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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) November 3rd 2016 Meeting Highlights

Draft Highway 17 Access Management Plan (AMP)

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received an update from [Caltrans District 5](#) on the Draft Highway 17 Access Management Plan (AMP) that is analyzing the 7.1 mile segment on Highway 17 between Granite Creek Road and Summit Road. An average of 60,000 vehicles per day travel on this section of the highway and it is expected to grow to 75,000 vehicles. The goal for the Highway 17 AMP is to be a tool for managing the corridor to achieve optimal safety and mobility for both regional and interregional travelers, and promote environmental and economic sustainability for the communities along the corridor. While no funding is identified for implementation of the proposed improvements, Measure D would provide funding for important operational and safety improvements, including: a vital wildlife crossing, continuation of the Freeway Service Patrol to assist stranded vehicles and removal of obstacles from the roadway, and Cruz511 which helps commuters form carpools and vanpools, and provides information on the Highway 17 Express Bus service.

Project Updates from City of Watsonville Public Works

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received information from the City of Watsonville Public Works and Utilities Department on transportation projects. Watsonville staff provided updates on projects that have received funds from the RTC, including: reconstruction of major roadways on Airport Boulevard, Green Valley Road, and Freedom Boulevard; a section of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) /Rail Trail near Lee Road, and sidewalk infill projects; planning, outreach, and education for the Freedom Boulevard Plan Line; an Open Streets event; and a new pedestrian bridge over Highway 1 at Harkins Slough Road. With existing road network conditions continuing to deteriorate, Watsonville currently has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of 53 out of 100. Funds from Measure D would double the City's annual road repair budget to help address the current lack of funding.

Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing: Consultant Agreement and Budget Amendment

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) awarded a construction contract to the firm of Moffat and Nichol, Inc. to begin preliminary design plans and environmental studies for construction of the Highway 1 Mar Vista Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing in Aptos. Work will begin immediately on the development of design alternatives that minimize impacts to the surrounding residences and natural environment in the area. A community workshop will be held in early spring to review design options and identify a preferred alternative that best addresses the community's interests and concerns while providing a safe path for

pedestrians and bicyclists. Completion of the preliminary design plans and environmental analysis is expected in June 2018, allowing work to continue with the preparation of final engineering plans to bid and award a construction contract. The Measure D Highway category includes funds for construction of this and one other bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Highway 1 at Chanticleer in Live Oak.

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.

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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