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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) February 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Highlights**

### **Measure D Update**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received an update on [Measure D](#) implementation tasks. Currently staff is working on: setting up collection, tracking and distribution methods for new local tax revenues; developing multi-year revenue and project delivery projections; developing agreements with recipients; and developing public engagement strategies including the Oversight Committee elements.

Collection of the new ½ cent transportation improvement sales tax will start on April 1, 2017, with first receipts expected in summer. Entities that will receive a direct proportional share of Measure D funds are: the County, cities, Santa Cruz METRO and Community Bridges. Public hearings will be held this spring to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on projects and programs scheduled within the next 5 year period. To receive eNews updates about Measure D, please sign up on the RTC's [eSubscriptions](#) webpage.

### **2017 Legislative Program and Funding Update**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved [State and Federal legislative priorities for 2017](#). Primarily due to significantly lower fuel prices, the cities and the County of Santa Cruz do not have money for basic local street and road maintenance. Revenues available for major bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and highway projects through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) have dropped 75% since 2013. In addition, there is a significant drop in revenues available for transit. Therefore, the RTC is urging the California Legislature, the Governor, and Congress to approve funding proposals which stabilize and increase funding to maintain and improve the multimodal transportation system in Santa Cruz County.

### **Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley Corridor Plan – Contract Award**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#), with the assistance of a professional consulting firm, will be working with the community to develop a complete streets plan for the [Highway 9](#) travel corridor through San Lorenzo Valley. The plan will identify, evaluate, and prioritize projects that improve safety, improve access to schools, businesses and bus stops, and improve traffic operations. Based on evaluation of consultant proposals by Caltrans, County Public Works, Santa Cruz METRO, and RTC staff, the RTC authorized negotiating a contract with the firm Kimley-Horn to prepare the plan.

## City of Santa Cruz Rail Trail Project Phasing Plan and Cooperative Agreement

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received an update from the City of Santa Cruz on the [2.1-mile bicycle and pedestrian rail trail project](#) underway. The report included a summary of a plan to construct the project in two phases in order to move a portion of the project forward and also address cost increases. Cost increases are due to unanticipated engineering challenges and design improvements beyond what was originally planned including widening of the trail to 16 feet of paved width and locating of the trail on the coastal side of the tracks throughout the project length. Incorporated improvements were a result of community and stakeholder input and requests. In addition, construction costs have increased significantly since the great recession. The RTC also approved entering into a cooperative agreement with the City of Santa Cruz to implement and maintain the trail which will also be used for other rail trail projects, as needed.

### **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

*Please check the RTC website [[www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org)] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting.*

#### Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

#### Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 1:30 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

#### Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

#### Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 1:30 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

#### Regional Transportation Commission

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Santa Cruz

#### Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

(special meeting date) Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m.  
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Santa Cruz

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