



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2016 1:30 p.m.
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Teresa Buika, University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC)
Jim Burr, Santa Cruz Public Works
Claire Fliesler, Santa Cruz Planning
Murray Fontes, Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy
Erich Friedrich, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
Jessica Kahn, Scotts Valley Public Works and Planning Proxy
Barrow Emerson, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works and Planning Proxy

STAFF PRESENT

Grace Blakeslee
Ginger Dykaar
Rachel Moriconi

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly McClendon, Caltrans –by phone

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- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Wiesner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
 - 2. Introductions:** Self introductions were made.
 - 3. Oral Communications:** None
 - 4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. Approved Minutes of the August 18, 2016 ITAC meeting** (*Fontes/Fliesler*). *The motion passed unanimously by all members present.*
- 6. Received 2016 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Project List**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7. Coastal Resilience Mapping Tool Presentation**

Dr. David Revell provided a presentation on regional Monterey Bay climate change initiatives and the Coastal Resilience Mapping Tool which shows coastal areas that could be affected by sea level rise, increased storm wave events, and coastal erosion. It includes projections for

Year 2100 and 2200. He highlighted some of the local and regional initiatives, which include consideration of sediment and sand levels, erosion mitigation and adaptation strategies.

8. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents

METRO – Barrow Emerson reported that METRO is monitoring the bus service changes and may make minor schedule adjustments. METRO will be purchasing four electric buses, starting a study about buses on highway shoulders with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), and reviewing bus stops and bus stop facilities.

AMBAG – Erich Friedrich reported that the AMBAG board recently reviewed the draft regional growth forecast and will be using the forecast in scenario modeling for the 2018 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

Regional Transportation Commission (RTC): Grace Blakeslee reported that the RTC will be conducting traffic counts at several locations in October and requested agencies let her know if there are additional locations where they would like count data. Rachel Moriconi announced new Bikeways Maps are now available for distribution.

Scotts Valley – Jessica Kahn reported that the city received bids for microsurfacing Mount Hermon Road.

Santa Cruz – Jim Burr and Claire Fliesler reported that the Branciforte Creek bicycle/pedestrian bridge and the citywide paving project, including slurry seal of 50 streets, are out to bid. Design work continues for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Segment 7. New Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)-funded signal upgrades are 90% complete. The city is considering installing contra-flow bicycle lanes on Pacific Avenue between Church Street and Cathcart Street. Funding authorization for the Bay Street improvement project has been submitted to Caltrans. Environmental review and non-infrastructure components for the Active Transportation Program (ATP)-funded safe routes to schools project have begun.

Watsonville – Murray Fontes reported that the Freedom Boulevard reconstruction project is under construction.

UCSC – Teresa Buika reported that the ATP-funded bicycle path realignment project is expected to be completed this month.

County of Santa Cruz – Steve Wiener reported that the Twin Lakes/East Cliff Dr. beach front project construction is starting. Storm damage repairs on Highland Way, El Rancho Road, and Felton-Empire Road are expected to finish construction in October. The County is also working on the HSIP-funded guardrail and striping projects. The ATP-funded radar speed feedback sign project near schools is almost done. The Freedom Blvd. pavement project is done.

9. Update on the Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation Project: Draft Toolkits

Erich Friedrich from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) provided an update on the Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation Project, including the draft toolkits that include housing, transportation, and economic development strategies that would implement the sustainable development vision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

(MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The toolkits focus on mixed use infill development along high quality transit corridors as a way to reduce vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions. The toolkit includes policies, strategies, and case studies that can be used by and customized to each local jurisdiction; including during the planning stage for transportation projects. Mr. Freidrich requested that ITAC members review and provide input on the draft toolkit cut sheets within the next few weeks. AMBAG is working on releasing an interactive web version of the toolkit this fall.

10. Transportation Funding Updates

Rachel Moriconi reported that the Governor signed legislation that will at least temporarily restore some State Transit Assistance funding for METRO. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved new policies regarding fund advances and scope changes for Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects. She noted that the regular State legislative session ended without action on a transportation funding package, though legislators could be called back for the special session on transportation in November. She noted that the most recent state cap-and-trade auctions yielded only \$8 million which could impact implementation of cap-and-trade programs. Caltrans planning grant applications are due November 4, 2016. Agencies that would receive Measure D revenues are sharing information with their boards and the community on projects that could be funded from the measure.

- 11.** The committee agreed to move the next ITAC meeting to October 27 at 1:30pm in the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA. This is one week later than the typical meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi

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