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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 4, 2011 Meeting Highlights

State and federal legislative update received:

Assemblymember Bill Monning provided updates on state legislative activities, including highlights of the state budget. The RTC also received updates on proposed provisions of the next federal transportation act and a list of state bills that could impact transportation projects and programs.

Social media policy approved:

The RTC approved a proposal to establish policies, guidelines, and standards on RTC use of social media technology. Social media is intended to disseminate information and receive public input and could be useful for a variety of the RTC's programs and projects including the Commute Solutions program, specific information campaigns, and special events. The RTC currently posts segments from its Transportation Café television show on social media outlets and will consider expansion to Facebook and other interactive sites to reach broader segments of the community.

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line acquisition status report received:

The RTC received a status update on the branch line acquisition. The RTC is still waiting for approval from the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) for the Branch Line purchase transaction. Congressman Farr has sent a letter to the STB Chair regarding the RTC's petition for declaratory order. RTC staff and consultants have been working on completing all of the other tasks necessary to close escrow on the purchase, however there will still be 2-4 weeks of work to complete following STB approval. Unless something happens within the next couple of days, the community celebration planned for September 10 will be postponed until after the rail line purchase is fully complete.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project update presented:

The RTC received a presentation on the planned bicycle/pedestrian trail network from RRM Design Group, the firm contracted to develop the Master Plan and Environmental Review document. The detailed Scope of Services includes identifying and analyzing potential alignments, preliminary design, environmental compliance, and community outreach for the development of the Trail Network Master Plan. The consultant team will be responsible for coordinating all planning tasks, including but not limited to data collection, trail mapping, opportunities and constraints analysis, public workshops, presentations to all relevant bodies, draft and final document production, and California Environmental Quality Act compliance. The first set of public meetings could take place as early this fall.

Safe on 17 Safety Corridor project 2010 annual report received:

The RTC received the 2010 Safe on 17 Annual Report which reviews the work done by the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, RTC and Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies and other stakeholders to continue to improve safety on Highway 17. The 2010 Safe on 17 Program includes how coordinated efforts have resulted in extra enforcement, collision and citation rate monitoring, Safe on 17 Task Force Meetings, public information and outreach, and highway safety improvements.

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 September 1 2011, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, August 18, 2011, 9:00 am
Thursday, September 15, 2011, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday September 8, 2011, 3:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, August 8, 2011, 6:30 pm – Note Special Time
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 4, 2:00 pm – Note Special Time and Date
Thursday, September 22, 2011, 1:00 pm– Note Special Time and Date
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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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