Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
March 1, 2018 Meeting Highlights

RTC Votes to Protect and Maintain Transportation Revenues
The RTC went on record supporting efforts to protect and maintain state transportation revenues and opposing efforts to repeal California Senate Bill 1 (SB 1): the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which provides approximately $20 million a year for local road maintenance, public transit, highway safety, and other priority transportation projects. SB 1 also provides opportunities for Santa Cruz County to use local voter-approved Measure D sales tax to leverage additional state funds. The new SB 1 transportation funds are generated through taxes on motor fuels and vehicle fees, which took effect November 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018. The RTC supports Proposition 69, the California Transportation Taxes and Fees Lockbox and Appropriations Limit Exemption Amendment, which ensures transportation revenues are not diverted for other uses by the state, and opposes efforts to repeal SB 1.

State Funding Updates
The RTC received an update on the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other state funding programs. Due in large part to stability provided by Senate Bill 1, $26.5 million from the STIP is expected to be available through 2023 to local projects that were previously approved by the RTC. Projects funded by the STIP include local roadway repairs, bus replacements, projects on Highway 1, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. The list of STIP projects is online at www.sccrtc.org/rtip.

Early Mitigation for Transportation Improvements in Santa Cruz County – MOU Approval
The RTC authorized the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local, state, and federal agencies responsible for coordinating watershed-based resource conservation with early mitigation planning for transportation projects in Santa Cruz County. This MOU is a prototype agreement to facilitate early mitigation planning to address impacts on natural resources associated with transportation projects.
Cap and Trade Funds Approved for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Electric Bus

The Regional Transportation Commission designated $339,000 from the region's 2018 share of funds from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to Santa Cruz METRO to purchase a battery-electric bus that will serve Watsonville. This state program, designated for transit projects which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, is funded by revenue collected from the sale of carbon emission credits, also known as the “Cap & Trade” program.

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
(special meeting date) Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Traffic Operations Systems Committee/Safe on 17 Task Force
Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
CHP Office, 2020 Junction Avenue, San Jose

Regional Transportation Commission
Thursday, April 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th floor, 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.