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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
October 6th 2016 Meeting Highlights

Project Updates from County of Santa Cruz Public Works
The Regional Transportation Commission received a status report on County of Santa Cruz transportation projects. County Assistant Public Works Director Steve Wiesner appreciated the RTC for providing funding for the recently completed Freedom Boulevard resurfacing project in Aptos, as well as storm damage repairs on Nelson Road and El Rancho Road, and past and upcoming resurfacing and complete streets projects on several roadways throughout the county. He noted that with over 600 miles of roads and state gas tax funding dropping significantly in recent years, the County cannot keep up with all of the infrastructure preservation maintenance required and the average pavement condition has dropped to “poor” (PCI 46 out of 100). He emphasized the need for additional funding and that Measure D would provide an additional $2.5 million each year to repair roads and build bicycle and pedestrian projects in unincorporated areas of the county. See www.sccrtc.org/move for more information.

Community Bridges Programs in the November 2016 Transportation Improvement Ballot Measure
The Regional Transportation Commission received an overview of Community Bridges’ Lift Line program which provides assistive transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities throughout Santa Cruz County. Seniors comprise the fastest growing segment of the population in Santa Cruz County, with nearly 100 people turning 60 every day. Chief Executive Officer, Raymon Cancino, stressed that services like Lift Line provide safety net transportation services for critically needed medical appointments, especially for those who cannot afford or live outside the service area for ParaCruz. Funding from Measure D would allow Lift Line to increase service from five to seven days a week, and increase their ability to serve the county’s disadvantaged populations by 30%. See www.sccrtc.org/move for more information.

Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing: Consultant Service Agreement
The Regional Transportation Commission authorized the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with the consultant team led by Moffat and Nichol to prepare the preliminary design plans and environmental studies for the Highway 1 Mar Vista Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing. A consultant evaluation committee comprised of staff from Caltrans, the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, and RTC unanimously recommended this team as the best qualified for the project. The first step will be to develop alternative design plans and hold community meetings to identify a preferred alternative that minimizes impacts to the surrounding environment and neighborhood, and provides a safe path for pedestrians and bicyclists.
**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.

**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting** – CANCELLED
next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016

**Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting** – CANCELLED
next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016

**Transportation Policy Workshop**
Thursday, October 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, October 27, 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](http://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](http://www.communitytv.org) or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.