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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) September 1st 2016 Meeting Highlights

Public Hearing: Adoption of the 2016 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

Following a public hearing, the [Regional Transportation Commission](http://www.scrtc.org) selected 16 projects to receive \$7 million in regional shares of federal transportation funds. Projects include major pavement repairs on local roads, Highway 1/9 intersection, Highway 1 Corridor environmental analysis, Cruz511.org and Freeway Service Patrol traveler assistance programs, safe routes to schools bicycle and walking education programs, Watsonville Open Streets, and replacement of a diesel bus with a low emission bus. Additional information is available online at: www.scrtc.org/funding-planning/project-funding/. Due to diminishing state and federal funds, this was the first time that the RTC has programmed grant funds to local projects since 2013.

Roadmap for Rail Corridor development

The [Regional Transportation Commission](http://www.scrtc.org) reviewed the context of relevant work undertaken to date that affects plans for the rail corridor. The RTC confirmed that future decisions regarding use of the rail corridor will be consistent with the goals, policies and targets included in the approved Regional Transportation Plan, and with commitments for projects that have received funding to ensure that such funding is not lost. Measure D includes funding only for maintenance of the corridor and an environmental and economic analysis to answer important community questions about possible future transit and other transportation uses of the rail corridor through an open, transparent public process.

Funding for Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley Plan and Unified Corridor Investment Study

The [Regional Transportation Commission](http://www.scrtc.org) amended the RTC Budget and Work Program so that work can begin on two projects funded through the Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. Funding was awarded to the Regional Transportation Commission to develop a complete streets transportation corridor plan for San Lorenzo Valley and a unified corridor investment study to analyze multimodal investment options along Highway 1, the rail corridor, and Soquel Avenue/Drive. The Highway 9/SLV Plan will identify, prioritize, and enable implementation of the most critical and cost effective safety, bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic operations projects through San Lorenzo Valley. The Unified Corridor Investment Study will identify the transportation investments that optimize usage of the Highway 1, Soquel Ave/Dr and the rail line corridor while advancing sustainability targets developed for Santa Cruz County. Public input will be instrumental in both planning efforts. To sign up for updates on these or other RTC projects visit: <http://scrtc.org/about/esubscriptions/>.

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.

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean St, 5th floor, Santa Cruz

Safe on 17/Traffic Operations Systems

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

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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.