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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) November 5, 2015 Meeting Highlights

Highway 17 Access Management Plan Update

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received information from [Caltrans District 5](#) on the Highway 17 Access Management Plan (AMP) that is analyzing the 7.1 mile segment on Highway 17 between Granite Creek Road and Summit Road. The demand for this section of the highway has exceeded its capacity with approximately 54,000 drivers on Highway 17 everyday. The goal of the AMP is to find a balance between safety and efficiency by reducing congestion and conflict points. The RTC and the County of Santa Cruz will serve as the core partners in the study and as the steering committee for public engagement activities. There will be upcoming workshops and booths at local farmers markets for information and public input, as well as a [website](#) to be launched later in the month.

Project Updates from City of Watsonville Public Works

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received information from the City of Watsonville Public Works and Utilities Department on transportation project updates. There are 6 projects scheduled for construction in 2016, a multi-modal project is scheduled for construction in 2017, and Segment 18 of the [Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail Network \(MBSSTN\)](#) is scheduled for 2018. Although there have been a couple of delays in projects, the School Crossings Upgrade project to improve the safety of pedestrians is currently underway and the Pennsylvania Drive at Clifford Avenue Roundabout project that provided pedestrian improvements has been completed.

Highway 1 Project – Tier I and Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received information on the Highway 1 Tier I/Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) currently available for public review and comment. Tier I provides a program level analysis for the future of the Highway 1 corridor between Santa Cruz and Aptos. The Tier I concept would be built over time through a series of incremental projects (referred to as

Tier II projects). The first proposed Tier II project is auxiliary lanes between 41st Ave and Soquel DR with a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing of Highway 1 at Chanticleer Ave, which is analyzed at a detailed project level in the DEIR/EA. The environmental documents can be viewed electronically at sccrtc.org/hwy1eir. Copies of the DEIR/EA can also be viewed at the RTC Office and at the following libraries: Aptos, Capitola, Downtown Santa Cruz, Live Oak, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville. An open forum hearing will be held on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Live Oak Elementary School, 1916 Capitola Rd @ 17th Ave, Live Oak. Comments or questions on the DEIR/EA are due by Monday, January 18, 2016, and should be addressed to Matt.C.Fowler@dot.ca.gov.

[Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program](#) provides an overview of the project development process currently underway for the improvement of Highway 1.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:

Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas are posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Building,
846 Front Street, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, December 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
County Board of Supervisors Chambers,
701 Ocean Street – 5th floor, Santa Cruz

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.