



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
(Also serves as the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council)

NOTE LOCATION And Meeting Time:

AGENDA ~ 1:30pm- 3:30pm

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 95060

1. **1:30pm – Call to Order**
2. **1:30pm - Introductions**
3. **1:35pm - Oral communications**
4. **1:40pm- Additions or deletions to the consent or regular agenda**

1:42pm- CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the E&D TAC or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the E&D TAC may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to Consent Agenda items without removing the item from the Consent Agenda as long as no other E&D TAC member objects to the change.

5. **Approve minutes from April 12, 2016 (pg. 3)**
6. **Receive Information Items (pg. 8)**
 - a. Letter to E&D TAC from Santa Cruz Metro regarding absence at April 12, 2016 E&D TAC Consideration of Santa Cruz Metro TDA Claim

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **1:45pm- Santa Cruz Metro Comprehensive Operational Analysis (pg. 9)**

8. **2:45pm- Transportation Improvement Plan – November 2016 Ballot Initiative (pg. 34)**
9. **3:30pm- Adjourn**

Next meeting: 1:30 pm, June 14, 2016 @ RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Watsonville Community Room
275 Main Street, Suite 400, 4th Floor, Watsonville CA 95076

1 Call to Order: 1:31 pm

2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges/Lift Line
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Debbi Brooks, Social Service Provider- Persons
of Limited Means
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider for Seniors
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User Disabled
Michael Molesky, Social Service Provider
Disabled

Alternates Present:

Sheryl Hagemann, Hope Services
April Warnock, Metro/ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

Unexcused Absences:

RTC Staff Present:

Grace Blakeslee
Cathy Judd

Others Present:

Lori Welch Bettencourt
Ramon Cancino, Community Bridges
Felipa de Leon, Commission on Disabilities
Tom Duncanson
Gary Edwards, Advocacy, Inc.
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
John Mills
Ernestina Saldana

3. Oral Communications

- Michael Molesky distributed two articles; one titled *Most Livable Cities* and the other titled *Level Playing Field* pertaining to accessibility for all ages
- Grace Blakeslee reminded members that the RTC offers travel reimbursement for the allowable direct transportation costs incurred to attend E&D TAC meetings
- Appreciation for Veronica Elsea and John Daugherty for their presentation of the E&D TAC Committee Report to the Regional Transportation Commission at its April 7 meeting.
- Grace Blakeslee announced that the RTC's Transportation Improvement Plan (TriP) will be discussed at the special May E&D TAC meeting
- April Warnock told members that Metro announced at its March 25th meeting that there will not be any changes to Metro ParaCruz service and service fees
- John Daugherty mentioned an article in the Good Times titled *Cuts Loom for Metro*
- Clay Kempf told members about the *Draft 2016-2020 Area Plan on Aging* and provided a hand out. A public hearing on the Draft Plan is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Live Oak Senior Center

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda - None

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved Minutes from February 9, 2016

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 9, 2016 E&D TAC meeting. Members expressed concern that the draft minutes for the February 9, 2016 E&D TAC meeting did not convey the significant concerns raised nor reflect the controversy involved in the extensive discussion by the Committee regarding Item 16 Transportation Expenditure Plan- Mobility Access Funding.

Action: The motion (Kempf/Arnsberger) - - to amend the minutes from the February 9, E&D TAC meeting for Item 16 Transportation Expenditure Plan – Mobility Access Funding Category to reflect the depth of the conversation that occurred regarding Item 16: Transportation Expenditure Plan and include all motions that were made during the Item 16 discussion and to correct Item 19 Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update to state that Veronica Elsea mentioned she experienced difficulty using the on line hazard report form in its entirety and not only the “Pin Drop” feature - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Debbi Brooks, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Action: The motion (Daugherty/Brooks) - - to approve the consent agenda Items 6 through 13 - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Debbi Brooks, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

7. Recommended RTC Approve Lori Welch as E&D TAC Member representing District 4

8. Recommended RTC Approve John Mills E&D TAC Alternate Member representing Potential Transit User (Disabled)

9. Recommended RTC Approve Tom Duncanson as E&D TAC Alternate member for District 2

10. Received Information Items

- a. Letter to Santa Cruz Metro from E&D TAC inviting Metro staff to attend the May 10, 2015 Special Meeting of the E&D TAC to discuss Metro Service Reductions
- b. Santa Cruz Sentinel Article, March 2016 – Santa Cruz County's Elderly Population Ranks Amongst Fastest Growing in the United States
- c. Caltrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Fact Sheet

11. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report

12. Received Agency TDA Report - none

13. Receive Agency Updates

- a. Volunteer Center - none
- b. Community Bridges – none
- c. Santa Cruz Metro
 - i. ParaCruz Report for October-December 2015
 - ii. Santa Cruz Metro Operational Analysis Fact Sheet

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The floor opened for nominations and Veronica Elsea and John Daugherty were nominated to continue representation as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the E&D TAC. Both Ms. Elsea and Mr. Daugherty accepted the nominations.

Action: The motion (Ance/Brooks) - - to appoint Veronica Elsea as Chair of the E&D TAC and John Daugherty as Vice Chair - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Debbi Brooks, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

15. City of Watsonville Coastal Rail Trail Design

Murray Fontes, Principal Engineer, City of Watsonville discussed the City of Watsonville Coastal Rail Trail project. The City of Watsonville is the lead agency for implementation of the Coastal Rail Trail from Walker Street to Lee Road.

Members were interested in:

- The pavement to be used on the trail
- If the trail would be lighted
- If there would be any parking facilities at Lee Road
- If the trail would continue beyond Lee Road
- If the trail would still be constructed even if there would not be rail service along the line

Mr. Fontes informed members:

- That the trail would be constructed of asphalt
- The trail will not be lighted
- There are no parking facilities
- Trail use would be from dawn to dusk
- There are no plans to continue the trail beyond Lee Road but there would be a link down to Pajaro Dunes

16. City of Santa Cruz Coastal Rail Trail Design

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, described the Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail Master Plan and provided an overview of the City of Santa Cruz Coastal Rail Trail from Natural Bridges Drive to Pacific Avenue. Ms. Blakeslee informed members that large printed images depicting the preliminary design for the Natural Bridges Drive to Pacific Avenue portion of the Coastal Rail Trail are on display at the RTC Offices and available on the RTC website. Ms. Blakeslee reported that a number of private and public funding sources are used to deliver this project, which reflects the broad community support for the Coastal Rail Trail. Mr. Molesky described lighting and signing technologies that could be incorporated into the trail.

17. Review and Recommend RTC Approval of 2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, reviewed the Transportation Development Act (TDA) statutes requirements for consulting with designated social services transportation advisory councils to annually identify transit needs. RTC staff recommends that the E&D TAC provide input on the *Draft 2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List*, and recommends the Regional

Transportation Commission adopt the *Final 2016 Unmet Paratransit Needs* list following a public hearing on May 5, 2016.

Mr. Molesky identified the need, if Metro fixed routes are cut, for increased availability on fixed route buses of locations for individuals using a mobility device. Mr. Molesky explained that without additional locations for mobility devices on buses, individuals in wheel chairs could be stranded when buses are full. John Daugherty let members know that Metro has a policy that if buses are full and the next bus would not pass for 30 minutes that the driver would call Metro ParaCruz to send a back up vehicle to assist the traveler.

Committee members discussed the need for paratransit service on holidays. Pam Arnsberger discussed the role of free transit rides for seniors and people living with disabilities in increasing fixed route transit ridership and reducing transit agency costs by way of decreasing the number of paratransit rides. The Committee discussed the barriers for caregivers of seniors and people living with disabilities to obtain transportation to reach their clients.

Action: The motion (Kempf/Molesky) - - to recommend additions to the Unmet Needs List to: address the need for transportation for caregivers of seniors and people living with disabilities, address the need for transportation services to detention facilities for family members, to separately address the need for free and low costs paratransit and transit, and to include the ride to work program as a strategy for addressing gaps in transportation services for families and caregivers; and that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the Unmet Needs List as amended - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Debbi Brooks, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

18. Approve Transportation Development Act Claim for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Planner, reviewed the Metro TDA Claim on behalf of Metro staff. Ms. Blakeslee also mentioned that RTC and Santa Cruz Metro staff will recommend that the RTC postpone sub-allocating STA funding until the State clarifies FY 2016-17 STA apportionments. Members expressed concern that a representative from Santa Cruz Metro did not attend the E&D TAC meeting to respond to questions pertaining to this TDA claim.

Action: The motion (Brooks/Kleiner) - - to recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission approval of the TDA claim for Metro for \$6,701,163 and have Metro available to discuss and answer questions at the May meeting of the E&D TAC - - carries.

Ayes: Debbi Brooks, Greta Kleiner, Veronica Elsea, Sheryl Hagemann

Nays: None

Abstain: Pam Arnsberger, Clay Kempf, John Daugherty

19. Approve Transportation Development Act Claim for Community Bridges

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges, provided information for the TDA claim for Community Bridges for \$658,360, and reviewed the Operation Plan Service of Units Exhibit C-2 with members.

Mr. Ance and Ramon Cancino responded to questions about:

- Dialysis rides covered under Medi-Cal and TDA
- Community Bridges service is complimentary to ParaCruz service
- Funding for Elderday is down over Meals-on-Wheels

Action: The motion (Molesky/Brooks) - - to recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission approval of the TDA Claim for Community Bridges for \$658,360 - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Debbi Brooks,

Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: Lisa Berkowitz, Kirk Ance

20. Approve Transportation Development Act Claim for Volunteer Center

Debbi Brooks provided information for the Volunteer Center TDA Claim for \$78,376. Ms. Brooks mentioned that the Volunteer Center provides one-on-one service to doctor appointments and grocery shopping. The Volunteer Center services are provided with volunteer drivers and she mentioned that they receive thank you letters on a regular basis from individuals who are very appreciative of the Volunteer Center services.

Action: The motion (Daugherty/Arnsberger) - - to recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission approval of the TDA for the Volunteer Center for \$78,376 - - carries.

Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, John Daugherty, Clay Kempf, Greta Kleiner, Sheryl Hagemann, Michael Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: Debbi Brooks

21. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea mentioned that the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup continues its work on the draft brochure 'What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know' and expect to have a working draft available in June. Ms. Elsea mentioned that the next regular meeting for the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the RTC from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the small conference room. Ms. Elsea mentioned that the group discussed the Pedestrian Hazard Report Form and that she and others are not able to use the form and the map included with the form.

22. Adjourn 3:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff

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April 13, 2016

*Santa Cruz Metropolitan
Transit District*



Ms. Veronica Elsea
Chair, Elderly and Disabled
Transportation Advisory Committee
SCCRTC
1523 Pacific Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Elsea:

I'm writing to apologize for METRO staff's oversight in not attending the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) meeting yesterday in Watsonville. METRO had submitted an important claim for Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Development Act funds to the E/D TAC for consideration and recommended approval to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. In the current financial climate with ongoing planning to reduce service, I understand that the community has deep concerns about the future of public transit service in the County, and it was important to have been there to respond to questions and comments. I had poorly prioritized a number of competing claims for my time yesterday and apologize for not being at the E/D TAC to represent METRO's TDA Claim.

Please call or e-mail me at your convenience with any immediate questions or requests. I would be happy to discuss the current planning environment and provide appropriate supporting information on METRO's current service and near-term planning.

In the future, my top priority will be to meet with METRO's customers and advisory committees to provide the information requested and to receive input on METRO services. We have both worked hard to establish and sustain an effective working relationship between the E/D TAC and METRO, and I trust that our positive relationship will continue as METRO's services evolve to meet the needs of our passengers

Again, I apologize for missing the opportunity to discuss our mutual interests in creating productive, accessible public transit service for Santa Cruz County, and I look forward to meeting you on May 10th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Barrow Emerson".

W. Barrow Emerson,
Planning and Development Manager

cc: Grace Blakeslee, SCCRTC



TO: Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner

RE: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Fixed-Route Service Reduction Proposals

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) receive a presentation from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District staff regarding the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Comprehensive Operational Analysis and proposal for service reductions to the fixed-route service network.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District currently has a structural deficit where annual recurring revenues cannot keep up with annual recurring costs. This requires a \$6.5M reduction in the fiscal year 2017 budget. Operating costs have increased significantly in recent years, while funding sources have been flat or declining. In an effort to achieve financial sustainability in the future, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District must reduce the scale of bus operations. At the February 9, 2016 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC), the Committee approved sending a letter to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District inviting staff to present the Comprehensive Operational Analysis and proposal for service reductions to the fixed route network at the May 10, 2016 Special Meeting of the E&D TAC.

DISCUSSION

At the March 25, 2016 Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors meeting, staff presented a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) update, including an initial proposal for reductions to the fixed-route service network. At the April 22, 2016 the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors meeting, staff presented an update to the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), including modifications to the initial proposal for reductions to the fixed-route service network. The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District April 22, 2016 staff report provides a summary of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis, background information, and FY 17 and FY18 Budget Assumptions ([Attachment 1](#)). On May 2, 2016 the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District updated the service reduction proposal ([Attachment 2](#)). Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District staff is not recommending changes to

ParaCruz service and recommends to hold ParaCruz whole relative to fixed-route service changes in September 2016 that might otherwise impact ParaCruz services.

A 30 day public comment period on proposed fixed route service reductions will culminate with a public hearing on May 26 & May 27 in the City of Watsonville and City of Santa Cruz, respectively. Nine public meetings are scheduled to solicit public comment on the proposal. Public meeting dates and times are listed in Attachment 3. At the March 8, 2016 meeting, the City of Santa Cruz approved a resolution supporting the preservation of high-use bus routes within the City of Santa Cruz (Attachment 4). The Santa Cruz Metro Forward website, <http://scmetroforward.com/>, provides additional information about the plan and study documents.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee receive a presentation from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District staff regarding the Comprehensive Operational Analysis and proposal for service reductions to the fixed route network.

Attachment 1: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Comprehensive Operational Analysis April 22, 2016 Board Staff Report

Attachment 2: May 2, 2016 Proposed Service Reductions to Fixed Route Service

Attachment 3: List of Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Public Meetings

Attachment 4: Resolution from City of Santa Cruz Supporting the Presentation of High-use Metro Bus Routes within the City of Santa Cruz

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DATE: April 22, 2016
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Barrow Emerson, Planning & Development Manager
**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA)
AND RESOLUTION OPENING A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 26 AND 27, 2016**

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors:

- A) Receive a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) update, including modifications to the initial proposal for reductions to the METRO fixed-route service network, presented to the Board of Directors on March 25, 2016;**
- B) Accept the COA Ad Hoc Committee recommendations related to the FY17 and FY18 budget; and,**
- C) Adopt a Resolution to initiate a 30-day formal public comment period, which would culminate with a public hearing which would commence on May 26 and continue on May 27, 2016**

II. SUMMARY

- The Board received the COA initial proposal for a reduced fixed-route service network to meet the required operating budget savings target at its March 25, 2016 Board meeting.
- In response to input from the Board, public, and stakeholders, the project team has made some modifications and is continuing to make adjustments to service, while maintaining the same level of savings.
- This update was discussed on April 13, 2016 by the COA Ad Hoc Committee, which consists of four members of the Board.
- The project consultant (TMD, Inc.) has provided a draft report summarizing its work on the METRO COA.
- A presentation to the Board will include:
 - An updated proposal for a reduced fixed-route service network;
 - A status on the public outreach program;
 - The draft COA report; and,
 - The latest schedule for formal public meetings and Board meetings for the remainder of the COA process.

- Staff recommends that the Board receive and accept:
 - The COA Ad Hoc Committee recommendations related to the FY17 and FY18 budget, and,
 - The COA Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to initiate a formal 30-day public comment period, which would culminate with a public hearing which would commence at 5:00PM on May 26, 2016, at the Watsonville City Council Chambers and culminate on May 27, 2016, at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers.

III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

Service Reduction

In 2014, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) identified the systemic causes of a structural deficit resulting from recurring revenue failing to keep pace with recurring expenses (structural deficit). METRO has used its operating and capital reserves year-after-year to balance the operating budget and forecasts the full depletion of the remaining reserves in FY17. Aligning transit service costs with recurring revenue is necessary in order to provide effective, sustainable transit service throughout the county. The structural deficit has been identified as \$6.5 million and will require a combination of service and other expense reductions to resolve.

Through a combination of technical analysis by the consultant Transportation Management and Design, inc. (TMD), METRO staff and public input from an extensive outreach program, an initial service reduction proposal was developed, which attempted to meet the financial savings target while still maintaining a viable fixed-route service network that provides community mobility and geographic coverage. In the last month the project team has worked to address public and Board input on modifications on the initial proposal.

Over the course of the last month, the project team has continued to fine-tune the initial proposal, and at this Board meeting, staff will present a updated/modified draft service reduction proposal. This revised service network will include further refinements to routes and additional information on a UCSC proposal to support additional services, as well as discussions with METRO's Joint Powers Authority (JPA) partners on the Highway 17 Express services.

Staff requests that the Board initiate a 30-day formal public comment period, which will start with a public hearing convened by the Board on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at the Watsonville City Council Chambers and culminate on Friday, May 26, 2016, at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers.

On June 24, 2016, the Board will consider and approve a final fixed-route service reduction plan in conjunction with the adoption of the FY17 and FY18 budget.

Attachment A is an updated spreadsheet summarizing the revised service changes by route and the rationale behind the modifications.

Attachment B is series of updated maps supporting Attachment A, which show the location of proposed modified and new routes, routes proposed for elimination, and proposed changes in frequency and span of service for remaining routes.

Attachment C is a list of the community meetings to provide public comment scheduled between May 2-13, 2016.

Attachment D is the Resolution to open a 30-day public comment period and to set a public hearing on May 26, 2016, to be continued on May 27, 2016.

FY17 and FY18 Preliminary Budget Assumptions

As a result of the proposed service reductions, the COA AD Hoc Committee at their April 13, 2016 meeting, endorsed the following preliminary staff recommendations to achieve the FY17 financial savings target of \$6.5 million:

- Reduce Fares Revenue - \$500K each year
- Unfund 43 Bus Operator positions as of September 7, 2016
- Unfund 3 FM Mechanic positions as of September 7, 2016
- Unfund 3 Van Operator positions as of September 7, 2016
- Unfund 4.5 vacant positions:
 - Schedule Analyst
 - Transit Surveyor
 - Transit Supervisor
 - Assistant Safety & Training Coordinator
 - Assistant Superintendent
- Cost of Separation Incentive - \$1.1M
- Potential Savings from Consumables - \$928K
- Sales Tax % change – 2.5% increase each year
- Transfer of STA to Capital Reserves - \$370K each year for FY17 and FY18 and the remainder stays in the Operating budget (estimate: \$1.48 million)
- STIC will remain in the Operating budget until a plan can be developed to move it back to the Capital budget (estimate: \$2.1 million)
- Increased Maintenance costs due to aging fleet - \$350K in FY17, \$388K in FY18

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

The target for FY17 savings from reductions to the fixed-route service network and other expense reductions is \$6.5 million. The preliminary FY17 and FY18 budget assumptions, as noted in this report, will meet this target.

V. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Savings of less than \$6.5 million in fixed-route operating costs will not achieve the savings target and result in an unfunded and unresolved structural deficit.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A:** Route-by-route summary of proposed service changes
- Attachment B:** Maps showing locations of modified, new, and eliminated routes; along with service features including frequency and span of service
- Attachment C:** List of formal public comment meetings scheduled for May 2-13, 2016
- Attachment D:** Resolution to initiate a 30-day formal public comment period which would culminate with a public hearing which would commence on May 26, 2016 and continue on May 27, 2016

Prepared by: Barrow Emerson, Planning & Development Manager

VII. APPROVALS:

Barrow Emerson
Planning & Development Manager



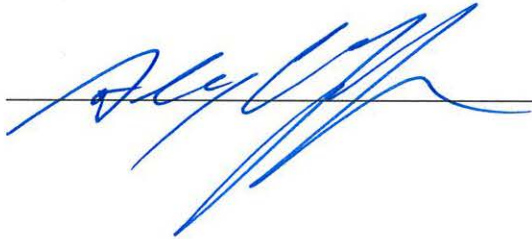
Approved as to form:
Leslyn K. Syren, District Counsel



Approved as to fiscal impact:
Angela Aitken, Finance Manager



Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager



Santa Cruz METRO Weekday Service Reduction Proposal 5.2.16

San Lorenzo Valley

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
30	6:45A - 2:15P	2 trips			Service discontinued	Low ridership on route	35A OB
33	6:53A - 2:50P	2 trips	6:53A - 2:50P	2 trips	No change		
34	7:25A - 3:30P	2 trips	7:25A - 3:30P	2 trips	No change		
35	5:40A - 11:00P	30	5:30A - 11:00P	30 peak, 60 offpeak, 90 after 6:30P	Service past Mountain Store / Country Club discontinued	Low ridership on outer segments, trip level ridership lower midday compared to peak	
					Service will run every 90 minutes after 6:30PM	Lower ridership in late night, but still important to take people home	

Davenport / Bonny Doon

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
40	6:40A - 3:25P	4 trips	6:40A	1 trip	Route to serve Davenport and SCHS, service west of Davenport discontinued (Cement Plant, Waddell Creek)	Covers school trips and workers in the morning and coverage in the evening to take people home	
41	5:50A - 5:30P	4 trips	5:50A	1 trip	Route to serve Bonny Doon and SCHS		
42	8:30P	1 trip	2:30P & 8:30P	2 trips	Route to serve SCHS, Davenport and then Bonny Doon		

Santa Cruz Local / UCSC

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
3	6:50A - 5:50P	60	7:50A - 5:50P	120	Frequency reduced to run every 120 minutes	Low ridership	19, 20
					Serve Marine Lab twice per day	Tourist hot spot and UCSC building new facility	
4	6:45A - 4:45P	60	7:45A - 4:45P	60	First trip discontinued	First trip carries 7 passengers, remaining trips average 17 passengers per trip	
8	7:35A	1 trip			Service discontinued	Low ridership (fewer than 5 passengers)	4
10	6:50A - 7:20P	60 (30)	7:20A - 7:20P	school-term	Service changed to run school-year only. First trip discontinued	Low ridership in Summer and on first trip	
12	7:10A	1 trip			Service discontinued	Duplicates existing service along Routes 16, 68. Majority of boardings occur along Route 16 portion west of Pacific Station	16, 68
15	6:40A - 8:50P	7-30	8:07A - 7:37P	school-term	School year service reduced to be consistently every 30 minutes during day, 15 minutes peak	Many trips run on top of each other, supplemental service should be timed to new campus bell times	
					First trip and last two two trips discontinued	Low ridership	
16	6:25A - 11:15P	30 (15)	6:52A - 11:07P	15 school, 30 summer	First trip discontinued, consistent service over the school year	Less likelihood of bunching and overcrowding on specific vehicles	
					Headways reduced to be consistent 30 minutes during weekends		
19	7:30A - 11:30P	30	7:30A - 11:30P	30 school, 60 summer	Change frequency in Summer	Lower ridership in Summer compared to rest of school year	3, 20
20	7:20A - 10:20P	60 (extra)	7:20A - 10:20P	60	Rerouting starting at 6:20P to connect UCSC to Delaware via Western, Mission, Almar.	Proposed new alignment in evenings to serve Safeway.	3, 19
					No longer serve Pacific Shores	Takes too long for additional routing, very low ridership	
20D	7:20A - 6:25P	60	7:20A - 6:25P	60	No change		

Intercity

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
69A	6:45A - 6:00P	60	6:50A - 9:50A, 3:50P - 6:50P	60	Run during peak times only	Serve local Wats through Lincoln, County Health Services, Watsonville Hospital, and to Capitola Mall	69W, 71
69W	6:20A - 8:50P	60	6:20A - 8:37P	60	Evening service currently every 30 minutes reduced to every 60 minutes	69W is stronger route out of the semi-express services	
71	6:10A - 11:45P	15-30	6:10A - 11:42P	30	Frequency all days reduced to 30 minutes all day (currently 15 minutes peak, 30 midday)	Ridership per trip on peak vehicles between 20-25 passengers per trip, which can be absorbed into service every 30 minutes	
					Alternate trips between Clifford and Lincoln	Continue to serve Clifford, high ridership on Lincoln corridor	
91X	5:55A - 5:45P	15-30			Route eliminated	Current service is duplicative of Route 69W between Cabrillo College and Watsonville, ridership is primarily college students (low summer ridership), can be shifted over to 69 service.	69, 71

Live Oak / Capitola / Rio Del Mar / Aptos

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
54	5:35P	1 trip			Service discontinued	Low ridership (3-5 passengers per trip)	55
55	7:30A - 4:30P	60	7:30A - 5:30P	60	Service reduced on Rio Del Mar Blvd to run only at 8:30AM, 1:30P & 5:30P to make up for Route 54 & 56 discontinuation	Low ridership on segments east of Rio Del Mar Beach	
56	8:00A - 1:55P	2 trips			Service discontinued	Low ridership (3-5 passengers per trip)	55
66	6:45A - 10:00P	60	6:45A - 10:00P	60	No change		
68	6:15A - 6:30P	60	6:15A - 9:15A, 2:15P - 5:15P	60	Service reduced to run peak only	Provide additional service on Portola during peak periods, retain residential to UCSC connection (covers loss of Route 12)	

Watsonville Local

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
72	5:45A - 6:45P	60	6:45A - 5:45P	60	Alignment change south of Freedom Centre, serves Airport Blvd	Route to cover segments lost with Route 74 discontinuation: Airport Blvd, Social Security Office, Watsonville Community Hospital	
					Service to Corralitos discontinued	Less than 10 daily boardings on this segment	
74	6:10A - 6:10P	60			Service discontinued	Poor route design, low ridership on all segments, Ohlone Parkway segment covered by Route 72, Shady Oaks service within walking distance of Airport Blvd Service (69A, new 79) and Green Valley Road service (Route 75)	69A, 72, 75, 79
74S	7:00A & 3:10P	2 trips	7:00A & 3:10P	2 trips	No change		
75	5:15A - 7:15P	60	6:15A - 6:15P	60	Span reduced, first and last trips discontinued	Green Valley corridor has strong ridership compared to other Watsonville local routes, but early morning/late evening trips have low ridership	
77	6:30A - 6:30P	60			Service discontinued	Low ridership, segment of service covered by MST, Pajaro Valley now served by 79, and 71 on Freedom Blvd	69A, 71, 79
79	6:25A - 5:45P	60	7:25A - 5:45P	120	Alignment change to serve Pajaro Valley. Frequency reduced to run every 120 minutes.	Route to cover segments lost with Route 77 discontinuation.	

Highway 17

Route	Existing Wkdy		Proposed Wkdy		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
17	4:45A - 10:45P	varies	4:45A - 10:45P	varies	Discontinued specific trips & combined several trips into one based on ridership	Low ridership compared to other trips	
					Service to/from Soquel Park & Ride discontinued		

Santa Cruz METRO Weekend Service Reduction Proposal 5.2.16

San Lorenzo Valley

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
30					No change		
33					No change		
34					No change		
35	7:30A - 11:00P	30	8:30A - 10:30P	60	Service past Mountain Store / Country Club discontinued Weekend service reduced to be every 60 minutes and span of service cut, every 90 minutes after 7:30P	Low ridership on outer segments, trip level ridership lower on weekends	

Davenport / Bonny Doon

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
40	8:30A & 4:30P	2 trips			No weekend service	Low ridership	42
41	9:30A	1 trip			No weekend service	Low ridership	42
42	6:00P	1 trip	8:30A & 4:30P	2 trips	Serve both Davenport and Bonny Doon with one vehicle	Keep lifeline service	

Santa Cruz Local / UCSC

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
3	9:50A - 5:50P	120	9:50A - 5:50P	120	No change		
4W	8:55A - 4:45P	120			Service discontinued	Low ridership	
8					No change		
10	8:50A - 5:50P	60	9:50A - 4:50P	60	Service changed to run school-year only. First and last trips eliminated.	Low ridership in Summer and on first and last trips.	
12					No change		
15					No change		
16	7:00A - 11:00P	30	8:40A - 11:00P	30	Headways reduced to be consistent 30 minutes during weekends	Safety concern dropping students off at base of campus	
19	10:00A - 7:00P	30	10:00A - 7:00P	60	Frequency reduced to run every 60 minutes	Overlay of service on Routes 3, 15, 16	
20	8:20A - 8:20P	60	11:20A - 9:20P	120 mornings, 60 evenings	Rerouting starting at 5:20P to connect UCSC to Delaware via Western, Mission, Almar.	Proposed new alignment in evenings to serve Safeway.	

Intercity

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
69A	8:07A - 6:00P	60	8:30A (OB) - 6:00P	60	Eliminated first trip	Low ridership	
69W	7:50A - 8:37P	60	8:00A (IB) - 6:00P	60	Eliminated evening trips	Low ridership later in the day	
71	6:05A - 11:45P	30	IB 6:10A - 8:10P & OB 7:45A - 11:45P	60	Alternate trips between Clifford and Lincoln	Continue to serve Clifford, high ridership on Lincoln corridor	
91X					No change		

Live Oak / Capitola / Rio Del Mar / Aptos

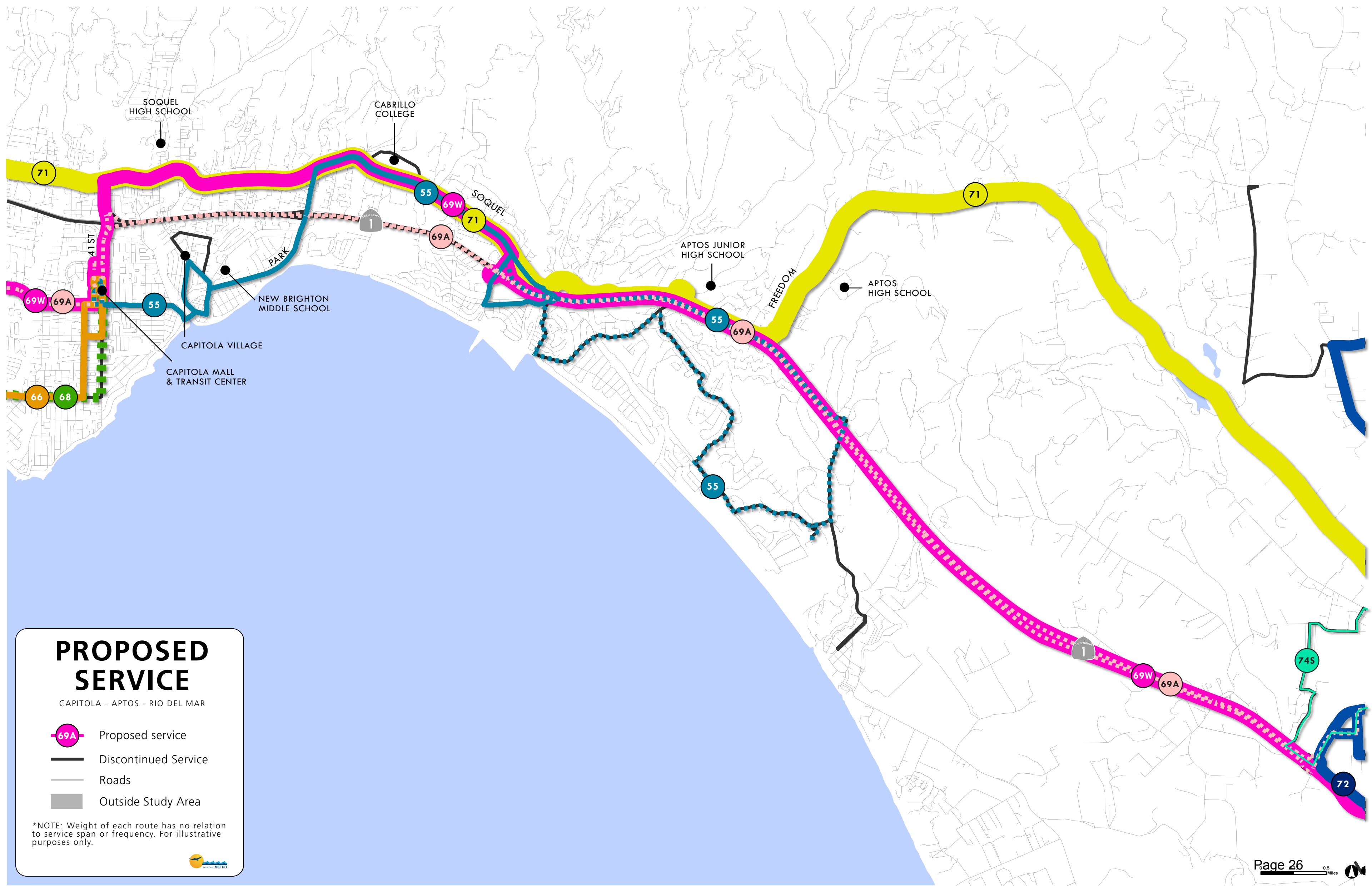
Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
54	8:00A - 6:40P	3 trips			No weekend service	Low ridership	55
55			8:30A & 3:30P	2 trips	New 55 routing design to Via Pacifica	Keep lifeline service	
56					No change		
66	6:45A - 8:25P	60	IB 8:45A - 7:45P & OB 8:15A - 7:15P	60	Eliminated early morning and last evening trips	Low ridership	
66N	9:35P - 10:40P	2 trips	OB 9:00P & IB 9:40P	1 roundtrip	Only run one roundtrip instead of two	Low ridership	
68	8:15A - 6:30P	60	11:00A - 4:00P	60	Eliminated early morning and last evening trips	Low ridership	

Watsonville Local

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
72					No change		
72W			9:45A - 4:45P	120	Current Route 72 routing used for Weekend only	No need for Social Security Office on Weekends	
					Will serve Corralitos on Weekends	High demand for Weekend activities	
74	6:45A - 6:45P	60			Service discontinued	Poor route design, low ridership on all segments	72W, 75
75	5:15A - 7:15P	60	7:15A - 5:15P	60	Reduce span of service due to ridership	Low ridership on early morning and evening trips	
77					No change		
79	7:30A - 6:30P	60	8:30A & 3:30P	2 trips	Alignment change to serve Pajaro Valley.	Keep lifeline service	





Highway 17

Route	Existing Wknd		Proposed Wknd		Change	Reason	Alternative Bus Route
	Span	Freq.	Span	Freq.			
17	6:40A - 10:55P	varies	8:25A - 10:10P	varies	Discontinued specific trips & combined several trips into one based on ridership	Low ridership compared to other trips	



PROPOSED SERVICE

CAPITOLA - APTOS - RIO DEL MAR





-  Proposed service
-  Discontinued Service
-  Roads
-  Outside Study Area

*NOTE: Weight of each route has no relation to service span or frequency. For illustrative purposes only.

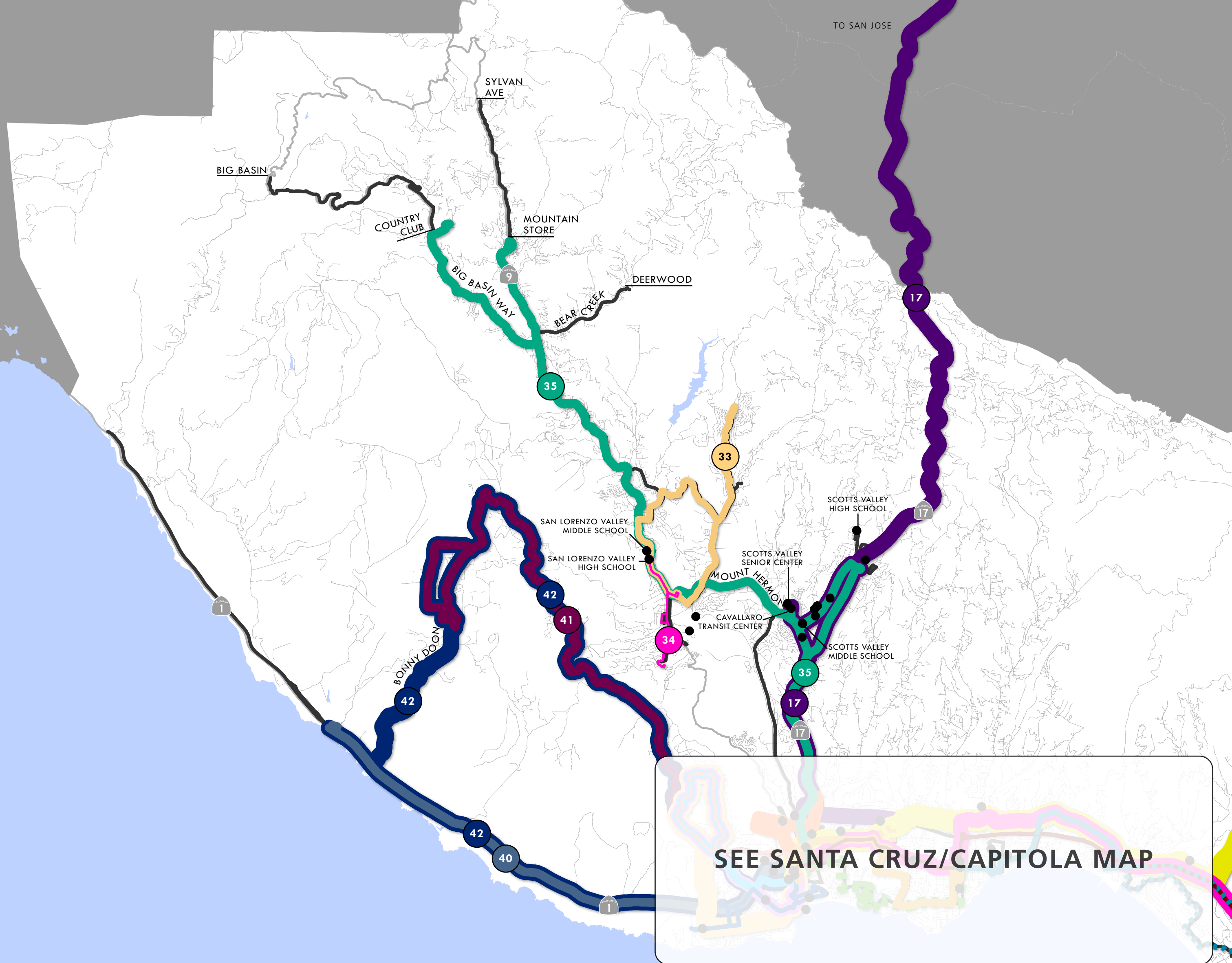


PROPOSED SERVICE

DAVENPORT - BOULDER CREEK - SCOTTS VALLEY





-  Proposed service
-  Discontinued Service
-  Roads
-  Outside Study Area

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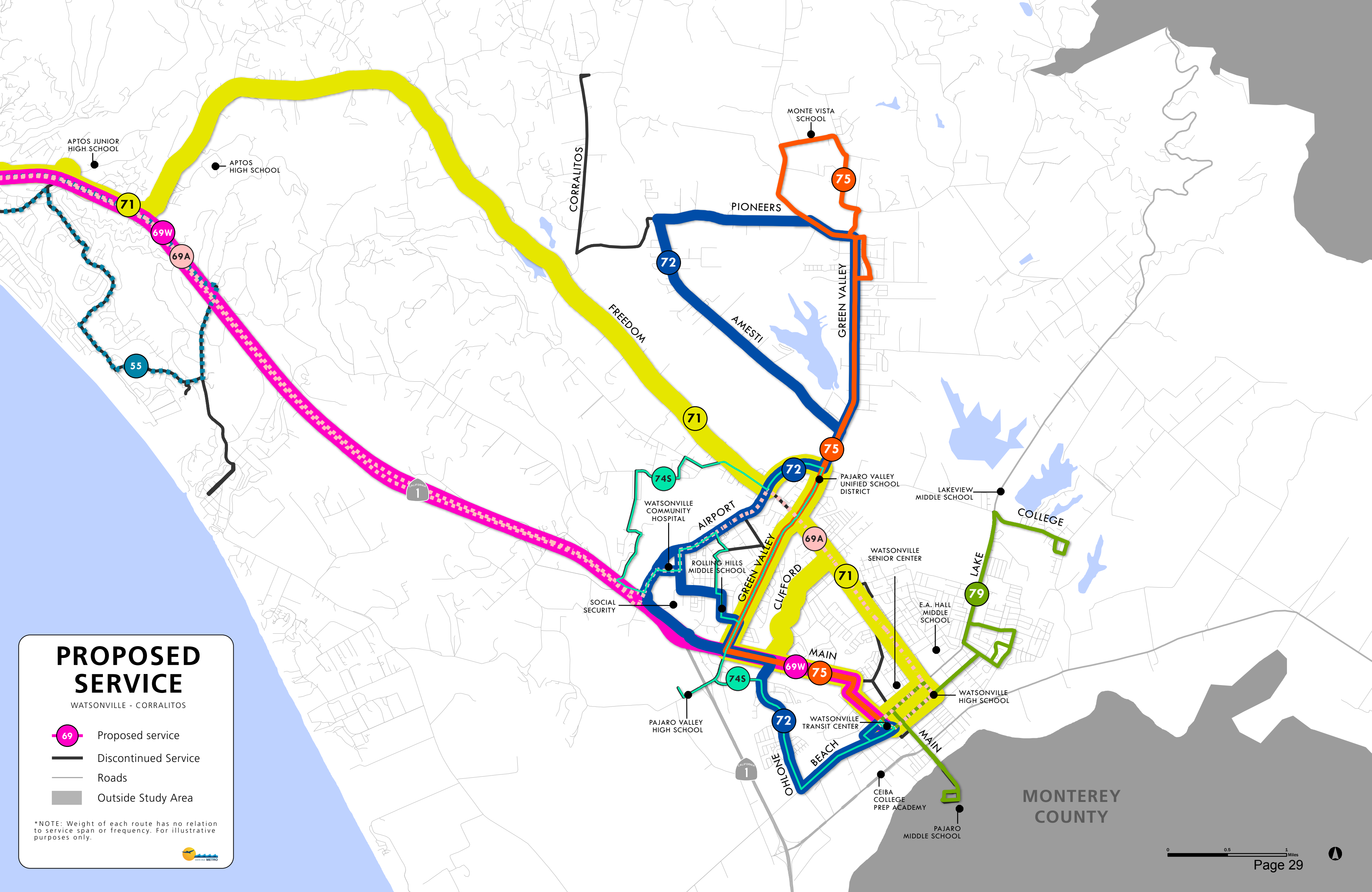


PROPOSED SERVICE

WATSONVILLE - CORRALITOS

-  Proposed service
-  Discontinued Service
-  Roads
-  Outside Study Area

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METRO Public Meetings

Formal Public Comments

Aptos	May 2nd, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County 7807 Soquel Dr, Aptos CA 95003
Downtown Santa Cruz	May 3rd, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Louden Nelson Community Center 301 Center St, Santa Cruz CA 95060
Felton	May 4th, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Felton Community Hall 6191 Hwy 9, Felton CA 95018
Watsonville	May 5th, 2016 3:00-7:45 pm	Diabetes Health Center Pajaro Valley Health Trust 85 Neilson St, Watsonville CA 95076
Watsonville	May 9th, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Watsonville Public Library 275 Main St #100, Watsonville CA 95076
Boulder Creek	May 10th, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Boulder Creek Fire Hall 13230 CA-9, Boulder Creek CA 95006
Davenport	May 11th, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Davenport Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Co. 37 75 Marine View Ave, Davenport CA 95017
Live Oak	May 12th, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Simpkins Family Swim Center 979 17th Ave, Santa Cruz CA 95062
Bonny Doon	May 13th, 2016 4:00-8:00 pm	Bonny Doon Elementary 1492 Pine Flat Road, Santa Cruz CA 95060

If you are unable to attend please mail comments to:
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Las reuniones públicas de METRO

Comentarios Públicos Formales

Aptos	2 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Fundación de la Comunidad del Condado de Santa Cruz 7807 Soquel Dr, Aptos, CA 95003
Centro de Santa Cruz	3 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Centro de la Comunidad Louden Nelson 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Felton	4 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Salón de la Comunidad de Felton 6191 Hwy 9, Felton, CA 95018
Watsonville	5 de mayo, 2016 3:00-7:45 pm	Centro de Salud de Diabetes Confianza de Salud de Pajaro 85 Nielson St, Watsonville, CA 95076
Watsonville	9 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Biblioteca Pública de Watsonville 275 Main St #100, Watsonville, CA 95076
Boulder Creek	10 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Salón de Bomberos de Boulder Creek 13230 CA-9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006
Davenport	11 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Bomberos y Rescate Voluntarios de Davenport, Co. 37 75 Marine View Ave, Davenport, CA 95017
Live Oak	12 de mayo, 2016 3:00-8:00 pm	Centro de Natación Familiar Simpkins 979 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Bonny Doon	13 de mayo, 2016 4:00-8:00 pm	Escuela Primaria de Bonny Doon 1492 Pine Flat Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Si no puede ir a estas juntas, por favor envíe sus comentarios a:
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RESOLUTION NO. NS-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF HIGH-USE METRO BUS ROUTES WITHIN THE
CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Board will consider significant service cuts in September 2016 in order to address its estimated \$6.5 million deficit in operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Board has the unique challenge of fulfilling its Federal Title VI obligations to not disproportionately impact low-income and minority populations as well as consider the corresponding Paratransit impact from any fixed route reduction; and

WHEREAS, this requirement means that even the highest performing routes within the system, many of which are located within the City of Santa Cruz, are susceptible to service reductions in times of budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted policy framework should help guide City Council recommendations to the METRO Board regarding service reductions; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2030 General Plan contains specific land use and mobility policies in support of maintaining transit service on the highest used corridors and maximizing transit supportive land use while minimizing impacts on the rest of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the land use plan identified the four corridors (Ocean, Mission, Water, and Soquel) as most suitable to accommodate higher intensity, transit supportive development; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan's mobility element specifically identifies corridor based transit support as a priority; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with policies contained within the General Plan, it is recommended that City Council support the following with respect to METRO service:

- Maintain and orient higher frequency service on the Soquel corridor to maintain regional and local connectivity. This is in line with the Mixed Use High Density (MXHD) Land Use designation from the General Plan and current Corridor Planning and Rezoning work and General Plan Actions M2.4.2 and M2.4.7.
- Minimize impacts to University-bound service. UCSC accounts for nearly half of METRO's overall weekday ridership, and encouraging the UCSC population to utilize non-auto commute alternatives minimizes the transportation impacts associated with students and faculty traveling to a shared destination. UCSC service is also the most productive service, measured by passenger boardings per hour, giving this service a high value for the cost. This is specifically in line with General Plan Action M2.4.4.

- Maintain service on the Ocean Street Corridor. This is in line with the General Plan mobility and land use policies. This corridor serves as the major thoroughfare between Santa Cruz and Silicon Valley, San Lorenzo Valley, and Scotts Valley via transit and is very well utilized. Dropping service here could increase congestion on this corridor as there is no duplicative transit. This is specifically in line with General Plan Actions M2.4.2 and M2.4.10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that it supports minimizing the impacts of Santa Cruz METRO service reductions on the bus routes that support the City's General Plan policies and generate the most use within the City of Santa Cruz, and directs the Mayor to transmit this resolution to the METRO board stating this support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk

TO: Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: 2016 Transportation Investment Program – Outreach Ideas

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee brainstorm outreach ideas regarding the 2016 Transportation Investment Program.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's adopted 2014 Regional Transportation Plan identified roughly double the amount of transportation funding need as expected revenues for the next 30 years, resulting in an expected shortfall of \$2.9 billion. Based on evaluation measures derived from sustainability metrics, projects were prioritized to meet the diverse needs of the people in Santa Cruz County. The approved 2014 Regional Transportation Plan included direction to pursue additional revenues to fund these priority transportation projects and programs.

Since adoption of the 2014 RTP, the RTC has been diligently working with advisory committees, stakeholders and community interests to develop a package of projects to be included in a November 2016 ballot measure to raise local, secure funding that can be used to leverage additional state and federal revenues for transportation improvements throughout Santa Cruz County.

DISCUSSION

The RTC board adopted a Transportation Improvement Plan (TRIP) at their December 2015 meeting ([Attachment 1](#)). The TRIP would be supported through a ½ cent sales tax, should voters approve a ballot measure in November 2016. Included in the plan are five inclusive categories of transportation projects:

- **Neighborhood Projects** – Preserve existing infrastructure and improve neighborhoods by funding to every city and county to repave streets, fill potholes; provide safe routes to school; and other safety improvement projects. Also projects in the San Lorenzo Valley along its main street – Highway 9; and the Highway 17 Wildlife Undercrossing to improve safety for wildlife and motorists.
- **Highway Corridors** – Funding for three auxiliary lane projects on Highway 1* to improve traffic flow and reduce neighborhood cut through traffic (41st Ave to Soquel Dr, Bay/Porter to Park Ave, and Park Ave to State Park); two bicycle/pedestrian crossings; traveler information including real-time traffic conditions and helping people join carpools; safety programs for Highway 17 and

tow trucks to help remove obstacles, reduce congestion and collisions; (*note: the state does not fund new lanes).

- **Mobility Access** – Specialized transit service for the area's aging and disabled populations, including [Santa Cruz METRO's paratransit](#) and [Community Bridges transportation service](#).
- **Coastal Rail Trail** – Funding to construct, operate and maintain the [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail](#).
- **Rail Corridor** – Funding for property management, repair and maintenance of this transportation corridor for current and future uses (such as bike, pedestrian, rail and transit) including drainage improvements and vegetation/graffiti/trash control; environmental analysis of potential public transit uses; contribution toward Pajaro Valley train station that would connect residents to other parts of California; railroad crossing signals; and utility connections. (Note: No new rail service is included).

Overall, the Transportation Improvement Plan includes an unprecedented \$120 million commitment to bicycling and pedestrian safety upgrades and enhancements.

Since the RTC's adoption of the Transportation Improvement Plan, many entities -- such as Visit Santa Cruz County, Friends of the Rail & Trail, Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, Business Council and Ecology Action -- have adopted positions of support for the TRIP.

The RTC and other entities are interested in sharing information about the TRIP with as many groups, organizations, and individuals as possible. The Bicycle Committee's outreach ideas are welcome and encouraged.

RTC staff requests that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee provide ideas about outreach options to help the community know more about the Transportation Improvement Plan.

SUMMARY

The 2016 Transportation Improvement Plan provides a vision to improve, operate and maintain Santa Cruz County's transportation network. The plan includes improvements to bike lanes, sidewalks -- including \$68 million for the Coastal Rail Trail -- to encourage greater bicycle use for an active, healthy population. RTC staff seeks outreach ideas from the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to help the public understand more about the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Attachment 1: Transportation Investment Plan Fact Sheet

Transportation Improvement Plan

FACT SHEET

Overview

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Transportation Improvement Plan provides a vision to improve, operate and maintain Santa Cruz County's transportation network. The 30-year plan will benefit all residents, as well as visitors, through a balanced mix of projects across transportation modes and geographic areas of Santa Cruz County.

The plan will provide traffic congestion relief; support and expand active transportation options; protect transportation for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; preserve critical existing infrastructure; reduce reliance on Sacramento and Washington for transportation funds; and create jobs.

The Transportation Improvement Plan would be supported through a ½ cent sales tax, should voters approve a proposed ballot measure in November 2016. The plan has been approved by the RTC, as well as endorsed by local organizations such as Ecology Action and the Santa Cruz County Business Council.

Summary of Benefits

- **Local street repair:** Improved neighborhoods and increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians by repairing local streets and roads countywide.
- **New bridges for cyclists and pedestrians:** Cyclist- and pedestrian-only bridges to be built over Highway 1 at Chanticleer St. and Mar Vista Dr.
- **Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail:** Expansion of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail for cyclists and pedestrians along the coastal rail corridor in Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Capitola, and connecting to Monterey County.
- **Preservation of rail transit as a future option:** Holding open the option of transit in the future by maintaining the tracks in the coastal rail corridor and researching future technologies; the plan doesn't include funding for any new rail service.
- **Improvements to Highways 1, 9 and 17:**
 - HWY 1: Traffic relief for South County and Mid-County commuters, small businesses, transit buses and first responders through the addition of auxiliary lanes.
 - HWY 17: Protection for wildlife by building an undercrossing at Laurel Curve and funding the Safe-on-17 Freeway Service Patrol.
 - HWY 9: Safety improvements in the San Lorenzo Valley.
- **Safety for kids:** New funding for Safe Routes to Schools.
- **Help for seniors, veterans and residents with disabilities:** Sustain an effective paratransit system.



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Summary of Proposed Investments

Transportation Improvement Plan

INVESTMENT CATEGORY		Percent of Funds	Estimated Fund Allocation (\$ millions)*
Neighborhood Projects	<p>Eligible neighborhood projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Street/Road - Maintenance and Repairs • School Traffic Safety Projects • Bike and Pedestrian Projects • Neighborhood Safety (reduce speeding and cut-through traffic) • Operational Improvements (signal timing, intersections) <p>Specific projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLV/Highway 9 Corridor Improvements • Wildlife Undercrossing on Hwy 17 	30%	\$135
Highway Corridors	<p>Highway 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Auxiliary Lane projects: 41st Ave-Soquel Dr; Bay/Porter-Park; Park-State Park • 2 Bicycle/Pedestrian over-crossings <p>Highway 17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe on 17 Program and Freeway Service Patrol 	25%	\$113
Mobility Access	Elderly/Disabled/Veterans Paratransit Service	16%	\$72
Active Transportation	Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (Rail Trail)	15%	\$68
Rail Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Management, Repair & Maintenance • Environmental analysis of rail transit options • Watsonville Junction/Pajaro Train Station (contribution) • Conduit for internet and/or utility lines 	14%	\$63
	Total	100%	\$450

*Note: Dollar amounts shown in millions reflect amount from a ½ cent sales tax generating an estimated \$15M/year for 30 years; while percent per category would not change, actual amount generated by a local sales tax per year may fluctuate based on inflation and local retail sales.



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