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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Highlights**

### **City of Watsonville Rail Trail project update**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a presentation from the City of Watsonville on the preliminary design of the City's bicycle and pedestrian rail trail project. The City of Watsonville is the lead agency on delivering the 1.2 mile segment between Lee Road and Walker Street and anticipates construction to take place next year. The RTC is the rail corridor owner and responsible entity for county-wide implementation of the 32-mile rail trail project. Eight (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.

### **Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's – Committee Report - 2012-2015**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) accepted the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's, [Committee Report](#) outlining the Committee's accomplishments between 2012 and 2015. The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee effectively participated in activities related to transportation services and planning, public information, and funding oversight during the four- year period. The Committee's accomplishments included: identifying the most serious unmet paratransit and transit needs, supporting pedestrian improvements, providing the public information about what makes a good sidewalk and maintenance responsibilities; creating and distributing '[What Pedestrian and Motorists Want Each other to Know](#)' brochure; analyzing Transportation Development Act claims for transit services, conducting extensive outreach to recruit new Committee members; and, examining the benefits of transportation projects for seniors and people with disabilities. A [Committee Application](#) is available on the RTC website.

### **User Oriented Transit Planning Project**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved entering into agreements with Santa Cruz Metro and the selected firm to support development of an individualized marketing program in Santa Cruz County that encourages solo-drivers to switch to transit, bicycling, walking or carpooling. The project is designed to find out which messages, materials, and support services resonate most strongly with Santa Cruz County travelers and inform individuals about the travel choices in their neighborhood. The project will provide guidance about how to replicate and expand the program to more Santa Cruz County neighborhoods and other California communities. This project is one of several services provided by the Regional Transportation Commission to manage travel demand on Santa Cruz County's roadways and reduce greenhouse gases.

## Highway 1 Corridor Environmental Document – Status Report

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) was informed that Caltrans received over 900 comments from individuals, organizations and agencies on the Draft Tiered Environmental Document. Work has begun in responding to each of those comments including preliminary work to update the air quality, natural environment, and traffic operations technical studies in response to changes in regulatory requirements and to properly respond to comments. The FY 2015-16 Budget provided funds to allow this work to proceed in a timely, however, additional funds will be needed to complete the final environmental document, anticipated in Summer 2017. A final scope of work and budget for this work will be presented to the RTC at a future date.

### 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, April 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,  
Santa Cruz

#### Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,  
Santa Cruz

#### Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:30 p.m.  
Watsonville Community Room,  
275 Main Street, Ste 400, Watsonville

#### Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 1:30 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,  
Santa Cruz

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