



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

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 1:00 p.m. (special meeting time)
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Claire Fliesler, Santa Cruz Planning
Murray Fontes, Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy
Sean Vienna, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
Jessica Kahn, Scotts Valley Planning Proxy
Tom Hiltner, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
Chris Schneider, Santa Cruz Public Works
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works

RTC Staff Present: Rachel Moriconi, Anais Schenk

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Fontes called the meeting to order.
2. **Introductions:** Self introductions were made.
3. **Oral Communications:** A certificate of appreciation was presented to Steve Wiesner for his past service as chair of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC). Rachel Moriconi announced that the fall Bike to Work Day is on October 5, 2017. Jessica Kahn announced that Scott Hamby will be retiring as Scotts Valley Public Works Director this year.
4. **Additions, deletions, or changes to consent and regular agendas:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Approved Minutes of the August 17, 2017 ITAC meeting.** *A motion (Fliesler/Wiesner) to approve the minutes passed unanimously with all members in attendance voting "yes."*
6. **Received Caltrans Santa Cruz County project updates.**

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Scotts Valley: Jessica Kahn reported that video detection equipment will be installed as part of the Scotts Valley Dr./Mt. Hermon Rd./Whispering Pines intersection project, which will begin construction soon.

METRO: Tom Hiltner reported that METRO is awarding a contract for lease of articulated

buses for service to UCSC. METRO was awarded a \$200,000 AB2766 grant for the downtown Watsonville circulator route.

RTC: Rachel Moriconi appreciated members for participating in the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS) stakeholder meetings earlier in the month. Staff will return to the ITAC for committee recommendations on the UCS in October. RTC has issued a call for projects for consolidated 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) grants, with applications due to the RTC by October 23, 2017. Anais Schenk reported that she plans to meet with local jurisdictions to discuss locations, installation and other details for the bicycle route signage project in November.

AMBAG: Sean Vienna reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)* is expected to be available for public review in November.

County of Santa Cruz: Steve Wiesner reported that storm damage repair work continues on several roadways, including Bear Creek Road. A “hard closure” of Swanton Road at Molino Creek is scheduled for September 25- October 20 in order to put in a new bridge. Roadway repairs will also be starting in Lompico, on Jarvis Road, and Soquel Drive near Aptos Street. The County is also working on its Senate Bill 1 (SB1) project list. Construction of the Aptos Village project has also restarted.

Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter reported that the Branciforte Creek bicycle/pedestrian bridge ribbon-cutting event is at noon on September 28. The last of the city's 2017 paving projects are beginning, including on King Street. The city Planning Commission will be considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)/Rail Trail on October 5. The city is also awarding a contract for design of the San Lorenzo River Trestle walkway. Claire Fliesler reported that the city will be seeking input on bike share locations, including during Bike to Work Day and at Open Streets in October.

Watsonville: Murray Fontes reported that the city awarded a contract for the STIP-funded sidewalk infill project. Next month the Measure D-funded safe routes to schools education program will begin.

8. Presentation on the Visualization project

Anais Schenk presented the RTC's visualization project, which uses virtual reality technology to provide examples of what terms such as “sustainable transportation”, “transit oriented development” and “infill development” might look like within the context of locations in Santa Cruz County. Binocular-like viewers are intended to engage the community in a dialogue about transportation and land use concepts. Viewers will be available at locations on Soquel Drive near Chanticleer Avenue and Natural Bridges Drive at the railroad crossing in October, with locations in Watsonville and 17th Avenue in Live Oak planned for Spring 2018. Visuals will also be available online. She requested that ITAC members share information about the project with the community.

9. Measure D: Informing the Public about Investments – *Continued from August ITAC meeting*

Rachel Moriconi solicited input on methods Measure D recipient agencies could use to inform the public about how Measure D revenues are being used. Members indicated that draft Measure D sign specifications are reasonable, especially since they allow agencies to customize the overall sign and placement based on conditions at the project site. Some agencies expressed interest in magnetic signs for use on contractor vehicles in locations where placing a sign is not possible. The ITAC also received a list of possible outreach efforts, including news releases, social media posts, and groundbreaking events.

10. Local, Regional, State, and Federal Funding Updates and Information Sharing

Rachel Moriconi reported that applications for the federal TIGER program are due to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on 10/16/17. Planning and adaptation grant applications are due to Caltrans on October 20. Agencies reported on possible projects. Christine Kahn with Caltrans Local Assistance reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released its recommendations for the 2017 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Augmentation, which includes funds for the City of Santa Cruz's riverwalk lighting and Watsonville's Lincoln Street projects. Agencies seeking an allocation of funds at the December California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting must submit their request paperwork by October 9. Applications for ATP Cycle 4 will likely be due in Spring 2018, with minor changes to the program including a new benefit/cost tool, different applications for small and large projects, non-infrastructure and infrastructure projects. Award of the next cycle of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants may be as soon as Fall 2018.

11. Next meeting: The next ITAC meeting scheduled for October 12, 2017. This is one week earlier than the typical meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi, RTC Planner