



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 6, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

**County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean St., 5th floor
Santa Cruz, CA**

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at: 9:04 a.m.

Members present:

Don Lane	John Leopold
Jimmy Dutra	Cynthia Chase
Bruce McPherson	Karina Cervantez
Ed Bottorff	Ryan Coonerty
Greg Caput	Randy Johnson
Dennis Norton	Patrick Mulhearn (alt)
Aileen Loe (ex-officio)	

Staff present:

George Dondero	Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra	Jenn Eames
Kim Shultz	Daniel Nikuna
Cory Caletti	Rachel Moriconi

2. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 9:06 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code) Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 16CV293441

OPEN SESSION

4. Report on closed session

Commissioners reconvened to open session at 9:31 a.m. and there was no closed session report.

5. Oral communications

Jack Nelson, Campaign for Sensible Transportation, said that Measure D falls short on climate action, traffic congestion reduction, and reduction of green house gases.

Mitchel Laughlin, stated that he does not support Measure D and that mandatory “no driving” days should be considered to encourage people to use mass transportation.

Stanley Socolow, said that rapid mass transit in the form of a guided busway along the rail corridor should be considered as an alternative to bus rapid transit. He noted that the value in the corridor is the right-of-way and not the train tracks.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Handouts for Items 25 and 26, and replacement pages for Items 13 and 30 were distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jack Nelson, commented on Item 23c regarding Governor Jerry Brown signing climate action Senate Bill 32, and the 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update Concept Paper.

Commissioner Coonerty moved and Commissioner Chase seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Lane, Dutra, McPherson, Bottorff, Caput, Norton, Leopold, Chase, Cervantez, Coonerty, Johnson, and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn voting “aye”.

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7. Approved draft minutes of the September 1, 2016 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
8. Accepted draft minutes of the September 8, 2016 Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee meeting
9. Accepted draft minutes of the September 14, 2016 Safe on 17/Traffic Operations Systems meeting
10. Accepted draft minutes of the September 15, 2016 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

11. Approved amendment to Legal Counsel Agreement for the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes Project (**Resolution 06-17**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
13. Accepted Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 SCCRTC Annual Internal Financial Statements
14. Approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim from the RTC for Administration, Planning, and Operations (**Resolution 07-17**)
15. Approved out of state travel for the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 2017 Annual Meeting

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

16. Approved the Regional Transportation Commission meeting schedule for 2017
17. Approved CalPERS health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2017 (**Resolution 08-17**)
18. Approved the Bicycle Advisory Committee membership appointments

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

19. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
20. Accepted correspondence log
21. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - None
22. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
23. Accepted information items
 - a. Notice from the RTC for the Transportation in San Lorenzo Valley Community Meeting on October 11, 2016
 - b. News Release on September 1, 2016 from the California Association of Counties (CSAC): "Transportation Funding on the Legislative Back Burner, Again!"
 - c. Article from the Sacramento Bee on September 8, 2016 "This is what the climate bill Jerry Brown signed means" by David Siders
 - d. Letter dated September 14, 2016 to Senators Kevin De Leon and Jean Fuller, Assembly Members Anthony Rendon and Chad Mayes, and Governor Jerry Brown regarding California's transportation fiscal crisis and the Special Session on Transportation and Infrastructure Development
 - e. Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Workers' Compensation Program

REGULAR AGENDA

24. Commissioner reports – oral reports

Chair Lane reported that RTC staff were present at the vibrant and well attended Bike to Work sites today.

25. Director's Report – oral report

George Dondero, Executive Director, reported on: the Santa Cruz Sentinel headlining Measure D in today's newspaper; Governor Jerry Brown signing Senate Bill 32 and Assembly Bill 197 to set targets for green house gas emission reductions and to create more oversight and requirements for the Air Resource Board; a San Lorenzo Valley Community meeting for the Highway 9 Transportation Corridor Plan being held on October 11th; the 2016 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment for California and Santa Cruz County's roads considered "at risk" with a low Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of 46; and today being Bike to Work Day.

26. Caltrans report and consider action items

Aileen Loe, District 5 Deputy Director, reported on: the newest issue of the *Mile Marker* and Caltrans hosting a workshop on October 12th to provide information on the current cycle of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants and the applications being due by November 4th.

Commissioners discussed: the timeline for completion of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) signals in Watsonville; one-way traffic control for the Highway 152 rumble strips project currently under construction; Highway 152 and Highway 129 intersection currently in design phase; communication with the City of Capitola and County Public Works to access traffic light controllers for signal synchronization; appreciation for Caltrans' presentation on Highway 9; and appreciation for the Safe Routes to School Program for installation of sidewalks near the schools in San Lorenzo Valley.

27. Project Updates from County of Santa Cruz Public Works – oral presentation

Steve Wiesner, Assistant Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the many transportation projects in Santa Cruz County, which include: resurfacing streets, storm damage repair, a bridge replacement, and general improvements to local streets and roads. Mr. Wiesner reported that funds from Measure D would generate an additional \$2.5 million annually to help repair County roads.

Commissioners discussed: South County projects in need of being prioritized for completion; putting public safety projects at the top of the list; if and when State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds will become available; appreciation to the County of Public Works Department for their hard work and for programming road repair projects in rural areas; the importance of passing Measure D and becoming self help to fund local road improvements; the Commission's commitment to fund programs even if STIP funds don't become available; and the flow of funding impacting project completions.

28. Community Bridges Programs in the November 2016 Transportation Improvement Ballot Measure

Raymon Cancino, CEO of Community Bridges, gave an overview of Lift Line's services. Mr. Cancino reported that the funds from Measure D will provide funding to: increase Lift Line services to seven days a week; increase overall capacity by 30%; cover service areas that had been cut from METRO ParaCruz; and continue county-wide services inside and outside of the county.

Commissioners discussed: appreciation for Community Bridges' Lift Line; the impact Measure D would have on expanding Lift Line services; how transportation is funded and the consequences of the lack there of; and the Commission being forward thinking in expanding services to the growing demand of seniors in need of transportation assistance.

29. Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing: Consultant Services Agreement

Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report. The evaluation team comprised of RTC Staff, Santa Cruz County Public Works, and Caltrans unanimously recommended the consultant team of Moffet and Nichol to conduct the preliminary design and environmental analysis phase of the Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

Commissioners discussed: the difference between the corridor being studied at a program level versus at a project level; the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) being a necessary phase and process before the design and construction phase; inflation of the original cost estimate from nine years ago and the RTC negotiating with the firm to limit costs; and the impact Measure D will have on funding the Mar Vista and Chanticleer Overcrossings to unite the community and to help reduce traffic congestion around schools.

Jack Nelson, said that bike and pedestrian facilities are important in alleviating traffic congestion, and that the Mar Vista Overcrossing will take cars off of the highway, which will reduce green house gas emissions.

Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn moved and Commissioner Leopold seconded the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with the firm of Moffat and Nichol to perform duties required for the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation phase of the Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Lane, Dutra, McPherson, Bottorff, Caput, Norton, Leopold, Chase, Cervantez, Coonerty, Johnson, and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn voting "aye".

Commissioners Norton and Johnson left the meeting.

30. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Budget and Work Program

Luis Mendez, Deputy Director, presented the staff report summarizing the additions of grant, carryover, reserve and changes in funds.

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Chase seconded staff recommendation to adopt (**Resolution 09-17**) approving the proposed amended fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 Budget and Work Program (Exhibit A) and exchanging Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the Santa Cruz County Open Streets Project and Freeway Service Patrol.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Lane, Dutra, McPherson, Bottorff, Caput, Leopold, Chase, Cervantez, Coonerty, and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn voting "aye".

31. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St. Ste 450, Watsonville, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Eames, Staff

Attendees:

Raymon Cancino	Community Bridges/Lift Line
Kirk Ance	Community Bridges/Lift Line
Sean Vienna	Associated Monterey Bay Area Governments
Jack Nelson	Campaign for Sensible Transportation
John Presleigh	County Department of Public Works
Jack Schriakerff	County Department of Public Works
Steve Weisman	County Department of Public Works
Russell Chen	County Department of Public Works
Stanley Socolow	
Mitch Laughlin	