



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission
Budget and Administration/Personnel
Committee**

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

**Thursday, February 3, 2010
8:30 am**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH

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City of Watsonville
275 Main St
Watsonville, CA 95076**

1. Introductions
2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda
3. Oral communications

CONSENT AGENDA

(No consent agenda items)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) Funds
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Association of Monterey Bay Area Government (TAMC) letter
 - c. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) letter
5. Adjournment

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the RTC conference room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

Distribution:

Members/Alternates:

Commissioner John Leopold
Commissioner Alternate
Steve Lustgarden
Commissioner Greg Caput
Commissioner Ellen Pirie
Commissioner Alternate, Andy Schiffrin
Commissioner Neal Coonerty
Commissioner Mark Stone

Others

Rahn Garcia, County Counsel
Les White, SCMTD
John Doughty, AMBAG
Debbie Hale, TAMC

RTC Staff

George Dondero
Luis Mendez
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Yesenia Parra
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AGENDA: February 3, 2010

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director
RE: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) Funds

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) consider any recommendations from its Budget and Administration/Personnel (B&A/P) Committee regarding Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) funds received by the RTC through the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG).

BACKGROUND

The RTC receives a variety of funds to meet its transportation planning requirements. One significant source is the FHWA PI funds. These funds are allocated by formula by the federal government and Caltrans to AMBAG, the region's metropolitan planning organization (MPO). A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between AMBAG, Caltrans, RTC, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz Metro) identifies how state and federal transportation requirements for the Monterey Bay region are implemented. The MOU states that by agreement the FHWA PL funds allotted to the Monterey Bay region are divided between AMBAG, RTC and TAMC.

DISCUSSION

In late December, the Executive Director of AMBAG sent a letter ([Attachment 1](#)) to the Executive Directors of RTC and TAMC communicating concern with the use of FHWA PL funds by TAMC and RTC and suggesting a reduction in the level of FHWA PL funds provided to TAMC and RTC. The Executive Directors of TAMC and RTC responded with letters ([Attachment 2](#)) communicating opposition to any reduction in the level of FHWA PL funds that their agencies receive.

The Budget and Administration/Personnel (B&A/P) Committee will hold a meeting prior to the RTC's February 3, 2011 meeting to consider this issue. Any recommendations approved by the B&A/P Committee will be forwarded to the RTC. Staff recommends that the RTC consider any recommendations from the B&A/P Committee regarding the FHWA PL funds received by the RTC through AMBAG.

SUMMARY

The RTC receives Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) funds through the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to help meet its federal transportation

planning requirements. The amount of funds received by the RTC is determined by formula in agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and AMBAG. AMBAG is suggesting that it may reduce the amount of FHWA PL funds provided to the RTC and TAMC. Staff recommends that the RTC consider any recommendations from the B&A/P Committee regarding these funds.

Attachments:

1. December 23, 2010 letter from John Doughty to George Dondero
2. January 24, 2011 letter from George Dondero to John Doughty

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