Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
May 3, 2012 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project construction update:
The RTC received current information for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lane project. The RTC approved the release of a request for proposals (RFP) for a shuttle service for the beginning of the 2012-13 school year when demolition of the La Fonda Bridge will impact students currently walking or bicycling to school.

Authorization was given by the State Department of Fish and Game to allow project construction, and the RTC is implementing protective measures for wetland areas. Clearing and grubbing of the slopes outside of the protected area was completed, and privacy fencing installed near Harbor High School. Excavation for retaining and some sound wall segments will begin soon. The project team is working with the community to begin outreach in connection with the summer closing of the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing. Another public meeting will be held in late May or early June.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance Funds (STA) funding for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO):
The RTC approved $5,413,319 in TDA funds and $2,879,175 in STA funds for bus and paratransit services provided by Santa Cruz METRO. TDA funds are generated from 1/4 cent of local sales taxes and regulated by statutes contained in the Public Utilities Codes and the RTC’s Rules and Regulations.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for Community Bridges:
The RTC allocated $531,835 in TDA funds to the City of Santa Cruz for Community Bridges. Community Bridges serves low income and disabled individuals, many of which are unable to use traditional public transit or complementary paratransit.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for the Volunteer Center:
The RTC allocated $63,314 in TDA funds to the City of Santa Cruz for the Volunteer Center to administer the volunteer driver transportation program primarily serving seniors. The Volunteer Center’s goal is to provide 4,600 one-way trips to eligible clients over the next year.

Safe on 17 Safety Corridor Project – 2011 Annual Report:
The 2011 Annual Report for the Safe on 17 Safety Corridor Program was presented to the RTC. The report indicated that 2011 was the first calendar year since 1999, when the
Safe on 17 program began, during which there were no fatalities on the Highway 17 Safety Corridor. Injury collisions during 2011 were also the lowest on record thanks to continued funding by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the San Francisco Bay Area, continued investment by Caltrans in safety improvements, and extra enforcement by the California Highway Patrol.

**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**
*Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org) or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.*

**Commission Meeting**  
Thursday, June 7, 2012, 9:00 am  
Watsonville City Council, 275 Main St, Suite 400, Watsonville

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**  
Thursday, May 17, 2012, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**  
Thursday, June 14, 2012, 3:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Bicycle Committee**  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 6:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, May 17, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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