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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) **May 5th, 2016 Meeting Highlights**

2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List and Public Hearing

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) held a public hearing and adopted the 2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list. The RTC regularly solicits input to assess and prioritize the transportation needs of seniors, people with disabilities and low income individuals. The [Unmet Needs](#) list is posted on the RTC website. The unmet paratransit and transit needs serves as a resource for identifying gaps in transit services to be considered when new funding becomes available. The list identifies and prioritizes the transportation needs of seniors, people with disabilities and low income individuals in Santa Cruz County.

Funds Approved for Bus, Paratransit and Bike Programs (Transportation Development Act Claims)

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved funding for fixed route transit service, specialized transportation services for seniors and people living with disabilities, and bicycle programs. The RTC approved over \$6 million in FY2016-17 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for [Santa Cruz METRO](#) to operate and maintain the countywide bus system, which provides over 5 million fixed route bus rides annually, of which 750,000 rides were taken by seniors and people living with disabilities. TDA funding for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District also supports over 90,000 riders taken on ParaCruz, Santa Cruz Metro's complementary paratransit service. Funding for [Community Bridges' Lift Line](#), which provides over 68,000 demand-responsive, specialized non-emergency health and medical transportation for low income seniors and disabled individuals was also approved by the RTC in the amount of \$658,000. \$78,000 was approved for the [Volunteer Center's](#) transportation programs that, with other funding sources, annually provides 4,600 trips to seniors free of charge. Additionally, the RTC approved FY 2016-17 TDA funding for Ecology Action (\$50,000) for the [Bike to Work](#) program and the County Health Services Agency (\$100,000) for the [Community Traffic Safety Coalition](#) and its [Ride 'n Stride](#) bicycle and pedestrian education program.

2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update

Due to a severe drop in revenues from state gasoline taxes, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is having to delay projects previously approved for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and is deleting \$754 million in projects statewide. The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) has taken actions to ensure projects previously approved for STIP in Santa Cruz County are not delayed due the state funding shortfalls and reaffirmed its commitment to support improvements at the Highway 1/Harkins Slough Road interchange. RTC Commissioners expressed disappointment that

the State Legislature and Governor have not yet approved more stable funding for transportation projects.

2016 Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Call for Projects

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) will be issuing a call for projects for \$7 million in regional transportation funds available through the Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). Applications for these Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds are due on July 14, 2016.

Allocation Formulas to Local Jurisdictions in TRIP for a 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved the allocation formulas to the local jurisdictions for the category of Neighborhood Projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TRIP) for a potential 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure. The approved formula is based on population, roadway miles and revenue generated in each city and the unincorporated areas of the County. The Regional Transportation Commission is expected to take final action next month on the recommendation to place the measure on the November 2016 ballot. More information and a list of supporters is available at: www.sccrtc.org/move

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.

Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue,
Santa Cruz

Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville

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.