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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) October 6, 2011 Meeting Highlights

Plan for State and Federal Funds Considered:

The RTC issued a call for projects for up to \$9.25 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, with applications due from transportation entities by October 27, 2011. The RTC also indicated its intent to use \$1.3 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds on regional projects -- including a tiered environmental document for projects on Highway 1, and design and construction of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line structures improvements. The final decision about these RSTP and STIP funds will be made at a public hearing on December 1, 2011. The RTC reserved \$1.2 million in RSTP for local projects, with specific projects to be selected in the spring of 2012.

Contract for Design of Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Repairs Approved:

The RTC authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with JL Patterson and Associates to proceed with engineering work for structures rehabilitation and other improvements on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Through negotiations with the current property owner Union Pacific, the total price to acquire the rail line was reduced with the agreement that up to \$5 million would be put into rehabilitation of the structures.

RTC begins construction management of the Highway 1 Soquel/ Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project:

The RTC will be soliciting bids for the construction of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project, with the contract expected to be awarded in December. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2012 on this one-mile project that will add lanes in each direction to connect the off ramp with the next onramp (auxiliary lanes) in each direction on Highway 1 between Soquel Drive and Morrissey Boulevard. The La Fonda Avenue Bridge will be reconstructed as part of this project.

Fiscal Year (FY) 11-12 budget and work program amended:

The RTC approved amending the FY 11-12 budget and work program to incorporate the prior fiscal year's ending balances and to include additional State Transit Assistance funding for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

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 November 3, 2011, 9:00 am
County Board of Supervisor Chambers
701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday November 10, 2011, 3:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, November 14, 2011, 6:30 pm – Note Special Date and Time
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 1:30 pm - Note Special Time and Date
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz
(October 11 meeting cancelled)

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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