Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
January 18, 2018 Meeting Highlights

Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Public Hearing
The RTC held a public hearing to receive public testimony on the Draft 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Public comments may be submitted to the RTC on the RTP until February 5, 2018. The RTC is responsible for preparing and updating the long-range RTP – a state-mandated document that identifies transportation needs in the county over the next twenty-two years. The Draft 2040 RTP was released on December 8th, starting the public review period which ends on February 5th. Documents are available for review on the RTC’s website at: https://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/long-range-plans/2040-rtp/

Rail Service Operator for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
The Commission approved the selection of Progressive Rail Incorporated as the preferred entity potentially to operate rail service on the Santa Cruz Branch Line for purposes of negotiating a draft operating agreement.

Transportation Development Act: State Transit Assistance claim and Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair Allocation for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
The Regional Transportation Commission approved an additional $1.6 million for Santa Cruz METRO bus replacements. Funding for these buses is made possible due to the Senate Bill 1: Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1), which was passed by the California Legislature last year. SB 1 provides funding for state and local investments to fix transportation infrastructure, improve transit service, and make it safer to bicycle and walk. Until SB 1 was signed by Governor Brown, California had not significantly invested in the state’s transportation infrastructure in 23 years. SB1 State Transit Assistance and State of Good Repair programs allow METRO to keep buses in service, improve reliability, reduce maintenance costs, improve rider experience with upgraded windows, seats, and wheelchair securement system, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas are posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

**Commission Meeting**
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Ste. 400, Watsonville

**Bicycle Advisory Committee**
Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 1:30 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 9:00 am
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**
Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:30 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at [www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org) or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult [www.communitytv.org](http://www.communitytv.org) or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.