



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) May 5, 2011 Meeting Highlights

Pedestrian Safety Workgroup report received:

The RTC received a report from the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup regarding a Sidewalk Maintenance Public Outreach Campaign. The workgroup determined "tip and trip" hazards on sidewalks such as vertical and horizontal separation, obstacles, and surface conditions, and will take this information out to the general public to help increase awareness of criteria for safe and accessible sidewalks, their value to the community, responsibility for maintenance, and avenues for resolving unsafe conditions. The outreach campaign is expected to begin in late spring and continue through the prime walking seasons, summer and fall.

Public hearing on specialized transportation/transit unmet needs held:

The RTC held a public hearing on unmet specialized transportation and transit needs to solicit community input on a draft unmet needs list. The unmet needs list will be used to assess and prioritize projects and programs as funding becomes available.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funding for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) approved and annual report received:

The RTC approved \$5,244,963 in TDA funding and \$2,311,643 in STA funding for the METRO, consistent with RTC Rules and Regulations and the FY 11-12 RTC budget. The METRO annual report for last year showed decreased ridership along fixed routes and on the Highway 17 Express, largely due to continuing unemployment, and a slight increase in ParaCruz ridership. Ridership this year is increasing due to high gas prices. METRO plans to order 27 new paratransit replacement vans for ParaCruz service and five new low-floor CNG buses for the Highway 17 Express service. METRO continues to face funding difficulties due to the economic recession, slow recovery and diversion of transit funds by the state to other purposes; therefore, METRO will consider further service reductions and a fare increase.

FY 11-12 Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim for Community Bridges approved:

The RTC approved \$515,295 in TDA funds for Community Bridges to provide transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, in accordance with RTC Rules and Regulations, contingent upon the City of Santa Cruz agreeing at their May 2011 meeting to be the claimant on behalf of Community Bridges. Transportation services include medical transportation services, transportation to senior meal sites, out-of-county

medical transportation service formerly operated by the Red Cross, a Taxi Scrip program, and portions of rides to the Elderday Adult Day Care Facility and the Interfaith Homeless Service Shelters.

FY 11-12 Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim for Volunteer Center approved:

The RTC approved \$61,345 in TDA funds to the Volunteer Center, in accordance with RTC Rules and Regulations and the RTC's adopted budget, and contingent upon the City of Santa Cruz agreeing at their May 2011 meeting to be the claimant on behalf of the Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center's transportation program oversees volunteers who provide transportation using their own vehicles to ambulatory individuals who may live in areas not served by traditional public transit or ParaCruz. The TDA allocation to the Volunteer Center will fund mileage reimbursement, insurance and administration of their transportation program.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831/460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

Commission Meetings

Thursday June 2, 2011, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, May 19, 2011, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday June 9, 2011, 3:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

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

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 19, 1:00 pm – Note Special Time
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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