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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) February 3, 2011 Meeting Highlights

Branch Rail Line Acquisition moves forward:

The RTC approved using \$250,000 of Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange (RSTPX) funds to supplement \$14.2 million in funds allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to purchase the branch line on January 19th. The additional funding is needed for closing costs and to conduct engineering work necessary to secure \$5.35 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds programmed for construction later this year. The RTC FY10-11 budget was amended to reflect these funds. In addition, the RTC authorized staff to release a request for proposals or qualifications for the engineering work.

Changes to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) Fund levels considered:

The RTC voted to consider recommendations from its Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee regarding a proposal by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to decrease planning funds to the RTC by increasing AMBAG's share. These funds are used to meet federal transportation planning requirements.

New RTC Commissioners seated:

The RTC seated four new Commissioners: Greg Caput representing Santa Cruz County's 4th Supervisorial District; Eduardo Montesino representing the City of Watsonville; and Lynn Robinson and Norm Hagen, representing the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District. Both Hagen and Robinson had previously served as Alternates to the Commission.

Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System Feasibility Analysis proceeds:

The RTC approved a resolution to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the ICx Transportation Group to prepare a 511 Feasibility Analysis and Implementation Plan. The feasibility analysis will determine what type of traveler information system is best suited for the region and the implementation plan would lay out the system requirements needed for a comprehensive, centralized and multi-modal traveler information system to serve the Monterey Bay area. This is one of the few areas in California that does not have a 511 system in place.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

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Commission Meetings

Thursday, March 3, 2011, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 3:30 pm
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1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 6:30 pm – Note Special Date and Time
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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, February 17, 1:00 pm – Note Special Time
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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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