Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
June 14, 2018 Special Meeting Highlights

PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Measure D Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects and Community Bridges/ Lift Line
Following consideration of public input, the RTC approved the five-year programs of projects for Measure D regional investment categories and projects, which include funds to accelerate development of auxiliary lanes and bicycle/pedestrian crossings on Highway 1; construction and maintenance of sections of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)-Rail Trail in Santa Cruz, Live Oak, Capitola, Watsonville and the North Coast; rail corridor maintenance and analysis of uses, including options for the railroad trestle through Capitola Village; pathways along Highway 9 in San Lorenzo Valley; carpool, traveler assistance and safety programs; and a wildlife crossing on Highway 17. Planned uses of Measure D funds over the next 5 years are consistent with the voter-approved Ordinance and Expenditure Plan (www.sccrtc.org/move).

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Short Line Operator Agreement
The RTC approved the Administration, Coordination and License Agreement with Progressive Rail for rail operations on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line as negotiated over the past five months working with the RTC and its ad-hoc committee. The Executive Director was authorized to execute the two-phase agreement. The first phase of the agreement will allow Progressive Rail to provide freight service on the southern part of the rail line and ensure that the customers in the Watsonville area receive the service that they need. The second phase will be activated after the RTC completes the Unified Corridor Investment Study and makes its determination whether to retain or remove the track. If the RTC decides to retain the tracks then Progressive Rail would remain as the operator for a term of 10 years. If the RTC decides to remove the tracks beyond the southern part of the rail line, then Progressive Rail has the option to leave.

North Coast Rail Trail – Project Update and Schedule for Release of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
The RTC accepted an update on the North Coast Rail Trail project implementation and the anticipated schedule for release of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) this summer with a 45-day public review period and public meetings.
Adoption of the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan
The RTC adopted the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which identifies goals, funding projections, and transportation projects to be considered for implementation over the next 20+ years, following adoption of Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 21, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

There are no RTC board or committee meetings in July.

Regional Transportation Commission
Thursday, August 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA

Innovators in Transportation Speaker Series
The Evolution of SMART
Farhad Mansourian
General Manager of Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit
Thursday, August 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at 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 or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.