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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) November 2nd 2017 Meeting Highlights

The 2018 California State Rail Plan lays out approach to meeting transportation needs

The Commission received a presentation on the draft [2018 California State Rail Plan](#) that is consistent with the state's policies on climate change and reduction of green gas emissions, and provides a framework to plan and implement California's rail network for the next 20 years and beyond. This bold plan prioritizes state investment in an efficient, effective passenger and freight rail system. The plan includes service throughout the Monterey Bay with connections to the state's rail network at Pajaro (Watsonville Junction) and Castroville.

Preferred alternatives for the Highway 1 corridor tiered environmental documents

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a report on the updated technical studies for the Highway 1 Tiered Environmental document. In review of the projects' purpose and need, and comparison of key performance measures the Project Development Team (PDT) identified the HOV Lane project as the preferred long range vision for the corridor and construction of the auxiliary lanes between 41st Ave and Soquel Drive and Chanticleer Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing as the next Highway 1 improvement project. The RTC supported the decision of the PDT as best meeting the project's purpose and need, providing more options for future projects on the corridor, and consistent with the Measure D transportation sales tax measure.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 RTC Budget amended

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) adopted a resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Budget and Work Program. It is balanced and implements the RTC's priority projects, on-going programs, and Measure D funding, projects and activities.

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, November 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

[Transportation Policy Workshop](#)

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Office, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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