1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am.

Members present:  
Dene Bustichi  Randy Johnson  
Greg Caput  Don Lane  
Neal Coonerty  Kirby Nicol  
Daniel Dodge (Alt)  Ellen Pirie  
Donald Hagen  Lynn Robinson  
Rich Krumholz (ex officio)  Donna Ziel (Alt)

Member absent:  
John Leopold

Staff present:  
George Dondero  Luis Mendez  
Gini Pineda  Yesenia Parra  
Karena Pushnik  Grace Blakeslee  
Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications

Jack Nelson requested that Item 6 be pulled from the consent agenda. It was designated as Item 14a.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

There was a handout for Item 13.

CONSENT AGENDA (Pirie/Robinson as amended – unanimous)
MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the May 5, 2011 regular RTC meeting

5. Accepted draft minutes of the March 23, 2011 joint Santa Cruz County Traffic Operations Systems (TOS) Oversight Committee and Safe on 17 Task Force meeting

POLICY ITEMS

   No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

6. Approve Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Regional Advisory Committee and Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS) (Resolution) – Moved to regular agenda as Item 14a.

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

8. Accepted 2011 advisory committee rosters and Budget & Administration / Personnel Committee roster

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

9. Accepted monthly meeting schedule

10. Accepted correspondence log

11. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - None

12. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

13. Accepted information items – Handout noted

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Commissioner reports-oral reports - none

14a. Approve Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Regional Advisory Committee and Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS) (Resolution) - Formerly Item 6
Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee gave the staff report saying that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) solicited nominations for a Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to support the production of a Regional Implementation Plan for Smart Growth development.

Jack Nelson said that additional information on the nature of the RAC and the nominees is needed. The RAC should have smart growth expertise to develop a sustainable community strategy. He added that he would like to see documentation of what AMBAG requested and a description of who is on the committee and what expertise on smart growth they have.

Executive Director George Dondero said that since the staff report was written additional names from the environmental community were added to the nominee list. He said that the list consists of nominees and that RAC members have not been selected.

Commissioner Johnson noted that it is frustrating to see the state mandate smart growth and also cut transit funding. Commissioner Coonerty provided the County Planning Department list of nominees. Commissioner Bustichi said that the building industry was not represented and Commissioner Robinson noted that there was no representation from a neighborhood component and offered to provide contacts to community-issues oriented groups.

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

1. Receive information about nominations to the Regional Advisory Committee for the Regional Implementation Plan for Smart Growth Development Strategies to be developed by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

2. Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the North American Sustainable Transportation Council (STC) to apply STARS to the RTP,

with the addition that although the deadline for nominees has passed other potential nominee names will be submitted to AMBAG as stated by Commissioners.

Commission Alternate Dodge suggested adding Watsonville businesses to the list of nominees.

The motion (Resolution 26-11) passed unanimously.

15. Director’s report – oral report
Executive Director George Dondero said that the Senate is previewing a six-year transportation bill for $339 billion while the House bill is only for $219 billion. He said there was also discussion of passing a two-year bill.

Mr. Dondero said that he participated in Bike to Work Day and that there was a great turnout.

16. Caltrans report and consider action items

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, said that Caltrans Director Cindy McKim retired on May 16th as Caltrans Director and that Malcolm Daugherty was appointed as Acting Director.

Mr. Krumholz said that he is hopeful that there will be a fall bond sale to fund projects waiting for bond sale revenues. He reported that there will be pavement projects on Highways 1 and 9, safety projects on Highway 17 and that progress has been made on the Salinas overpass and on Highway 1 at Big Sur. He added that a slurry seal is planned for Mission Street.

Commissioner Robinson thanked Caltrans for its sensitivity to litter and graffiti problems.

Commissioners Caput, Hagen and Dodge asked that safety and accessibility issues near the Lakeview middle school be addressed soon. Mr. Krumholz said that Caltrans has been working with the county for a long time on the project.

17. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee’s 2010 Committee Report

Senior Planner Karena Pushnik reported that the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) regularly prepares a report outlining the Committee’s accomplishments. She introduced Committee Chair John Daugherty to present the 2010 Committee Report.

Mr. Daugherty described many of the E&D TAC’s responsibilities including reviewing Transportation Development Act claims, recommending amendments to the RTC’s state and federal legislative agendas, and providing input on unmet transit and paratransit needs. In addition, a subcommittee of the E&D TAC, the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup, worked with local jurisdictions and prepared a report on sidewalk maintenance responsibilities and is currently doing community outreach to help responsible parties maintain their sidewalks properly.

Commissioner Lane moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded to approve the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommendations that the Commission accept the 2010 Committee Report for the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.
The motion passed unanimously.

18. FY 11-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 claim from the Community Traffic Safety Coalition, the Ride 'n Stride program, and the Bike to Work program

Senior Planner Cory Caletti explained that each of the three programs promote biking and walking and provide encouragement and safety education.

Commissioners asked for a list of schools that participate in the programs and discussed whether an increase in funding was appropriate when services for Metro were being cut.

Nick Mucha, Bike to Work, responded to comments regarding Scotts Valley’s participation in Bike to Work Day activities, saying that additional outreach was planned. He noted efforts to keep participants in the event involved in biking throughout the year.

Commissioner Pirie said that the increase in funding is needed in light of the increased participation in the programs.

Deputy Director Luis Mendez added that TDA apportionment increases for FY 2011-12 were already approved through the RTC budget at the March RTC meeting and that Santa Cruz Metro will receive an additional $243,000.

Commissioner Lane moved and Commissioner Coonerty seconded to approve the Bicycle Committee and staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Review the proposed FY 11/12 work plans and budgets for the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency’s Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and Ride 'n Stride Programs, and for Ecology Action’s Bike to Work (BTW) Program; and

2. Adopt resolutions approving claims for FY 11/12 TDA Article 8 funds for the CTSC, Ride 'n Stride and BTW Programs.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion (Resolutions 27-11 and 28-11) passed with Commissioners Caput, Coonerty, Dodge, Johnson, Lane, Nicol, Pirie and Ziel voting “aye”.

19. FY 11-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim from the Regional Transportation Commission for administration, planning and operations

Deputy Director Mendez gave the staff report saying that the annual claim is for funds to operate the RTC, consistent with RTC Rules and Regulations.
Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Hagen seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the Article 3 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim and adopt a resolution for $453,000 in FY2011-12 Article 3 TDA funds for RTC administration services.

The motion (Resolution 29-11) passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Lane seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim and adopt a resolution for $416,840 in FY2011-12 Article 8 TDA funds for RTC planning services.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion (Resolution 30-11) passed with Commissioners Caput, Coonerty, Dodge, Johnson, Lane, Nicol, Pirie and Ziel voting “aye”.

20. Amendments to the FY 10-11 budget and work program

Deputy Director Luis Mendez gave the staff report saying that a budget amendment is necessary to reflect additional funds received for federally required planning work, an updated estimate for FFY 2010-11 planning funding, and shifts in staff resources due to actual work flow. In addition, some funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve a resolution amending the fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 Budget and Work Program.

The motion (Resolution 31-11) passed unanimously.

21. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 10:24 am.

CLOSED SESSION

22. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 relating to the purchase of the right-of-way: 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 meeting reconvened into open session at 11:01 am. There was nothing to report.

24. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
   a. No agenda items this month

25. Next Meetings

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 9:00 am at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., Watsonville, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Nick Mucha                      Bike 2 Work
Jack Nelson                    E&D TAC Chair
John Daugherty