Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
April 5, 2012 Meeting Highlights

**Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project construction update:**
The RTC, as the manager for the one-mile Highway 1 construction project between Soquel Drive and Morrissey Boulevard, received current information about the project that adds auxiliary lanes between on and off ramps. Temporary barriers and striping have been installed, and vegetation and tree clearing is now complete. The RTC contracted with a local arborist to preserve and protect remaining trees. Upcoming activities include: removal and hauling of downed vegetation, installation of footings on the northbound retaining walls and installation of guard rails.

**Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for bicycle paths and lane maintenance approved:**
The RTC approved $150,000 in TDA funds for bicycle lane maintenance and $150,000 in TDA funds for the Calabasas School Safety Improvement project. In addition, the RTC approved the transfer of funds previously allocated to the Wilder Ranch Path Phase II project to bicycle lane maintenance. TDA funds are generated from 1/4 cent of local sales taxes. These projects were recommended for approval by the RTC’s Bicycle and Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committees.

**2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Update:**
The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the $8.9 million in new funding requested by the RTC. The eight transportation projects approved for funding reflect the broad multimodal transportation needs in the region. They preserve existing transportation facilities, reduce congestion, increase safety, fill gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian networks – including near schools -- and increase access to transit. The project list is available on the RTC’s website (www.sccrtc.org).

**Federal Transportation Act and State Transportation bills:**
The RTC received an update on the Federal Transportation Act, SAFETEA-LU’s 9th extension. The act was due to expire on March 31, 2012 and has been extended for 90 days. This is the region’s largest source of federal transportation funding. Staff will continue to monitor state transportation bills.
Laurel Curve Caltrans Improvements:
The RTC and Caltrans received feedback from the public on the new median barrier recently installed on Highway 17 at Laurel Curve aimed at reducing collisions. A public meeting hosted by Supervisor John Leopold will be held on April 18, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Loma Prieta Community Center.
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, May 3, 2012, 9:00 am
Capitola City Council
420 Capitola Ave., Capitola

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)
Thursday, April 19, 2012, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee
Thursday, April 12, 2012, 3:30 pm
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Bicycle Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 2012 6:30 pm
Museum of Art and History
705 Front St., Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 1:30 pm
Community Foundation
7807 Soquel Dr., Aptos

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 12, 9:00 am – Note Special Time
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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