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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) April 4, 2011 Meeting Highlights**

### ***Santa Cruz Branch Line acquisition status report received:***

The RTC received a status report detailing the steps necessary to complete the purchase since obtaining funding approval from the state in January. The steps include amendments to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with current property owner Union Pacific and approval by all other parties; finalizing federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) filings; and executing the funding agreement with Caltrans. Close of escrow is dependent on receipt of the STB ruling. A community commemoration event will be held after the purchase is complete.

### ***Salinas Road Interchange project status reported:***

The RTC received a presentation from Debbie Hale, Executive Director of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), on the status of construction of the new interchange at Salinas Road and Highway 1, just south of Watsonville and the Santa Cruz county line. The new interchange consists of a 3 lane bridge-structure (Salinas Road) over Highway 1 with on-and off-ramps. This project will make vital safety improvements to an interchange with high collision rates, reduce delay for 43,000 vehicles per day on Highway 1, and support interregional travel between Highways 1 and 101. Construction is scheduled to be complete in July 2013.

### ***City of Capitola transportation projects report presented:***

The RTC received a presentation from Steve Jesberg, City of Capitola Public Works Director, on recently completed, current and future transportation projects. In addition to addressing recent storm damage, the Public Works department has been working on RTC-funded improvements to 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Capitola Road to add a new sidewalk, bicycle lanes, and reconstruct the roadway, as well as several traffic calming projects aimed at making roadways safer for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

### ***Caltrans Route 1 Concrete Median Barrier Project presented:***

The RTC received a presentation describing a concrete barrier safety project which will be constructed on Highway 1 between the pedestrian overcrossing near Mission Street and the railroad tracks near the Harvey West area. The purpose of the project is to prevent cross-median collisions and is scheduled to start construction in mid-January 2012. The project will also include minor drainage improvements and improve the shoulder in some locations. The estimated project construction cost is \$1,365,500, not including support costs.

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

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Commission Meetings

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, April 21, 2011, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Tuesday, June 13, 2011, 6:30 pm – Note Special Time  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 21, 1:00 pm – Note Special Time  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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