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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) February 4, 2016 Meeting Highlights

City of Santa Cruz Rail Trail Project Update

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a presentation on the preliminary design of the City of Santa Cruz's bicycle and pedestrian rail trail project. The City of Santa Cruz is the lead agency on delivering the 2.1 mile segment between Pacific Avenue at the wharf and Natural Bridges. The RTC is the rail corridor owner and responsible entity for county-wide implementation of the 32-mile rail trail project. Four projects, totaling 8 miles (or 25% of the project length) have been funded and are being designed with construction scheduled for 2017 and 2018. Approximately \$14.5 M in funding is coming from public funds and \$3.6M from private funding sources. The RTC authorized the Executive Director or his designee to enter into necessary contracts or amendments to implement current and future rail trail projects as per approved budgets and work plans.

Distribution Formulas to Local Jurisdictions – Neighborhood Projects in the Investment Plan for a 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) discussed potential distribution formulas for the estimated \$120 million which would be available over 30 years to maintain streets, fill potholes, improve safe routes to school, and increase neighborhood traffic safety to the five local jurisdictions in the neighborhood project category of the Transportation Investment Plan.

2016 Legislative Program and Funding Updates

Gas and diesel tax revenues in California have plummeted and the state will be rescinding millions of dollars previously committed to transportation projects in Santa Cruz County. Given that traditional state and federal sources of revenue for highway, local road, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects in Santa Cruz County are unpredictable and generate less than half of what is needed to operate, maintain, and improve the transportation system, the [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved legislative priorities for 2016 that underscore the urgent need for state, federal and local actions that increase and stabilize transportation funding.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:

Please check the RTC website [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 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

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