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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)** **September 7, 2017 Meeting Highlights**

### **Visualizing Sustainable Transportation**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a presentation and update on the Visualizing Sustainable Transportation project. This project is funded by a Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant. The main goal of this project is to develop tools that effectively communicate complex transportation and land use concepts with the public. The presentation included details of the upcoming use of “Owl” viewers in 4 locations in Santa Cruz County: Natural Bridges Drive at the railroad right-of-way, Soquel Drive & Chanticleer, 17th Avenue at the railroad right-of-way, and in Watsonville on Main Street.

### **2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Call for Projects**

The Regional Transportation Commission will be issuing a consolidated [‘call for projects’](#) for approximately \$22 million that is expected to be available from the region’s formula shares of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program/Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange (STBG/RSTPX) and new Senate Bill (SB1) State Transit Assistance (STA) and Local Partnership Program (LPP) funds. Eligible projects include a wide range of transportation projects, including local road, bicycle, pedestrian, highway, transit, paratransit and community transportation services, rail, and transportation demand management projects and programs. [Applications](#) are due on October 23, 2017. A public hearing will be held in December to take final actions to program funds.

### **Highway 1 Corridor Tiered Environmental Document-Status Report**

The Regional Transportation Commission received a status report on [Highway 1 Corridor Tiered Environmental Document](#). Significant progress has been made in updating all technical reports and beginning work on drafting responses to the over 900 public comments received on the draft environmental documents. The project development team will be reviewing all updated information against the project’s purpose and need with the goal of recommending a preferred project alternative in the next 2 months. This recommendation and supporting documentation will be then be brought to the RTC for review and recommendation to Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, lead agencies for compliance with state and federal environmental laws and requirements. The Draft Final Tiered Environmental Document is subject to a series of reviews to ensure it is defensible and is expected to be approved and published by late 2018/early 2019.

### **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

*Please check the RTC website [[www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org)] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting.*

#### **Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

RTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Traffic Operations Systems Committee/Safe on 17

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 10:00 am

RTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

#### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

RTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

#### **Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 9:00 am

RTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

#### **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 1:00 p.m. *(note – this is 30 minutes earlier than the typical start time)*

RTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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