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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 4th 2016 Meeting Highlights

City of Scotts Valley Public Works presentation

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a presentation from the City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director Scott Hamby highlighting priority transportation projects for the city that have received funding from the Regional Transportation Commission, including: crosswalk improvements near schools and the post office; and the Mount Hermon/Scotts Valley Drive and Whispering Pines intersection project. Mr. Hamby also discussed the Eastern Corridor Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) application for Green Hills Road and Glen Canyon Road.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funding approved for County of Santa Cruz bicycle and pedestrian projects

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved \$386,069 in TDA funding for the County of Santa Cruz for bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. The funding allocations will be used for bike lane maintenance, the Boulder Creek Elementary School Pedestrian Safety Project, and the Twin Lakes State Beach Beachfront project (which is part of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail). In addition to planning activities, TDA funds may only be used for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.

Project list for the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) approved the draft comprehensive list of transportation projects in Santa Cruz County for the long range, 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The list includes ongoing costs to operate and maintain existing road and transit systems, as well as highway, local roadway, transit, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian projects that have been identified by project sponsors (including local jurisdictions, Metro, UCSC), RTC committees, and members of the public to improve the transportation system in Santa Cruz County. The next step will be to prioritize the projects on this list that are financially feasible given expected revenue sources that will fund less than half of what would be needed to implement all the projects. The approved priority project lists for Santa Cruz County will be submitted to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for inclusion in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Sustainable Communities Strategy (2040 MTP-SCS) for the tri-county AMBAG region. The 2040 RTP and 2040 MTP-SCS are scheduled for approval in June 2018.

Polar Express Operating Plan and License

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a proposal from Iowa Pacific, doing business locally as the Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway, to operate a Polar Express excursion on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Santa Cruz Boardwalk to the Capitola

area for the 2016 holiday season. The Commission postponed the decision to approve the operating plan and license until the Transportation Policy Workshop on August 18, 2016 at the RTC Office, pending further coordination with the City of Capitola and other key stakeholders.

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, August 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee

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

Transportation Policy Workshop

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

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 18, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, 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.