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Santa Clara County officials have agreed a major expansion of the light rail network project in California."
http://www.railway-technology.com/projects/sa ...
6.8-mile addition cost Property purchase $50.6 million.
32 miles for $15 million seems like a sound investment.
The movement of the bike road to the rail trail from Arana Gulch would add the $5 million needed for the repairs."

Roaring Camp brings people to the Boardwalk, and uses a portion of the tracks already. We are transporting people on the right of way now, and will in the future.
The Diner train would expand the use.
The train would showcase local restaurants and wineries along our beautiful coast.

The Bike race filled the hotels and brought jobs and taxes in the off season.
A bike trail/coastal trail will bring more money to our county.
Tourism is our best bet to protect our environment and create jobs.
The many state parks and beaches could be served by the rail and reduce the summer traffic.

The reason they spent $1 million on studies, was to study it to death.
The people who bought houses on the rail line have lead the stall to destroy the purchase for decades.

This would be the best legacy that we can leave to the future.
Along with our Parks, Green Belts, Lighthouse field, the Marine Sanctuary... The victories of farsighted people who worked for the better future.
We have not accessed this money and it will be taken by another more farsighted County if we do not use it for this great project.

Thank you
Charles Paulden
People for Critical Thinking on Transportation

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08/05/10

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to the Commission for their review.
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Thank you again.
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From: Romanzaroad@aol.com [mailto:Romanzaroad@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 4:47 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Silly Rail Purchase

The absurd rail purchase concept that has been floating around this County for the last thirty years. It is a disgrace to the citizens that will wind up having to pay for this disaster in the waiting. This County has traditionally had the lowest caliber of representatives on the Board of Supervisors and the Transportation Board. The buffoon pictured in The Post, John Leopold, appears to be your typical Santa Cruz budding politician doomed for failure. He has a goon-like grin and Shirley Tempel looks. However, his write-up in the paper concerning the rail purchase is frivolous, unsubstantiated and juvenile.

Jan Beautz has been the exception to the rule of fools in Santa Cruz. We have admired her for years and we were sorry when she left the Board. Her write-up is an honest assessment of the whole mess. It won't work. We need Jan to return.

Mr & Mrs Frank Romanza

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08/05/10

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to the Commission for their review.

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Thank you again.

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From: Joan Timpany [mailto:djtimpany@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 2:03 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Rail line

August 6, 2010

Dear SCCRTC,

With the recent announcement about plans to go forth with the proposed regular passenger service on the rail line, I have some serious concerns related to the toll the financing of the project is likely to take on our communities.

Regular passenger service will require a huge outlay of funds to get the current tracks and stations in place. No one expected our economy to go bust when the initial rail line concept was endorsed. If revenue shortfalls continue and/or state monies disappear, how will this rail line be financed, managed and operated without substantial increases to taxpayers for the foreseeable future?

Sincerely,
Joan Timpany
203 Pennsylvania Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
email: djtimpany@hotmail.com

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

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Thank you again.

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From: Patti Brady [mailto:patrizia2@pacbell.net]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 2:11 PM
To: info@scrrtc.org
Subject: Rail Line ?s Rampant
Importance: High

Dear Regional Transit Board Members

I appreciate the effort to be green and to be novel. When the rail line concept was initially endorsed no one expected our economy to tank (I voted for it). But now this County is broke AND so are “we” - homeowners and taxpayers.

In addition to being a “seasonal tourist train”, it is my understanding that a caveat of final rail line approval hinges on regular passenger service being implemented within a specific timeline. Implementing regular passenger service will require a huge outlay of funds ($M’s) to get the current tracks, stations, etc, in up to “code” and in place.

Right now Santa Cruz has overcrowded roads in need of serious upgrades and a bus system with reduced schedules and ticket costs that many cannot afford.

If local revenue shortfalls continue and/or state monies dry up how will this rail line be financed, managed and operated without any increases to “we” taxpayers?

Before the RTC moves to any final approval on this item let’s see - in print - the detailed projections of income/expense for at least the next 10 - 15 years including all of the passenger service related costs.

Let’s also be sure "local problems/needs" are served first.

I love riding the train and/or a bus; however, in this economy the rail line appears to have too many unknown future costs and recent discussions have not convinced me otherwise. I cannot endorse any votes for a blank check. Change my mind.

In advance, thank you for your time - Patti Brady

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Thank you again.

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14-5
From: David Eselius [mailto:deselius@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 6:31 PM
To: SCCRTC members
Subject: E~Letter ~ Santa Cruz County agrees to launch North Coast tourist train

Sunday, August 08, 2010

From: David G. Eselius
Santa Cruz, California

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transition Commission (RTC), members

CC: Santa Cruz City Council, members
Capitola City Council, members
Watsonville City Council, members
Scotts Valley City Council, members
Santa Cruz County Supervisors, members
Santa Cruz Sentinel

Subject: Santa Cruz County agrees to launch North Coast tourist train

Dear SCCRRTC members,

The total estimated cost of the Santa Cruz County RTC member’s 32-mile Davenport to Watsonville railway-right-of-way purchase project, is $23.5 million, including $14.2 million rail line purchase, improvement costs, and pre-construction expenses.

The difference between total estimated cost ($23.5 million) and gross expense reporting ($14.2 million) is $9.3 million. A detailed accounting of the $9.3 million costs, rail line purchase-costs, improvement costs, and pre-construction expenses appears to be publicly unavailable.

The decision to purchase the RR right-of-way was made in 1999. There is still public uncertainty as to funding arrangements made by the RTC members.

With certainty, unless the RR purchase contract is a $23.5 million credit-plan purchase contract, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) must be assured of the full availability of Santa Cruz County RTC railway purchase funding.

Currently, this is what the public knows about the RR purchase funding:

- $10 million from 1990 Proposition 116 funds under study by the California Transportation Commission on July 30, 2010,
- $10 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds set aside a decade ago (Note: State STIP funds are federal funds.)

Previously the RTC members generated a “North Coast tourist train” business plan to support the purchase of the RR right-of-way. Unless something has changed, the proposed “County agrees to launch North Coast tourist train” was a county money losing proposition.
Of course eliminating taxpaying Cemtex from using the RR right-of-way may have improved the viability of a profitable North Coast tourist train.

Refer to "County agrees to launch North Coast tourist train" Kurtis Alexander, Santa Cruz Sentinel, 08/06/2010

The RTC members have produced a very sloppy $23.5 million purchase of a short-line freight service. Before the state can invest $10 million into the purchase of the Santa Cruz County RTC member's 32-mile Davenport to Watsonville railway right-of-way purchase, it is suggested that an up to date fiscal business plan for the North Coast tourist train business be provided to the California Transportation Commission.

Sincerely,
David G. Eselius

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

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Thank you again.
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From: David Eselius [mailto:deselius@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 6:36 PM
To: SCCRTC members
Subject: E~Letter ~ County and SCCRTC staff must publicly report upon any current or pending legal action against the SCCRTC and/or members.

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

From: David G. Eselius, Santa Cruz, California

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transition Commission (RTC), members

CC: Santa Cruz City Council, members
     Capitola City Council, members
     Watsonville City Council, members
     Scotts Valley City Council, members
     Santa Cruz County Supervisors, members
     Santa Cruz Sentinel

Subject: County and SCCRTC staff must publicly report upon any current or pending legal action against the SCCRTC and/or members.

Dear RTC members

The wisdom, purchase procedure, and integrity of relevant public disclosures for the purchase of the 32-mile Watsonville to Davenport short line freight service RR right-of-way brings up the question of personnel financial liability of the RTC members.

If an investigation should reveal that the commission member fiduciary obligations were not adequate, it may be that the commission members bought the RR (i.e., the purchaser of RR is not the entity of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), but is the responsibility of the RTC members).

Normally, people do not obligate a state/county official agency to buy a short line RR freight service and right-of-way when they do not have $10s million dollars necessary for the purchase of a RR operation that loses money.

Other than funds granted by state and federal legislation, the SCCRTC has no source of income and has no authority to tax. It is not clear at all who is going to pay money owed to Union Pacific (UP) railway.

The terms and conditions of sale of RR right-of-way appears to have been established with the signing of the purchase agreement around March 2005, while the SCCRTC was under the authority of Santa Cruz County (who does have tax authority). Since then, the SCCRTC has become an independent authority (with no tax authority).

Exactly who is responsible to pay the money to Union Pacific (UP) Railway for the SCCRTC to acquire RR title is not clear. The responsibility may lie with Santa Cruz County or it may lie with the existing members of the RTC. This major political issue concerns everybody within the county.

The RTC 13 person membership is:

**COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

Caltrans (ex-officio, non voting)
City of Capitola

Kirby Nicol
City of Santa Cruz | Don Lane
City of Scotts Valley | Randy Johnson
City of Watsonville | Antonio Rivas
County of Santa Cruz | Ellen Pirie
County of Santa Cruz | John Leopold
County of Santa Cruz | Mark Stone
County of Santa Cruz | Neal Coorey
County of Santa Cruz | Tony Campos
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District | Dene Bustichi
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District | Ron Graves
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District | Marcela Tavantzis

The Union Pacific (UP) Railway does not care who gives them the $10s millions for RR. The Union Pacific has sold a product under a binding contract in compliance with the contract terms and conditions. Who gives them the money does not matter to Union Pacific. As far as Union Pacific is concerned, the RTC members could hold a bake sale to cover the costs of the agreement.

Union Pacific will receive their $10s millions. Contract law is very clear on this issue. How long Union Pacific chooses to wait for the cash is up to UP.

County and SCCRTC staff must publicly report upon any current or pending legal action against the SCCRTC and/or members.

Sincerely,
David G. Eselius

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

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Thank you again.

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REPORT

UPDATED INFORMATION

PRESENTED TO:
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Information submitted on August 19, 2010
For the meeting of September 2, 2010

HWY. 1 – TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – FREEDOM BOULEVARD SOUTH

- NEAR WATSONVILLE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM SOUTH OF THE 1/129 SEPARATION TO LARKIN VALLEY ROAD UNDERCROSSING (PM 0.5 – R7.7)

- Project: Construct Transportation Management System
- Resident Engineer: Bertha Roman
- Construction Cost: $304,000
- Start Date: August 30, 2010
- Estimated Completion: October 2010
- EA: 0N2504

HWY. 1 – MONTEREY COUNTY - SALINAS ROAD INTERCHANGE

NORTH OF MOSS LANDING AT SALINAS ROAD (PM 99.9 – 101.5)

- Project: Construct new interchange
- Resident Engineer: Jennifer Wilson
- Contractor: Desilva Gates Construction LP, Dublin
- Construction Cost: $12 Million
- Start Date: April 15, 2010
- Estimated Completion: Winter 2012
- EA: 315924
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 SEPARATION TO PASATIEMPO (PM 1, 17 15.4 – 17.1, 0.1 – 0.7)

- Project: Highway planting and irrigation
- Traffic Controls: Shoulder closures with minimal traffic impacts
- Resident Engineer: Bertha Roman
- Contractor: Watkin & Bortolussi Inc., San Rafael
- Construction Cost: $695,000
- Start Date: April 19, 2010
- Estimated Completion: End of October 2010
- EA: 129114

HWY. 9 – RETAINING WALL

- NEAR SANTA CRUZ SOUTH OF RINCON CREEK BRIDGE (PM 1.8)
- Project: Construct Retaining Wall
- Traffic Controls: Full Closure of the Hwy 9 24/7 approximately 2 miles north of the Hwy. 1 intersection from June 7, 2010 through September 2010. Detour available.
- Resident Engineer: Bertha Roman
- Contractor: Gordon N. Ball Inc., Alamo
- Construction Cost: $500,000
- Start Date: May 24, 2010
- Estimated Completion: October 2010
- EA: 0P6504

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 guardrail
- Resident Engineer: Barry Dunlap
- Contractor: John Madonna Construction, San Luis Obispo
- Construction Cost: $834,000
- Start Date: October 5, 2009
- Project Completed: July 30, 2010
- EA: 0K2404
HWY. 17 – GUARDRAIL UPGRADES
NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM SANTA’S 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: September 2010
- EA: 0P8104
HWY. 129 – REHABILITATE EXISTING PAVEMENT

- IN WATSONVILLE FROM WALKER STREET TO SALSIPEDES CREEK BRIDGE (PM L1.2 – 0.6)
  - Project: Cold plane existing pavement and repave with hot mix asphalt
  - Traffic Controls: One-way traffic control from 7 pm to 6 am Sundays through Thursdays and 12 am to 6 am on Fridays. Up to 15-minute delays are anticipated.
  - Resident Engineer: Bertha Roman
  - Contractor: O Grady Paving Inc., Mountain View
  - Construction Cost: $228,000
  - Start Date: August 15, 2010
  - Estimated Completion: End of September 2010
  - EA: 0S0904

UPCOMING PROJECTS

HWY. 9 – MICRO-SURFACING

- AT FELTON AND BEN LOMOND FROM RUSSELL AVENUE TO NORTH OF GLEN ARBOR ROAD (PM 6.1 – 8.2)
  - Project: Thin overlay to existing roadway
  - Resident Engineer: Bertha Roman
  - Contractor: Valley Slurry Seal Co., West Sacramento
  - Construction Cost: $400,000
  - Estimated Start Date: September 2010
  - Estimated Completion: October 2010
  - EA: 0S1604

HWY. 17 – SANTA’S VILLAGE ROAD GUARDRAIL

- NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY FROM JUST NORTH OF SANTA’S VILLAGE ROAD TO CRESCENT DRIVE (PM 6.1 – 6.6)
  - Project: Construct concrete guardrail
  - Project Status: Contract advertised on July 19, 2010
  - Project Manager: Doug Hessing
  - Est. Construction Cost: $2.8 Million
  - Bid Opening Date: August 24, 2010
  - EA: 0G4004
### PROGRAMMED/FUNDED SHOPP PROJECTS/July 2010 Semi-Annual List

Status of active projects programmed in the 2010 SHOPP, including projects carried over from the 2008 SHOPP, projects amended into the 2010 SHOPP, Caltrans Minor A projects, and emergency projects in progress. Completed projects are not included on this list. Please contact the project managers for further information regarding these projects, and the most current and detailed information.

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<td>Vinehill Wet Weather Improvements</td>
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<td>12/2/2008(A)*</td>
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<td>CON</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Lance Gorman (805) 549-3315</td>
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<td>In Santa Cruz County, near Davenport from 1.3 km to 9.25 km south of Waddell Creek - Replace Culverts</td>
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<td>SCR 17 Guard Rail Upgrades</td>
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<td>In Santa Cruz County near Watsonville at various locations from 0.2 miles south of Route 1/29 separation to Larkin Valley Road Undercrossing. Construct Transportation Management System (TMS) (Bond funded project)</td>
<td>SCR 1 TMS Freedom Blvd South</td>
<td>CON</td>
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<td>Doug Hessing 805-549-3386</td>
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<td>Near Santa Cruz, at 0.2 miles south of Rincon Creek Bridge (No 36-37). Extend existing retaining wall.</td>
<td>SCR 9 1.8 Retaining Wall</td>
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<td>Steve Digrazia 805-549-3437</td>
<td>629 Award/$11</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td>Near Watsonville, at Buena Vista Road. Replace culvert/storm sewer.</td>
<td>CON</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Lance Gorman (805) 549-3315</td>
<td>980 ER Deleg Award/$0</td>
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<td>35</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>In Santa Cruz County near Scotts Valley. .5 mile south of the Santa Clara County line. Repair embankment.</td>
<td>CON</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Lance Gorman (805) 549-3315</td>
<td>690 ER Deleg Award/$10</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>6.1/6.6</td>
<td>On State Route 17 in Santa Cruz County near the City of Scotts Valley from 0.3 mile north of Santa’s Village Road to 0.02 mile south of Crescent Drive. Construct concrete guard rail.</td>
<td>Santa Village Road Guard Rail</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>3/25/2010(A)*</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>$1,227</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>8.0/8.8</td>
<td>On Route 09 between south of Ben Lomond and the Highland County Park, and just south of Holiday Lane. Guard rail upgrade and shoulder widening.</td>
<td>RTE 9 Guard Rail Upgrade</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>1/3/2012</td>
<td>Steve Digrazia</td>
<td>805-549-3437</td>
<td><a href="mailto:steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov">steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>$2,193</td>
<td>$4</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>17.4/26.0</td>
<td>On Route 1 in and near Santa Cruz between San Lorenzo River Bridge and Laguna Road. Install guardrails and crash cushions.</td>
<td>Santa Cruz 1 Guardrail Upgrade</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>2/28/2012</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>26.8/36.3</td>
<td>On State Route 1 in Santa Cruz County between Laguna Road and Waddell Creek Bridge. Install new guardrail, upgrade existing guardrail, end treatments and crash cushions and improve drainage facilities.</td>
<td>Laguna Road Guardrail Upgrade</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>1/9/2012</td>
<td>Steve Digrazia</td>
<td>805-549-3437</td>
<td><a href="mailto:steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov">steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>17.5/18.2</td>
<td>In Santa Cruz County on Cabrillo Hwy from Rte 1/9 Intersection to Mission Street Intersection. Install concrete median barrier.</td>
<td>Santa Cruz Highway 1 Median Barrier, 9 to Mission</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>8/1/2011</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>R0.0/17.0</td>
<td>Near the city of Santa Cruz, from the MON county line to Rte 17; also in MON Cunty from Carmel River Bridge to the Santa Cruz county line. Upgrade guardrail, guardrail end treatments and crash cushions.</td>
<td>SCR 1 Guardrail Upgrades</td>
<td>PS&amp;E/RW</td>
<td>3/1/2011</td>
<td>Luis Duazo</td>
<td>805-542-4678</td>
<td><a href="mailto:luis_duazo@dot.ca.gov">luis_duazo@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>1.7/23.9</td>
<td>Near Boulder Creek, from 0.3 mile south of Rincon Creek Bridge to the San Mateo County line at various locations. Storm water mitigation.</td>
<td>SCR 9 San Lorenzo River Source Control</td>
<td>PA&amp;ED</td>
<td>8/1/2011</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>VAR</td>
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<td>In Santa Cruz and Monterey counties at various locations on routes 1, 9, 17, 68, 129, 218, and 236. Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps.</td>
<td>PA&amp;ED</td>
<td>3/16/2013</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>9.0/17.6</td>
<td>Near Aptos, from South Aptos Underpass to Roaring Camp RR crossing. Upgrade guardrail, guardrail end treatments, and drainage features.</td>
<td>Santa Cruz 1, ENV, RR, Guardrails</td>
<td>PA&amp;ED</td>
<td>1/2/2013</td>
<td>Doug Hessing</td>
<td>805-549-3386</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov">doug_hessing@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>8.0/17.5</td>
<td>Near Santa Cruz, from 0.4 mile south of Freedom Blvd to 0.4 mile north of Ocean Street. Install CCTV and signs.</td>
<td>SCR Traffic Surveillance Station-CC TV</td>
<td>PA&amp;ED</td>
<td>2/1/2013</td>
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<td>805-542-4678</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>31.6/36.3</td>
<td>In Santa Cruz County on Route 1 at Scott Creek Bridge #36-0031 and Waddell Creek Bridge #36-0065. Bridge replacement. LONG LEAD-not programmed in CTIPS</td>
<td>Scott Creek and Waddell Creek Bridge Replacement</td>
<td>PA&amp;ED</td>
<td>10/1/2015</td>
<td>Steve Digrazia</td>
<td>805-549-3437</td>
<td><a href="mailto:steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov">steve_digrazia@dot.ca.gov</a></td>
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(A)* = Actual date RTL was achieved.

**Minor A Projects**

Note: Construction Award or Vote costs are actuals; otherwise Construction costs are estimates.

The 2010 SHOPP was approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on February 24, 2010.

To obtain additional general and/or project specific Caltrans SHOPP information, please access the web link provided below:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/shopp.htm

You can also review more detailed project specific information online by scrolling down to and clicking on "Project Status" at the District 5 webpage: http://www2.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/

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Updated: 8/4/10
TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Tegan Speiser, Sr. Transportation Planner

RE: 511 Traveler Information System Survey

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Watch the 511 Traveler Information System Video; and

2. Participate in the 511 Traveler Information System Survey.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) received a $259,210 Caltrans Planning grant to prepare a Feasibility and Implementation Plan for a Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System. When completed in November 2011, it is anticipated that the Plan will provide an estimate of the costs to deploy a 511 system in the region and identify the steps required to implement such a system.

DISCUSSION

Currently the project is in the public outreach phase. A video and a user survey are being circulated during the month of September to actively engage travelers and stakeholders in communicating the types of transportation information and services that will be most useful to them. We invite Commissioners and members of the public to view the video and complete the user-survey. A public workshop on the project will be held on Thursday, September 2, from 5:30-7pm at Temple Beth El in Aptos (see Attachment 1).

Typically, 511 traveler information systems include a voice recognition phone system and a website through which travel related information about real-time traffic conditions and speeds, bus schedules, carpooling, weather and tourism is delivered. Subscribers can also have text messages and email alerts about travel conditions “delivered” to their cell phones and other mobile computing devices at regular intervals such as 15 minutes before they leave work each day. With access to timely and reliable information, people can make more informed choices about when to travel, what mode to use, and what route to take.

In California, 511 systems exist in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento/Northern California and San Diego. San Luis Obispo County is currently testing its
511 system, the first on the Central Coast. While we won’t know the specifics about what would work best in our region until the Plan is complete, a Monterey Bay Area 511 System could help maximize the use of our existing transportation network, at a low cost, and with significant benefits for users of all transportation modes.

SUMMARY

A feasibility and implementation study to consider a 511 traveler information system for the Monterey Bay Area is being conducted as a joint project between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the RTC. The public participation phase of the project which is now underway, includes a video, transportation user-survey and public workshop. Commissioners and members of the public are invited to provide input during the month of September regarding the types of traveler information that they would find most useful and how they would like to access or receive that information.

Attachment:
1. Flyer regarding the September 2nd public workshop on 511

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MONTEREY BAY AREA
511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM
PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 2
5:30 – 7pm

Temple Beth El
3055 Porter Gulch Road
Aptos, CA 95003

* Light Refreshments will be provided.

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County invite you to attend a public workshop to learn about a 511 Traveler Information System being considered for the Monterey Bay Area. Participants will provide input on what kind of transportation information they would like to see made available and how it can be accessed.

Comments can be submitted via a survey from the project website, or in person at the workshop.
For more about the project, visit:

www.511montereybay.org

For more information, please contact Tegan Speiser at (831) 460-3209, or at tspeiser@scctc.org.