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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) January 13, 2011 Meeting Highlights**

### ***Sustainable Transportation Access Rating System (STARS) Pilot Project***

***Application Manual accepted:*** The RTC accepted the STARS *Pilot Project Application Manual* which includes twelve credits addressing Integrated Process, Access, Climate and Energy and Cost Effectiveness Analysis. The RTC also approved executing a contract with the North American Sustainable Transportation Council to facilitate the analysis and application of STARS credits to the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project and to submit the project for STARS Pilot Project Certification.

### ***Comprehensive Transportation Tax Swap proposal approved:***

The RTC voted to support a comprehensive state fuel tax proposal aimed at ensuring that state funding for transit, local streets and roads, and highway projects is not lost as a result of the passage of Proposition 26 last November. This proposal was included in Governor Brown's budget.

### ***Highway 1 projects update received:***

The Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes project has advanced to the 95% design level with the goal of securing all environmental permits and funding for construction to begin as soon as September/October 2011. The HOV Lanes project continues to progress steadily with a target for release of the Draft Environmental Document for the of Fall 2011.

### ***City of Santa Cruz Public Works report presented:***

The RTC received a presentation on recently completed and planned transportation projects within the City of Santa Cruz. Projects completed last year included road rehabilitation projects with funds secured by the RTC from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The City also completed the San Lorenzo River multipurpose bike/pedestrian path under Highway 1 which used porous concrete to minimize drainage issues. Future projects include improvements to the Highway 1/9 interchange, roundabouts in the Wharf area, retrofitting of the Murray St bridge and safety improvements such as left hand turn pockets on Soquel Drive at Park Street.

### ***Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings***

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#### Commission Meetings

Thursday, February 3, 2011, 9:00 am  
City of Watsonville Council Chambers

275 Main St, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

There is no TPW meeting in January, 2011  
Thursday, February 17, 2011, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 6:30 pm – Note Special Time  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 27, 1:00 pm – Note Special Time  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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