



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

AGENDA

**Thursday, October 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th floor
Santa Cruz, CA**

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City of Watsonville	Oscar Rios
County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
County of Santa Cruz	Ryan Coonerty
County of Santa Cruz	Zach Friend
County of Santa Cruz	John Leopold
County of Santa Cruz	Bruce McPherson
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Cynthia Chase
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Ed Bottorff
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Norm Hagen

The majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

1. Roll call

OPEN SESSION

2. Oral communications

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3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

4. Approve draft minutes of the September 7, 2017 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
5. Accept draft minutes of the September 12, 2017 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
6. Accept draft minutes of the September 18, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accept draft minutes of the September 21, 2017 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

No consent items

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

8. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

9. Approve Resolution with State Department of Tax and Fee Administration designating RTC positions and selected consultant to receive confidential information for Measure D purposes (**Resolution**)

10. Approve the Regional Transportation Commission meeting schedule for 2018
11. Approve California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2018 **(Resolution)**

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

12. Accept monthly meeting schedule
13. Accept correspondence log
14. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. Letter to County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department, Director John Presleigh regarding hiring considerations for new Traffic Engineer from the Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - b. Letter to City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department, Nathan Nguyen, Civil Engineer regarding comments on Segment 7 of the Rail Trail (Phase I) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
15. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
16. Accept information items
 - a. Article from The Press Democrat-September 20, 2017: SMART reports higher-than-expected ridership over first three weeks of paid service

REGULAR AGENDA

17. Commissioner reports on RTC related items – oral reports
18. Director's Report – oral report
19. October 2017 Measure D Update
(*George Dondero, Executive Director*)
20. Caltrans report
 - a. District Director's report
 - b. Santa Cruz County project updates
21. 2018 California State Rail Plan
(*George Dondero, Executive Director*)
 - a. 2018 California State Rail Plan Fact Sheet

22. City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Allocation Claim for bikeway striping, minor improvements and bike parking
(*Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner*)
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Resolution approving TDA Claim
 - c. Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim Form from the City of Santa Cruz
23. City of Scotts Valley Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the Mount Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Intersection Project
(*Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner*)
 - a. Staff report
 - b. Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim Form from the City of Scotts Valley
 - c. Resolution approving TDA Claim
24. State Transit Assistance Fund programming-oral report
25. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Suite 450, Watsonville, CA

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Minutes

**Thursday, September 7, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

**County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA**

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Zach Friend

Norm Hagen

Ryan Coonerty

Bruce McPherson

John Leopold

Oscar Rios

Sandy Brown

Aileen Loe

Cynthia Chase

Greg Caput

Virginia Johnson

Randy Johnson

Jacques Bertrand

Ed Bottorff

Staff present:

George Dondero

Yesenia Parra

Amy Naranjo

Anais Schenk

Luis Mendez

Rachel Moriconi

Karena Pushnik

Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications

Mark Mesisti Miller, Board Chair of Friends of the Rail Trail (FORT) offered a rebuttal to Trail Now's claims and requested the RTC subject their report to a technical peer review in order to refute the false statements made by Trail Now.

Brian Peoples, Trail Now, stated that Trail Now is a big force with 8,000 Facebook followers. He supports the Unified Corridor Study and thinks most

people are focused on getting the highway fixed. He stated if "we had opposed Measure D, it would have lost."

Alex Yasbeck, Sierra Club Chapter, spoke in support of FORT and the request for the Peer Review. The Great Santa Cruz Trail Study study needs a peer review and asked that when decisions are made, please use scientific, rational information.

Barry Scott, Rio Del Mar resident and FORT Board Member, stated that Great Santa Cruz Trail Study cannot be taken seriously and it should either be tossed or peer reviewed due to many of its inaccurate claims.

Laura Cutter, resident of Santa Cruz, spoke in support of Greenway. She has safety concerns in particular through Capitola where her son was hit by a car on his bike ride to school. She supports using the trestle bridge for safe transportation for our children in lieu of a train.

Janneke Strauss, Bike Santa Cruz County, requested that the Great Santa Cruz Trail Study be peer reviewed and that it be a future item of discussion for upcoming RTC meetings.

Gail McNulty, Executive Director of Santa Cruz County Greenway, read a letter in support of Greenway's plan to create a vibrant linear park that connects the corridors.

Bud Colligan, Board President of Santa Cruz County Greenway, distributed a document with 3,000 signatures of residents of Santa Cruz who are actively supporting Greenway. They also have recent endorsements by hospitals, 86% of the Santa Cruz Business Council Members, and ADA access supporters. He feels that the population does not want what the RTC is proposing.

Ted Burke, Santa Cruz Business Council, spoke to inform the RTC on the recent activity within the Santa Cruz Business Council.

Monty Keonig, Civinomics, stated that after poling his neighbourhood, he determined that building a train should never happen. It is not common sense but based on politics to build a train.

Cynthia Manzo, a Resident of Santa Cruz, recently relocated from Tahoe, spoke on behalf of Greenway, she believes the Greenway plan will offer a safe place for her husband, children and dog walk and have a safe place to ride their bikes to school and to work.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Handouts for item #20 were distributed

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Coonerty moved and Commissioner Leopold seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed with Commissioners Friend, Chase, Coonerty, Caput, McPherson, Johnson, Leopold, Rios Brown, Bottorff, and Hagen voting "aye" with Commissioner Bertrand abstaining from the August Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meeting minutes.

Commissioners directed staff to place the peer review of the Santa Cruz Great Trail report on a future agenda for a future meeting with an evaluation of cost for the peer review and what it would achieve.

MINUTES

4. Accepted draft minutes of the May 11, 2017 Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee meeting
5. Accepted draft minutes of the May 25, 2017 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
6. Approved draft minutes of the June 1, 2017 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
7. Accepted draft minutes of the Special Meeting June 5, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
8. Accepted draft minutes of the June 13, 2017 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
9. Approved draft minutes of the June 15, 2017 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting
10. Approved draft minutes of the August 17, 2017 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting
11. Accepted draft minutes of the August 17, 2017 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

No consent items

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues for June, July and August

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

13. Approved appointments to the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

14. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
15. Accepted correspondence log
16. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. Letter to the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department regarding the Aptos Village Project Bus Stop Replacement from the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC)
17. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
18. There were no information items.

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Commissioner reports on RTC related items – oral reports

Commissioner Leopold reported that as the RTC representative to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council he attended the regular meeting in Marin County and was able to ride the Smart Train before it was made open to the Public and found it interesting to hear what hurdles there were before being able to open for service. Commissioner Leopold thought it was good information and suggested to the RTC's Executive Director to really look at the issues of rail, trail, and funding and to take the next 2.5 years to take a deep dive into these different aspects in order to make a balanced presentation.

20. Director's Report – oral report

George Dondero gave an update on the Mar Vista Bike and Pedestrian Over Crossing. Staff and design consultants have held several meetings with residents and stake holders to look at some of the elements of aesthetics, cost efficiency, design measures as well as to enhance accessibility, safety and minimize impacts to parking. He noted that the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report for the north segment of the rail trail is scheduled to be released next week; the City of Santa Cruz is accepting poems to be set in cement on the rail trail with a deadline of October 1st.

He also reported that on August 24-26, RTC's Executive Director and Deputy Director Luis Mendez joined 60 other community members; elected officials and business owners for a three-day, two- night tour of Bay Area cities with the intent to listen and learn about how these cities have re-invested in their infrastructure to build community and to understand success stories in building

affordable housing and the supporting role played by a robust public transportation system in these areas. This tour was sponsored by Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Leopold noted the change of dates for the upcoming Unified Corridor Study workshops.

21. Caltrans Report

Aileen Loe, District 5 Deputy Director, offered congratulations to Metro for receiving funding of over \$200,000 for the purchase of a battery electric bus as one part of the allocation of funding to reduce green house gas emissions.

Caltrans will be performing a variety of Fix It First projects, a large scale improvement list of projects to improve infrastructure.

Commissioners discussed Caltrans projects in the south county

22. Visualizing Sustainable Transportation

George Dondero welcomed a new planner to the RTC team, Anais Schenk. Anais Schenk presented her report on the Visualizing Sustainable Transportation Project a project funded by a Caltrans grant for Sustainable Communities that focuses on engaging the community and the plan to use Owl viewers in different locations in Santa Cruz County as a means to engage and survey the public.

Commissioners discussed if there will be disclaimers stating that Owl viewer images are not necessarily a definite, decided plan. Also discussed was how the locations for the viewers are determined, the coordination within the cities and if they will be wheel chair accessible or available to people of different heights.

Planner Schenk noted that the viewers will be in position for 6 weeks and will be operational 24/7 and will include short term and long term visual examples.

Brian Peoples, Trail Now offered concerns about misinformation to the general public from the viewers.

Becky Steinbruner, Aptos Resident appreciated the viewers and noted the lack of cars shown in the example and had concerns as to their accessibility to people of different heights as well as the handicapped. She hoped that the viewers will remain within the county to be used in different sites after this project.

Gail McNulty, Greenway, gave praise as well as concerns if the viewers might present a slanted view of the future.

Executive Director Dondero responded to some of the Commissioner's and Public Comments that these are to help the public see possibilities presented

by the RTC, to aid public involvement and while he is not sure about the viewers' accessibility he pointed out that the views will also be available via software as a mobile app. As a pilot project it was not originally intended to be part of the Unified Corridor study but it just happened to come into play at the same time.

Commissioner Rios and McPherson left the meeting. Commissioner Alternate Virginia Johnson stepped in for Commissioner McPherson.

23. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Call for Projects

Senior Transportation Planner, Rachel Moriconi, presented her report and the action item to approve the Call for Projects reiterating that the RTC is responsible for selecting projects to receive certain state and federal funding sources. New for this year is SB1 which includes new funding that will go out by formula, including supplemental funds, and the local partnership program. The State Transportation Improvement Program has estimated 17 million dollars until 2023 available for projects. The RTC's proposal for STIP Funds is due to CTC by December 15th, 2017.

Commissioners discussed if priority would be given to projects that the public can see happening, as well as maintenance of sidewalks.

Alex Clifford, CEO of Santa Cruz Metro, asked that when the RTC approves Item 23 that the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds not be included in the call for or projects. Instead that should be referred to a committee to meet with Santa Cruz Metro staff and discuss how the money will be allocated.

Becky Steinbruner, resident of Aptos, thanked the Commission for the presentation of this process and expressed her concern that this funding could be used for projects that should be funded by developers, as in the case of the Aptos Village Project. She urged the RTC not to pay for any further funding of this project. She also stated that the bus station there has been relocated for no good reason except to benefit the developers and states that it is now questionable if this new bus stop is ADA compliant.

Commissioner Botorff made a motion to accept the staff recommendation without the STA funds and to direct RTC staff to meet with Santa Cruz Metro staff to work out some reasonable arrangement for STA funds and if that is not successful to develop an ad hoc committee to work out this funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bertrand

Commissioners Bertrand and Botorff volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee. If needed the ad hoc committee will meet before the next RTC meeting.

Deputy Director Luis Mendez stated that in the past, according to RTC staff understanding of state law, only SC Metro could qualify for STA funds. Now as a result of a state wide discussion over the past couple of years associated

with new law on STA, it has been clarified that other service providers may also qualify. Over the years RTC has been asked for funding from providers of these other services.

The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioners Friend, Chase, Coonerty, Caput, V. Johnson, R. Johnson, Leopold, Bertrand, Brown, Bottorff, Hagen voting "aye".

24. Highway 1 Corridor Tiered Environmental Document-Status Report
Senior Transportation Planner, Kim Shultz presented his report to the Commission

Commissioner Johnson asked Aileen Loe, Caltrans Representative about studies on induced traffic. Loe replied that this is a complicated issue with no simple answers, suggesting that if the RTC wanted more information on this, that perhaps something could be put on an upcoming agenda. There were also questions on expediting this project. Planner Shultz stated that efforts to expedite the project are being made and that Caltrans recognizes that a significant portion of Measure D is for state highway projects, and they want to be a good provider of these projects. Also discussed was how much the future of transportation is informing our planning process so that the highway is equipped for the next century of transportation.

Rick Longinotti, from the Campaign for Sensible Transportation, called into question the legality of only considering three options in the EIR. Longinotti stated that unless other options are studied this is not a legal document. The other question raised by the comments in the EIR was that it concluded that it would have negligible improvement. Longinotti called into question spending money on a project that isn't going to achieve the goals that have been set out for it, and if the alternatives are not also considered then there is no legally defensible document

Michael Saint, with The Campaign for Sensible Transportation, stated that aux lanes are not the answer to a sustainable transportation system. After spending 150 million dollars the work done will be obsolete in 3-5 years. He also referred to study from the US Department of Transportation from 2010 titled "Efficient Use of Highway Capacity Summary: A Report to Congress" which showed that more lanes for cars does not reduce congestion. He offered a handout with the website address of the study to the commissioners.
<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop10023/fhwahop10023.pdf>

Becky Steinbruner, resident of Aptos, said she would like to see a possibility of a monorail on Highway 1 which would allow people to see something going faster as well as bus on shoulder. She pointed out that Metro is stuck in the same traffic as cars, and since the bus is less convenient than taking a car, we have to overcome its inconvenience by making it faster. There are some members of the community who cannot take advantage of public transportation and there does need to be relief on Highway 1 for those people.

25. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

The Regional Transportation Commission meeting adjourned at 11:28. a.m. to the SAFE Meeting.

26. The RTC Reconvened at 11:32 a.m. to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission meeting and adjourned immediately at 11:33 a.m.
27. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th floor, Santa Cruz, CA

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Staff

Attendees

Mike Saint	Sensible Transportation
Barry Scott	Rio Del Mar Resident and FORT Board Member
Erich Friedrich	MBAG
Alex Yasbek	Sierra Club
Becky Steinbruner	Aptos
Alex Clifford	CEO, Metro
Bud Colligan	Greenway
Lauren Cutter	Resident of Santa Cruz
Gail McNulty	Executive Director, Greenway
Janneke Strauss	Bike Santa Cruz County
Ted Burke	Santa Cruz Business Council
Monty Konig	Civonomics
Lauren Cutter	Resident of Santa Cruz
Mark Mesiti-Miller	Chair of Friends of the Rail Trail



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes

**Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

**RTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 95060**

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m

- 1 Call to Order: 1:30 pm
- 2 Introductions

Members Present:

Kirk Ance-Community Bridges/Lift Line/CTSA
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty-SCMTD
Lori Welch, 4th District
Veronica Elsea-3rd District
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagilla, Social Service
Provider-Seniors

Alternates Present:

Tom Duncanson-2nd District

Excused Absences:

Clay Kempf

Unexcused Absences:

None

RTC Staff Present:

Ginger Dykaar
Brianna Goodman
Grace Blakeslee

Others Present:

Theresia Rogerson HSA/CTSC
Sarah Harmon HSA/CTSC
Sean Vienna AMBAG
Becky Steinbruner-Aptos Resident
Gary Lindstrum-Aptos Resident
Thomas Stumbaugh-Aptos Resident
Marilyn Garrett-Aptos Resident

3. Oral Communications

- John Daugherty, Santa Cruz Metro staff, announced that the new Metro Headways is available and that Metro will be providing service to the Santa Cruz County Fair.
- Becky Steinbruner, resident of Aptos, informed Committee members of discussions regarding the MarVista Pedestrian and Bicycle Overcrossing and suggested that the Committee provide input on the project.
- Pam Arnsberger announced that the 10 year Senior Solutions Summit will be held on Oct 18th and will include a discussion of transportation services for seniors.
- Kirk Ance, Community Bridges-Lift Line staff, thanked the SCCRTC for their work in the community and their support for Community Bridges-Lift Line TDA claims and 5310 funding.
- Marilyn Garrett, Santa Cruz County resident, distributed information regarding wireless devices and exposure to radiation and the health risks.
- Theresia Rogerson, the Community Traffic Safety Coalition staff, announced that the City of Santa Cruz will be holding a Kick Off event for their Streets Smarts transportation safety campaign on September 13th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Kaiser Arena.

- Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff informed members that the annual Santa Cruz Good Times weekly magazine's senior insert included an advertisement inviting individuals to join the RTC's E&D TAC and informed participants that there are vacancies on the committee.
 - Grace Blakeslee also announced that the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, call for projects is available. Non-profits are eligible if they have a public agency sponsor.
4. Additions or Deletions to the consent or regular agenda
- Grace Blakeslee requested to move item 11 to item 9a on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved Minutes from June 13, 2017 E&D TAC Meeting
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received Information Items
 - a. Letter to County of Santa Cruz from E&D TAC dated June 27, 2017 regarding Aptos Village Project
 - b. City of Santa Cruz Street Safety Campaign Information
 - c. Please Point Community Workshop
8. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center-None
 - b. Community Bridges – FY 16/17 Fourth Quarter Report
 - c. Santa Cruz Metro- ParaCruz Report Operations Report April, May, June 2017

Action: A motion (Arnsberger/Welch) was made to approve the Consent Agenda and request that RTC staff contact County of Santa Cruz staff to obtain more information about the Route 71 InBound Bus Stop included in the Aptos Village Project and invite County of Santa Cruz staff to the October 10th E&D TAC meeting. The motion passed with members Arnsberger, Welch, Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, voting in favor. Member Ance abstained. No votes were cast in opposition.

REGULAR AGENDA

9a. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Department Traffic Safety Programs

Theresa Rogerson and Sarah Harmon, representatives from The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Department-Traffic Safety Program, spoke about the [VisionZero](#) program. The program's goal is to eliminate traffic related deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic collisions. Committee members discussed the VisionZero program's use of the words traffic violence. Ms. Rogerson informed members that the words traffic violence are used to indicate that crashes can be avoided and aren't random.

No action was taken.

9b. Unified Corridor Investment Study-Step 1 Scenario Analysis

Ginger Dykaar presented the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS) Step 1 Analysis results. Ms. Dykaar discussed the projects located on Highway 1, Soquel/Freedom and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line included in the analysis and described the community benefits and challenges for each project. Committee members raised questions about the potential

for conflicts between carpools and transit services using the Highway 1 HOV lanes and automobiles in the general purpose lanes when carpools and transit services are entering the Highway 1 and merging to the HOV lanes. Ms. Elsea stated that transit services are needed on Mission St. Committee members discussed the need for interconnections between the three routes included in the UCS. Ms. Arnsberger commented that Bus Rapid Transit on the Rail ROW should be further investigated.

No action was taken.

10. Transportation Development Act Claim for the City of Scotts Valley Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project

The E&D TAC reviewed the TDA Claim for the City of Scotts Valley Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project Valley and appreciated the City of Scotts Valley for considering their comments provided at a previous meeting on the preliminary design.

Action: A motion (Daugherty/Welch) was made to approve the TDA Claim for the City of Scotts Valley Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project. The motion unanimously passed with members Arnsberger, Welch, Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Ance and Lizarraga-Chagilla voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

11. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Department Traffic Safety Program

Moved to item 9a.

12. Visualizing Sustainable Transportation Project Update

Brianna Goodman provided an update on the Visualizing Sustainable Transportation Project. Ms. Goodman announced that there will be viewings at 4 locations in Santa Cruz County, October 4th at Chanticleer Avenue, October 18th on the Westside and in Spring 2018 in Watsonville City Plaza and at 17th and Railroad.

No action was taken.

13. Santa Cruz Metro Grand Jury Report

Grace Blakeslee reviewed the Santa Cruz Metro Grand Jury Report the responses to the report from the SC Metro CEO and Board.

No action was taken.

14. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Verbal Update - Draft Brochure: "What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know"

Committee members received an update about outreach for the "What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know"

No action was taken.

Adjourned: 3:45pm

Next meeting: 1:30 pm, October 10, 2017 at the RTC Office, Santa Cruz. Meeting may be canceled if there are no actions to be brought before the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Blakeslee
Senior Transportation Planner



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

Special Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2017
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Call to Order: Chair Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Kem Akol, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Leo Jed, CTSC
Kira Ticus, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Gingery Dykaar, Sr Transportation Planner
Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley
Theresia Rogerson, County Health Services Agency

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Grace Voss, District 1
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work (Alt)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
District 5 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Voting and Alternate
City of Capitola – Voting and Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, staff to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, provided a number of announcements. Anais Schenk, the RTC's new transportation planner, was introduced and welcomed. A special November Bicycle Advisory Committee will be required due to grant funding applications that committees will be asked to provide recommendations on before the RTC's final allocation decisions. The October meeting will be cancelled. A Notice of Preparation for the North Coast Rail Trail was released on September 13th and two scoping meetings will be held on

September 27th and 28th, 2017 in order to accept public input into alternatives to be considered as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Comments will be due by October 16th, 2017 at 4pm. Rick Hyman asked to have the DEIR presented to the Bicycle Advisory Committee when it will be available for review and comment. The Mar Vista Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing ad-hoc committee is invited to a stakeholder meeting. Members will include Janneke Strause, Kira Ticus, David Casterson and RTC staff Cory Caletti. Kim Shultz, RTC's highway programs manager, will contact members to schedule a meeting in the near future.

4. Oral communications – Amelia Conlen announced that the City of Santa Cruz will be launching a Bike Share program in March of next year and will seek community input into station locations in the coming months. She indicated that the Branciforte bicycle and pedestrian bridge ribbon cutting will be held on September 28th, 2017 at noon. The City of Santa Cruz launched a "Street Smarts" traffic safety education campaign. Finally, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City of Santa Cruz's rail trail project (from Natural Bridges to Bay/California) was issued in August and the comment period closed on September 14, 2017. The City's Planning Commission will consider adoption of the MND on the tentatively scheduled date of October 5th, 2017. Kira Ticus announced that October 5th is also Bike to Work Day and Janneke Strause invited members to the Open Streets event scheduled for Sunday, October 8th, 2017 on West Cliff Drive in the City of Santa Cruz. Murray Fontes announced that the City of Watsonville's first Measure D funded project, the Bike Smart! bicycle education training program, will be launched in the near future.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Item #14 was pulled and moved to the regular agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Hyman/Fontes) was made to approve the consent agenda through item 13. Rick Hyman abstained from items #6 and #11. Janneke Strause abstained from item #6. The motion passed with members Strause, Cook, Menchine, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Jed and Ticus voting in favor except for the abstentions noted above.

6. Approved draft minutes of the June 5, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster
8. Accepted Highlights of September 7th, 2017 RTC, including 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects
9. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports
10. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz in support of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Segment 7 (Phase I) of the Rail Trail project
11. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County of Santa Cruz regarding recommendations for hiring considerations for a new Traffic Engineer
12. Accepted the City of Santa Cruz's Street Smart Campaign Kickoff and Safety Tips
13. Approved the City of Santa Cruz's Article 8 FY 17/18 Transportation Development Act allocation claims for \$32,000 for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements, and \$2,000 for Bike Parking

14. Moved to the regular agenda - Approve the City of Scotts Valley Transportation Development Act Claim in the amount of \$93,963 for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved item #14: Approve City of Scotts Valley Transportation Development Act Claim in the amount of \$93,963 for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project - Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director, was asked to provide a summary of the request. He noted that the intersection improvement project was reviewed by the Committee on multiple occasions, committee suggestions were incorporated as feasible, a notice for construction bidding was released and that a contract was awarded to Granite Construction. He anticipates work to start in October and go through the end of this calendar year. He also noted that video detection was added to the project at intersections versus traffic loops, a detail not reflected in the TDA application, which was in response to committee recommendations about ways to enhance design and functionality features. A motion was made (Hyman/Murray) to approve the recommendation that the RTC approve the TDA claim with members Strause, Cook, Menchine, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Jed and Ticus voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

15. Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS): Step 1 Draft Scenario Analysis Results – Ginger Dykaar, Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the UCS scenario analysis results and reminded members of the goals of the study. She indicated that public workshops will be held on October 2nd and 3rd in Watsonville and Live Oak, respectively, and that a community input survey will be released shortly. The following comments or requests were made: use a number system for rating projects and be consistent in comparing projects, highlight environmental and safety benefits, place high value to buffered/protected bicycle lanes and specify priority locations, give greater weight to projects that close gaps in the network and provide high utility benefits, include greater mention of pedestrian facilities and amenities, add video detection at signalized intersections, prioritize safety improvements at intersections, consider bus transit on a dedicated lane on Highway 1, remove language specifying safety benefits to bicyclists if riding in a shared bike/bus lane as there is no evidence of that assertion, and general discussion of the bike and pedestrian trail in the rail right-of-way as the committee's highest priority project.
16. Vision Zero and "The Impact of Traffic Violence on Santa Cruz County" Report – Theresia Rogerson from the County Health Services Agency (HSA) presented the Vision Zero concept and "The Impact of Traffic Violence on Santa Cruz County" report. The report emphasizes the need to prevent transportation-related deaths and injuries. It includes statistics about collisions, identifies high-injury corridors, and analyzes trends in different areas of the county. Traveling at unsafe speeds and distracted driving are major causes of incidents; 54% of severe/fatal crashes were on 6% of roadways in the county; and pedestrian deaths and serious injuries made up 46% of incidents in Watsonville in the twelve month period from May 2016 to May 2017, as compared to 2% countywide. HSA and the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) are working on a toolkit for agencies that includes vision zero policies and plans that prioritize the prevention of traffic deaths and injuries and provides technical support and data that can be used to secure funding for projects that will prevent transportation related fatalities and injuries. HSA/CTSC is also reaching out to the broader community with information to reduce crashes. The report and additional information is online at: www.sctrafficsafety.org/VisionZero
17. Visualization Sustainable Transportation: Progress Report – Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner, presented the Visualizing Sustainable Transportation Project which is funded by a Caltrans grant. The project focuses on engaging the community through the use of virtual reality technology

displayed through "Owl" viewers. The viewers will be installed in four different locations in Santa Cruz County as a means to engage and survey the public about sustainable transportation concepts. The Owls will be up for 6 weeks and will be operational 24/7 and will include short term and long term visuals.

18. Updates related to Committee functions – Leo Jed requested that an item to discuss returning to a monthly meeting frequency be agendaized for the future. Cory Caletti reminded members that the meeting frequency is specified in the Rules and Regulations.
19. Adjourned - 8:25 PM

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for the special date of November 13, 2017 and the October 16, 2017 is cancelled. The meeting will be held from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 1:00 p.m. (special meeting time)
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Claire Fliesler, Santa Cruz Planning
Murray Fontes, Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy
Sean Vienna, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
Jessica Kahn, Scotts Valley Planning Proxy
Tom Hiltner, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
Chris Schneider, Santa Cruz Public Works
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works

RTC Staff Present: Rachel Moriconi, Anais Schenk

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Fontes called the meeting to order.
2. **Introductions:** Self introductions were made.
3. **Oral Communications:** A certificate of appreciation was presented to Steve Wiesner for his past service as chair of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC). Rachel Moriconi announced that the fall Bike to Work Day is on October 5, 2017. Jessica Kahn announced that Scott Hamby will be retiring as Scotts Valley Public Works Director this year.
4. **Additions, deletions, or changes to consent and regular agendas:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Approved Minutes of the August 17, 2017 ITAC meeting.** *A motion (Fliesler/Wiesner) to approve the minutes passed unanimously with all members in attendance voting "yes."*
6. **Received Caltrans Santa Cruz County project updates.**

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents

Scotts Valley: Jessica Kahn reported that video detection equipment will be installed as part of the Scotts Valley Dr./Mt. Hermon Rd./Whispering Pines intersection project, which will begin construction soon.

METRO: Tom Hiltner reported that METRO is awarding a contract for lease of articulated

buses for service to UCSC. METRO was awarded a \$200,000 AB2766 grant for the downtown Watsonville circulator route.

RTC: Rachel Moriconi appreciated members for participating in the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS) stakeholder meetings earlier in the month. Staff will return to the ITAC for committee recommendations on the UCS in October. RTC has issued a call for projects for consolidated 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) grants, with applications due to the RTC by October 23, 2017. Anais Schenk reported that she plans to meet with local jurisdictions to discuss locations, installation and other details for the bicycle route signage project in November.

AMBAG: Sean Vienna reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)* is expected to be available for public review in November.

County of Santa Cruz: Steve Wiesner reported that storm damage repair work continues on several roadways, including Bear Creek Road. A “hard closure” of Swanton Road at Molino Creek is scheduled for September 25- October 20 in order to put in a new bridge. Roadway repairs will also be starting in Lompico, on Jarvis Road, and Soquel Drive near Aptos Street. The County is also working on its Senate Bill 1 (SB1) project list. Construction of the Aptos Village project has also restarted.

Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter reported that the Branciforte Creek bicycle/pedestrian bridge ribbon-cutting event is at noon on September 28. The last of the city's 2017 paving projects are beginning, including on King Street. The city Planning Commission will be considering the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)/Rail Trail on October 5. The city is also awarding a contract for design of the San Lorenzo River Trestle walkway. Claire Fliesler reported that the city will be seeking input on bike share locations, including during Bike to Work Day and at Open Streets in October.

Watsonville: Murray Fontes reported that the city awarded a contract for the STIP-funded sidewalk infill project. Next month the Measure D-funded safe routes to schools education program will begin.

8. Presentation on the Visualization project

Anais Schenk presented the RTC's visualization project, which uses virtual reality technology to provide examples of what terms such as “sustainable transportation”, “transit oriented development” and “infill development” might look like within the context of locations in Santa Cruz County. Binocular-like viewers are intended to engage the community in a dialogue about transportation and land use concepts. Viewers will be available at locations on Soquel Drive near Chanticleer Avenue and Natural Bridges Drive at the railroad crossing in October, with locations in Watsonville and 17th Avenue in Live Oak planned for Spring 2018. Visuals will also be available online. She requested that ITAC members share information about the project with the community.

9. Measure D: Informing the Public about Investments – *Continued from August ITAC meeting*

Rachel Moriconi solicited input on methods Measure D recipient agencies could use to inform the public about how Measure D revenues are being used. Members indicated that draft Measure D sign specifications are reasonable, especially since they allow agencies to customize the overall sign and placement based on conditions at the project site. Some agencies expressed interest in magnetic signs for use on contractor vehicles in locations where placing a sign is not possible. The ITAC also received a list of possible outreach efforts, including news releases, social media posts, and groundbreaking events.

10. Local, Regional, State, and Federal Funding Updates and Information Sharing

Rachel Moriconi reported that applications for the federal TIGER program are due to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on 10/16/17. Planning and adaptation grant applications are due to Caltrans on October 20. Agencies reported on possible projects. Christine Kahn with Caltrans Local Assistance reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released its recommendations for the 2017 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Augmentation, which includes funds for the City of Santa Cruz's riverwalk lighting and Watsonville's Lincoln Street projects. Agencies seeking an allocation of funds at the December California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting must submit their request paperwork by October 9. Applications for ATP Cycle 4 will likely be due in Spring 2018, with minor changes to the program including a new benefit/cost tool, different applications for small and large projects, non-infrastructure and infrastructure projects. Award of the next cycle of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants may be as soon as Fall 2018.

11. Next meeting: The next ITAC meeting scheduled for October 12, 2017. This is one week earlier than the typical meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi, RTC Planner

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TDA REVENUE REPORT
FY 2017-2018**

MONTH	FY16 - 17 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY17 - 18 ESTIMATE REVENUE	FY17 - 18 ACTUAL REVENUE	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE AS % OF PROJECTION	CUMULATIVE % OF ACTUAL TO PROJECTION
JULY	629,500	637,054	583,500	-53,554	-8.41%	91.59%
AUGUST	839,400	849,473	778,000	-71,473	-8.41%	91.59%
SEPTEMBER	872,266	882,733	1,146,538	263,805	29.89%	105.86%
OCTOBER	657,500	665,390				
NOVEMBER	876,700	887,220				
DECEMBER	813,479	823,241				
JANUARY	632,900	646,849				
FEBRUARY	843,800	862,431				
MARCH	911,051	781,837				
APRIL	626,200	572,496				
MAY	834,900	763,397				
JUNE	563,619	814,337				
TOTAL	9,101,315	9,186,458	2,508,038	138,778	1.51%	27%

Note:

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AGENDA: October 5, 2017

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Resolution with State Department of Tax and Fee Administration designating RTC positions and selected consultant to receive confidential information for Measure D purposes

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopt a resolution ([Attachments 1](#)) designating RTC staff positions and the RTC selected consultant HDL Companies to obtain confidential information from the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Measure D purposes.

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2016, over 2/3 of Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D - a new half cent transactions and use tax dedicated to transportation projects outlined in the Ordinance Expenditure Plan. The RTC approved resolutions and entered into agreements with the State Board of Equalization (BOE), now known as the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration (DTFA,) to ensure that collection of the tax would begin in April 2017. One of the resolutions included designation of RTC positions authorized to obtain confidential information collected by DTFA associated with this tax.

DISCUSSION

In June of 2017, the RTC approved entering into a contract with HDL Companies for management and auditing services of revenues received through the transactions and use tax approved by Measure D. In order to this work HDL must be authorized by the RTC by resolution to obtain confidential information from the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration (DTFA.) [Attachment 1](#) is a new resolution, which again names the RTC positions authorized to obtain confidential information from DTFA and adds the RTC selected consultant, HDL, as an authorized recipient of the information. **Staff recommends that the RTC adopt this resolution.**

SUMMARY

The RTC must adopt a new resolution to submit to the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration (DTFA) to ensure that RTC selected consultant, HDL Companies,

is authorized to receive confidential information from DTFA and be able to perform the Measure D revenue analysis and auditing that the contracted them to perform. To that end, RTC staff recommends that the RTC adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1.)

Attachments:

1. Resolution designating certain RTC staff positions and the RTC selected consultant, HDL Companies, to receive confidential information from the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Measure D purposes

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Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of October 5, 2017
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINATION OF
TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX RECORDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-01 of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC,) hereinafter called District, and Section 7270 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the District entered into a contract with the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration (previously known as the State Board of Equalization) to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of the Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the District deems it desirable and necessary for authorized representatives of the District to examine confidential sales, transactions and use tax records of the Department of Tax and Fee Administration pertaining to sales, transactions and use taxes collected by the Department of Tax and Fee Administration for the District pursuant to that contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 7056 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code sets forth certain requirements and conditions for the disclosure of Department of Tax and Fee Administration records and establishes criminal penalties for the unlawful disclosure of information contained in or derived from, the sales, transactions and use tax records of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Administrative Services Officer and Fiscal Officer or other officer or employee of the District designated in writing by the Executive Director or Deputy Director to the Department of Tax and Fee Administration (hereafter referred to as Department) is hereby appointed to represent the District with authority to examine transactions and use tax records of the Department pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected for the District by the Department pursuant to the contract between the District and the Department. The information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of the District's sales, transactions and use taxes by the Department pursuant to the contract.

Section 2. That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Fiscal Officer, Administrative Services Officer, Senior Transportation Planner or other officer or employee of the District designated in writing by the Executive Director or Deputy Director to the Department is hereby appointed to represent the District with authority to examine those sales, transactions and use tax records of the Department for purposes related to the following governmental functions of the District:

- (a) District administration
- (b) Revenue management, budgeting and administration
- (c) Fiscal and auditing
- (d) Transportation planning

The information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for those governmental functions of the District listed above.

Section 3. That Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates is hereby designated to examine the sales, use and transactions tax records of the Department pertaining to sales, use and transactions taxes collected for the District by the Department. The person or entity designated by this section meets all of the following conditions:

- (a) has an existing contract with the County to examine those sales, use and transactions tax records;
- (b) is required by that contract to disclose information contained in, or derived from, those sales, use and transactions tax records only to the officer or employee authorized under Sections 1 or 2 of this resolution to examine the information.
- (c) is prohibited by that contract from performing consulting services for a retailer during the term of that contract; and
- (d) is prohibited by that contract from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those sales, use and transactions tax records, after that contract has expired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of District's sales, transactions and use taxes by the Department pursuant to the contracts between the District and Department for the purposes relating to the governmental functions of the District listed in Section 2 of this resolution.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 5th day of October, 2017.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Zach Friend, Chair

George Dondero, Secretary

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services officer

RE: Regional Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the proposed 2018 meeting schedule for the RTC's regular meetings and Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meetings

BACKGROUND

Every year the RTC approves the schedule of RTC and TPW meetings for the following year. Three RTC meetings and one TPW meeting are scheduled to take place in the City of Watsonville in order to provide a greater opportunity for those who live and work in the southern part of the county to participate in RTC meetings. One meeting is scheduled to take place in each of the other cities in the county. The remaining five meetings are scheduled to take place at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers. This is consistent with the RTC meeting schedules of the past several years.

DISCUSSION

RTC meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month and TPW meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Due to the end of the year holidays, the January RTC meeting is generally on the second or third Thursday of the month.

The proposed RTC meeting schedule for 2018 is as follows:

RTC meeting schedule for 2018

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
January 18 <i>*Special Meeting Date</i>	Santa Cruz City Council Chambers
February 1	Watsonville City Council Chambers
March 1	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
April 5	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
May 3	Capitola City Council Chambers
June 7	Watsonville City Council Chambers
<i>July</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>

August 2	Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
September 6	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
October 4	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
November 1	Watsonville City Council Chambers
December 6	County Board of Supervisors Chambers

The proposed TPW meeting schedule for 2018 is as follows:

TPW meeting schedule for 2018

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
January	<i>Cancelled due to holiday schedule</i>
February 15	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
March 15	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
April 19	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
May 17	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
June 21	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
July	No Meeting
August 16	Watsonville City Council Chambers
September 20	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
October 18	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
November 15	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
December 20	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz

All RTC and TPW meetings start at 9:00 a.m. Agenda packets are posted on the RTC website <http://sccrtc.org/meetings/commission/agendas/> one week prior to the meeting.

TPW meetings are tentative until confirmed at the prior regular RTC meeting. Staff recommends that the RTC approve the proposed RTC and TPW meeting schedules. To provide further opportunity for people who live or work in the southern part of the county to participate, as per the RTC Rules and Regulations, the RTC scheduled one TPW meeting in the City of Watsonville.

SUMMARY

Every year the RTC approves a schedule for RTC and TPW meetings for the following year. For 2018 three RTC meetings and one TPW meeting will be held in the City of Watsonville, to provide more opportunities for people who live or work in the southern part of the county to participate. Staff recommends that the RTC approve the proposed RTC and TPW meeting schedules for 2018.

AGENDA: October 5, 2017

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: CalPERS health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission adopt two resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) to continue providing CalPERS Health Benefits to RTC employees pursuant to the approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs).

BACKGROUND

Medical insurance is currently offered to all RTC active and retired employees through the CalPERS Health Benefits Program as established in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the RTC's two bargaining groups and in the Executive Director's employment agreement. As per these agreements, the RTC contributes to the cost of the employee's health insurance premiums at levels established by each Memorandum of Understanding with the Community of RTC Employees (CORE), the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM), and the Executive Director's employment contract. Currently, all of the RTC bargaining agreements are identical in terms of the amounts that the RTC contributes toward employee and dependent health premiums. The amount contributed by RTC for retired employees and their dependents is set at a lower amount than for active employees with annual increases as required by law.

The CalPERS Health Benefits Program is governed by PEMHCA, the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act. To offer employee benefits through this program, the RTC must abide by PEMHCA rules and annually adopt and file resolutions with CalPERS regarding health insurance contribution rates for the upcoming year. Resolutions must be filed by November of the preceding year to establish the following year's contribution amounts.

DISCUSSION

The current Memoranda of Understanding for both the Community of RTC Employees (CORE) and the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM) specify the percentage of health insurance premiums to be paid by the RTC and by employees respectively based on the premium costs set each year by CalPERS per the calendar. Premium and contribution rates for 2018 are included in

Attachment 3. Premium payments made for the Executive Director are consistent with those provided to employees in the bargaining units.

The attached resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) reflect the contribution levels and provisions established in the MOUs currently in effect until March 2018.

SUMMARY

To continue in the CalPERS Health Insurance program governed by the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA), the RTC must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by PEMCHA and submit a resolution by November 2017 that sets the contribution rates for health insurance premiums for the upcoming year. The resolutions before you today fulfill this commitment to meet the PEMHCA rules. Staff recommends that the RTC adopt the attached resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) outlining the RTC's health insurance contribution amounts for RTC active employees and retirees for calendar year 2018.

Attachments:

1. Resolution for CalPERS Health Benefits – Executive Director
2. Resolution for CalPERS Health Benefits – Staff
3. CalPERS/RTC Health Plan Rates for 2018 and MOU excerpt

RESOLUTION NO. Number

**FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION AT UNEQUAL AMOUNTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS
UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT
WITH RESPECT TO A RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION**

- WHEREAS, (1) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is a contracting agency under Government Code Section 22920 and subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (the "Act") for participation by members of the Executive Director; and
- WHEREAS, (2) Government Code Section 22892(a) provides that a contracting agency subject to Act shall fix the amount of the employer contribution by resolution; and
- WHEREAS, (3) Government Code Section 22892(b) provides that the employer contribution shall be an equal amount for both employees and annuitants, but may not be less than the amount prescribed by Section 22892(b) of the Act; and
- WHEREAS, (4) Government Code Section 22892(c) provides that, notwithstanding Section 22892(b), a contracting agency may establish a lesser monthly employer contribution for annuitants than for employees, provided that the monthly employer contribution for annuitants is annually increased to equal an amount not less than the number of years the contracting agency has been subject to this subdivision multiplied by 5 percent of the current monthly employer contribution for employees, until such time as the amounts are equal; and
- RESOLVED, (a) That the employer contribution for each employee shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of \$844.57 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, \$1,600.24 per month for employee enrolled for self and one family member, and \$2,080.31 per month for employee enrolled for self and two or more family members; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (b) That the employer contribution for each annuitant shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of \$844.57 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, \$1,107.00 per month for employee enrolled for self and one family member, and \$1,213.00 per month for employee enrolled for self and two or more family members; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (c) That the employer contribution for each annuitant shall be increased annually by 5 percent of the monthly contribution for employees, multiplied by the number of years the contracting agency has been subject to the Act, until such time as the contributions are equal;
- And that the contributions for employees and annuitants shall be in addition to those amounts contributed by the Public Agency for administrative fees and to the Contingency Reserve Fund; and be it further

- RESOLVED, (d) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has fully complied with any and all applicable provisions of Government Code Section 7507 in electing the benefits set forth above; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (e) That the participation of the employees and annuitants of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission shall be subject to determination of its status as an “agency or instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State” that is eligible to participate in a governmental plan within the meaning of Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, upon publication of final Regulations pursuant to such Section. If it is determined that Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission would not qualify as an agency or instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State under such final Regulations, CalPERS may be obligated, and reserves the right to terminate the health coverage of all participants of the employer.
- RESOLVED, (f) That the executive body appoint and direct, and it does hereby appoint and direct, Administrative Services Officer to file with the Board a verified copy of this resolution, and to perform on behalf of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission all functions required of it under the Act.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at Santa Cruz, this 5th day of October, 2017.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Signed: _____
Zach Friend, Chair

Attest: _____
George Dondero, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. Number
FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION AT UNEQUAL AMOUNTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS
UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT
WITH RESPECT TO A RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION

- WHEREAS, (1) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is a contracting agency under Government Code Section 22920 and subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (the "Act") for participation by members of the General Rep/Mid Mgr/Unrep ; and
- WHEREAS, (2) Government Code Section 22892(a) provides that a contracting agency subject to Act shall fix the amount of the employer contribution by resolution; and
- WHEREAS, (3) Government Code Section 22892(b) provides that the employer contribution shall be an equal amount for both employees and annuitants, but may not be less than the amount prescribed by Section 22892(b) of the Act; and
- WHEREAS, (4) Government Code Section 22892(c) provides that, notwithstanding Section 22892(b), a contracting agency may establish a lesser monthly employer contribution for annuitants than for employees, provided that the monthly employer contribution for annuitants is annually increased to equal an amount not less than the number of years the contracting agency has been subject to this subdivision multiplied by 5 percent of the current monthly employer contribution for employees, until such time as the amounts are equal; and
- RESOLVED, (a) That the employer contribution for each employee shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of \$844.57 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, \$1,600.24 per month for employee enrolled for self and one family member, and \$2,080.31 per month for employee enrolled for self and two or more family members; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (b) That the employer contribution for each annuitant shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of \$844.57 per month with respect to employee enrolled for self alone, \$1,107.00 per month for employee enrolled for self and one family member, and \$1,213.00 per month for employee enrolled for self and two or more family members; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (c) That the employer contribution for each annuitant shall be increased annually by 5 percent of the monthly contribution for employees, multiplied by the number of years the contracting agency has been subject to the Act, until such time as the contributions are equal;
- And that the contributions for employees and annuitants shall be in addition to those amounts contributed by the Public Agency for administrative fees and to the Contingency Reserve Fund; and be it further

- RESOLVED, (d) Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has fully complied with any and all applicable provisions of Government Code Section 7507 in electing the benefits set forth above; and be it further
- RESOLVED, (e) That the participation of the employees and annuitants of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission shall be subject to determination of its status as an “agency or instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State” that is eligible to participate in a governmental plan within the meaning of Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, upon publication of final Regulations pursuant to such Section. If it is determined that Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission would not qualify as an agency or instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State under such final Regulations, CalPERS may be obligated, and reserves the right to terminate the health coverage of all participants of the employer.
- RESOLVED, (f) That the executive body appoint and direct, and it does hereby appoint and direct, Administrative Services Officer to file with the Board a verified copy of this resolution, and to perform on behalf of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission all functions required of it under the Act.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at Santa Cruz, this 5th day of October, 2017.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Signed: _____
Zach Friend, Chair

Attest: _____
George Dondero, Secretary

RTC Employees and Retirees

Medical Plan Rates - 2018

Coverage Effective: January 1 2018 through December 31, 2018

	Plan Code	Monthly Premium	RTC Contribution	EE Monthly Costs			EE PAY PERIOD COST
				EE Cost For Plan	EE Cost Admin 0.31% of Premium	Total EE Cost	
BLUE SHIELD HMO							
EE	3011	889.02	844.57	44.45	2.76	47.21	23.60
EE+1	3012	1,778.04	1,600.24	177.80	5.51	183.32	91.66
EE+2	3013	2,311.45	2,080.31	231.15	7.17	238.31	119.16
Anthem Select HMO							
EE	454	856.41	844.57	0.00	2.65	2.65	1.33
EE+1	455	1,712.82	1,600.24	0.00	5.31	5.31	2.65
EE+2	456	2,226.67	2,080.31	0.00	6.90	6.90	3.45
Anthem Traditional HMO							
EE	450	925.47	844.57	80.90	2.87	83.77	41.88
EE+1	451	1,850.94	1,600.24	250.70	5.74	256.44	128.22
EE+2	452	2,406.22	2,080.31	325.92	7.46	333.37	166.69
HealthNet SmartCare							
EE	450	863.48	844.57	18.91	2.68	21.59	10.79
EE+1	451	1,726.96	1,600.24	126.72	5.35	132.08	66.04
EE+2	452	2,245.05	2,080.31	164.75	6.96	171.70	85.85
KAISER HMO							
EE	2821	779.86	779.86	0.00	2.42	2.42	1.21
EE+1	2822	1,559.72	1,559.72	0.00	4.84	4.84	2.42
EE+2	2823	2,027.64	2,027.64	0.00	6.29	6.29	3.14
PERS CHOICE PPO							
EE	3201	800.27	800.27	0.00	2.48	2.48	1.24
EE+1	3202	1,600.54	1,600.24	0.00	4.96	4.96	2.48
EE+2	3203	2,080.70	2,080.31	0.00	6.45	6.45	3.23
PERS Select* PPO							
EE	721	717.50	717.50	0.00	2.22	2.22	1.11
EE+1	722	1,435.00	1,435.00	0.00	4.45	4.45	2.22
EE+2	733	1,865.50	1,865.50	0.00	5.78	5.78	2.89
PERSCare PPO							
EE	3251	882.45	844.57	37.88	2.74	40.62	20.31
EE+1	3252	1,764.90	1,600.24	164.66	5.47	170.14	85.07
EE+2	3253	2,294.37	2,080.31	214.07	7.11	221.18	110.59
United Health Care							
EE	426	1,371.84	844.57	527.27	42.53	569.80	284.90
EE+1	427	2,743.68	1,600.24	1,143.44	85.05	1,228.50	614.25
EE+2	428	3,566.78	2,080.31	1,486.48	110.57	1,597.05	798.52
Western Health Advantage							
EE	426	792.56	792.56	0.00	2.46	2.46	1.23
EE+1	427	1,585.12	1,585.12	0.00	4.91	4.91	2.46
EE+2	428	2,060.66	2,060.66	0.00	6.39	6.39	3.19
PORAC							
EE	426	792.56	792.56	0.00	2.46	2.46	1.23
EE+1	427	1,585.12	1,585.12	0.00	4.91	4.91	2.46
EE+2	428	2,060.66	2,060.66	0.00	6.39	6.39	3.19
Retirees							
EE		Max	844.57				
EE+1		Max	1,107.00				
EE+2		Max	1,213.00				

The following is only a summary of the terms of enrollment and benefits for employee insurances available to employees in this bargaining unit. In the event of a discrepancy between Article 10 and the insurance plan document, the plan document for insurances specified below (medical, dental, vision, long term disability, life) is controlling. Copies of plan documents are available to employees from the ASO.

10.1 MEDICAL COVERAGE & FLEXIBLE CREDIT

PERS offers employees choices in medical plans. Enrollment of some domestic partners is permitted in PERS medical.

A. Employees in this bargaining unit may enroll in a medical plan offered by PERS in accordance with the provisions of the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program or a PERS approved Commission offered alternate medical plan. Employees have the option of enrolling their eligible dependents in a PERS approved Commission offered medical plan. Alternate medical plans must conform to PERS plans, rules, and regulations.

B. For coverage during the term of this agreement the Commission shall contribute to PERS Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program or any other PERS approved Commission offered alternate medical plans the following monthly amount for active, eligible employees in budgeted positions who elect to participate in such program:

1. For the remainder of calendar year 2007, the Commission will provide the following monthly medical contribution for active employees:

Employee Only: 95% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$460.00)

Employee + one dependent: 75% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$726.32)

Employee + two or more dependents: 75% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$944.21)

2. For calendar year 2008, the RTC will provide the following monthly medical contribution for active employees:
 - a. Employees only: 95% of the 2008 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO (\$506.28)
 - b. Employees + one dependent: 80% of the 2008 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO (\$852.69)
 - c. Employees + two or more dependents: 80% of the 2008 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO (\$1,108.50)
3. Beginning in calendar year 2009, the RTC and Union agree to participate in a Flexible Credits Program in accordance with IRS Section 125 provisions. Further information about the Flexible Credits Program can be found in Article 10.12.
4. For calendar year 2009, the RTC will provide monthly benefit contributions for active employees:

- a. Flexible Credit Contribution
 - (1) Employees only: 95% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - (2) Employees + one dependent: 85% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - (3) Employees + two or more dependents: 85% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - b. PERS PEMHCA CONTRIBUTION
 - (1) EE only = \$456
 - (2) EE+one dependent = \$507
 - (3) EE+two or more dependents = \$563
5. For calendar year 2010, the RTC will provide monthly benefit contributions for active employees:
- a. Flexible Credit Contribution
 - (1) Employees only: 95% of the 2010 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - (2) Employees + one dependent: 90% of the 2010 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - (3) Employees + two or more dependents: 90% of the 2010 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO less the PEMHCA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
 - b. PERS PEMHCA CONTRIBUTION
 - (1) EE only= \$507
 - (2) EE+one dependent\$557
 - (3) EE+two or more dependents = \$613

Employees in this representation unit hereby authorize the Commission to make a payroll deduction in the amount equivalent to the remainder of the premium required for the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program, or any other PERS approved Commission offered alternate medical plan in which they and their dependents are enrolled.

C. Employees hereby authorize the Commission to make a payroll deduction for the payment of the required PERS administrative fee based upon the plan selected by the employee.

D. Should PERS require a contribution to the Public Employees' Contingency Reserve Fund, employees hereby authorize payroll deductions equivalent to any such contributions required by PERS.

E. Pre-Tax Dollar Program. The Commission will make available to members of this representation unit a voluntary program of pre-tax dollar contributions as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 125.

F. Survivor Coverage.

Upon the death of an active employee who has dependents covered under a medical plan offered through the Commission, the Commission shall provide coverage under that plan five (5) months following the death of the employee for the surviving eligible dependents.

G. Retiree Health Care

1. Employees in this bargaining unit who retire through PERS may enroll in a PERS health plan or any Commission offered alternate medical plan, as provided under the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program and PERS regulations.

a. For the remainder of 2007, the Commission will provide monthly contributions for retirees not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected:

- (1) Retiree only: \$357 per month
- (2) Retiree plus one: \$407 per month
- (3) Retiree plus two or more: \$463 per month

b. For calendar year 2008, the RTC will provide the following monthly medical contributions for retirees, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected:

- (1) Retiree only: \$407 per month
- (2) Retiree plus one: \$507 per month
- (3) Retiree plus two or more: \$563 per month

c. For calendar year 2009, the RTC will provide the following monthly medical contributions for retirees, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected:

- (1) Retiree only: \$457 per month
- (2) Retiree plus one: \$507 per month
- (3) Retiree plus two or more: \$563 per month

d. For calendar year 2010, the RTC will provide the following monthly medical contributions for retirees, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected:

- (1) Retiree only: \$507 per month
- (2) Retiree plus one: \$557 per month
- (3) Retiree plus two or more: \$613 per month

2. Nothing in this agreement guarantees continued medical insurance coverage upon or after the expiration of this agreement and the underlying Memorandum of Understanding for retirees, their dependents, or their survivors. The Commission reserves the right to make modifications to retiree medical coverage, including termination of coverage, upon or after the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

10.2 DENTAL CARE

The Commission offers two dental plans. One is Delta Dental. This is a "fee-for-service" plan. Enrollees may go to any dentist and be reimbursed 80% for basic and preventative services and 50% on major services. Or enrollees may go to a preferred provider and be reimbursed at 100% for basic and preventative services and 60% for major services. The other plan is PMI and covers most services at 100%. This plan also has some orthodontia coverage. The Commission agrees to

**SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) AND THE COMMUNITY OF
RTC EMPLOYEES (CORE), SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 521
Effective April 1, 2015**

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and Community of RTC Employees, represented by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521 (CORE) have met and conferred in good faith and agreed as follows:

1. The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RTC and CORE with effective dates September 11, 2007 through November 13, 2010 and the prior amendments to that MOU, including the Side Letter signed by the parties extending that MOU to March 31, 2015, shall be further extended to March 31, 2018.
2. The terms and conditions set forth in the MOU, including in any applicable Side Letters, shall continue in effect under this Side Letter extension of the MOU, except as set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6.
3. The RTC agrees to maintain the current level of all benefits for current and active employees and retirees. The RTC agrees to pay the same percentage of benefit premiums to active employees as outlined in the MOU using the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 premium costs for each calendar year. As previously under this MOU, the RTC will increase the monthly medical premium contributions for retirees by \$50 for each calendar year 2016, 2017 and 2018, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected.
4. The RTC agrees to the following adjustments:
 - A. General Adjustment (Article 7.1 A):
The following language shall be added: CORE employees shall receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) effective on the following dates:
 - o 2% COLA on April 1, 2015 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
 - o 2% COLA on April 1, 2016 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
 - o 2% COLA on April 1, 2017 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date
5. The RTC agrees to the following general equity offset/PERS contributions adjustments:
 - A. Special Adjustments (Article 7.1 B)
The following language shall be added: As a general equity offset, each step in the salary range for all employees shall be increased by 3.5% effective April 1, 2015, or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date.

Each step in the salary range for all employees shall be increased by 3.5% effective April 1, 2016, or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date.

B. Retirement (PERS) – Local Miscellaneous Members (Article 9.1)

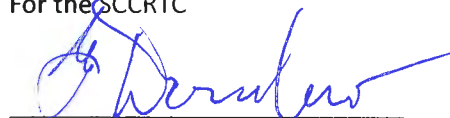
A. Pension Formula for Current and Legacy Employees

- A.1. Contributions to Pension for Current and Legacy Employees: Replace with the following language: Effective April 1, 2015, or on the first day of the pay period closest to this date, these employees shall pay 3.5% toward the member contributions to their retirement plan and the RTC shall pay 3.5% toward the member contributions also known as the Employer Pick-up of Member Contribution. Effective April 1, 2016, or on the first day of the pay period closest to this date, these employees shall contribute an additional 3.5% (for a total contribution of 7%) toward the member contributions to their retirement plan. RTC will continue to pay the employer contributions on behalf of current and legacy employees covered under the PERS Local Miscellaneous Plan.

6. Compensation Study (Article 21.4)

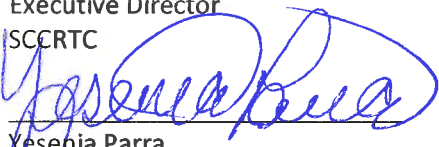
Both the RTC and SEIU agree to postpone conducting a compensation study by 36 months. A joint compensation study will start October 1, 2017 and be finalized no later than January 14, 2018.

For the SCCRTC



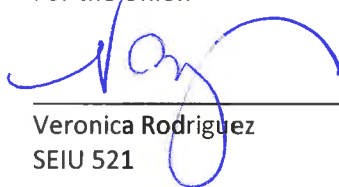
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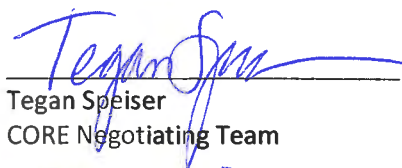


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Administrative Services Officer
SCCRTC

For the Union



Veronica Rodriguez
SEIU 521




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CORE Negotiating Team

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Date



Nathan Luedtke
CORE Negotiating Team

ARTICLE 19 VEHICLE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

- A. The RTC agrees to reimburse employees for authorized use of their private vehicles on RTC business at the Internal Revenue Service maximum allowable rate as confirmed by the Fiscal Officer.
- B. Changes to the above rate will commence the first day of the month which occurs thirty (30) days after the publication of the change of the IRS allowable rate in the Federal Register.
- C. It is understood that payment of vehicle mileage reimbursement to an employee provides compensation for all direct and indirect costs associated with ownership, insurance (including deductible), maintenance, and operation of the employee's vehicle(s) on RTC business.
- D. Employees must be authorized to use their private automobile(s) on RTC business by the RTC Administrative Office. Each employee must provide proof of insurance coverage on the vehicle(s) to be driven on RTC business in an amount not less than:
 - 1. \$100,000 per accident bodily injury and \$50,000 per accident property damage;

OR

- 2. \$100,000 combined single limit for auto liability, including bodily injury and property damage.
- E. In the event that an employee who is required to use a private vehicle on RTC business, should incur property damage in connection with a vehicle accident, and the employee is unable to recover the costs of such property damage from either his/ her own insurance company or from any other driver, or other source, such costs shall be paid to such employee of the RTC in the sum not exceeding \$150.00, provided that any claims the employee may have against his/her insurance company or any third party have been litigated or settled, and provided further that the employee is not found guilty of a violation of the California Vehicle Code or Penal Code in connection with the accident causing such damage.

ARTICLE 20 INSURANCE BENEFITS

Timing of Payroll Deductions. The RTC may take monthly payroll deductions in any one pay period in a month for all insurances (including medical plans, dental plans, vision plan, long term disability plan, life insurance) for employees being newly appointed to a position in the representation unit; employees leaving the representation unit; and employees in this representation unit who are beginning or returning from leaves of absence without pay. The RTC may take monthly payroll deductions in any one pay period in a month for all insurances on a regular basis for all employees in this representation unit, provided there is agreement with other employee organizations for such monthly payroll deductions in any one pay period.

Plan Documents Controlling. The following is a general description of the benefits available to eligible representation unit employees and retirees. This description is for informational purposes only and is not intended to create a benefit or right in excess of those that are provided in the insurance plan documents for medical, dental, vision, long term disability and life insurance, which are controlling. Copies of plan documents are available through the ASO.

20.1 MEDICAL COVERAGE

- A. Employees in this representation unit may enroll in a PERS health plan in accordance with the provisions of the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program. Employees have the option of enrolling their eligible dependents (including domestic partners) in this program.
- B. For coverage during the term of this agreement the RTC shall contribute to PERS Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Program or any other PERS approved RTC offered alternate medical plans the following monthly amount for active, eligible employees in budgeted positions who elect to participate in such program:
 - 1. For the remainder of calendar year 2007, the RTC's monthly contribution toward health care costs for active employees shall be as follows:

Employee only: 95% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$460.00)
 Employee + one dependent: 75% of the 2006 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$726.32)
 Employee + two or more dependents: 75% of the 2006 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$944.21)

2. For calendar year 2008, the RTC will increase monthly contributions for active employees in an amount equal to:

Employee only: 95% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$506.28)
Employee + one dependent: 80% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$852.69)
Employee + two or more dependents: 80% of the 2007 premium for Blue Shield HMO (\$1108.50)

3. Beginning in calendar year 2009, the RTC and Union agree to participate in a Flexible Credits Program in accordance with the IRS Section 125 provisions. Further information about the Flexible Credits program can be found in Article 10.12
4. For calendar year 2009, the RTC will increase monthly contributions for active employees in an amount equal to:

A. Flexible Credit Contribution

1. Employees only: 95% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMCHA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
2. Employees + one dependent: 85% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMCHA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
3. Employees + two or more dependents: 85% of the 2009 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMCHA contribution in 3(b)(1) below

B. PERS PEMCHA CONTRIBUTION

1. EE only = \$456
2. EE + One dependent = \$507
3. EE + two or more dependents = \$563

5. For calendar year 2010, the RTC will provide monthly benefit contributions for active employees:

A. Flexible Credit Contribution

1. Employees only: 95% of the 2010 premium for Blue Shield Access (EXT) HMO premium less the PEMCHA contribution in 3(b)(1) below
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B. PERS PEMCHA CONTRIBUTION

1. EE only = \$507
2. EE + One dependent = \$557
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- C. Employees in this representation unit hereby authorize the RTC to make a payroll deduction in the amount equivalent to the remainder of the premium required for Public Employees Medical & Hospital Plan or any other PERS-approved RTC offered alternate medical plan in which they are enrolled.
- D. Should PERS require a contribution to the Public Employees' Contingency Reserve Fund, employees hereby authorize payroll deductions equivalent to the contributions required by PERS.
- E. Pre-Tax Dollar Program. The RTC will make available to members of this representation unit a voluntary program of pre-tax dollar contributions as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 125.
- F. Survivor Coverage. Upon the death of an active employee who has dependents covered under a medical plan offered through the RTC, the RTC shall provide coverage under that plan five (5) months following the death of the employee for the surviving eligible dependents.

**Side Letter Agreement to the
Memorandum of Understanding between the
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
and the RTC Association of Middle Managers (RAMM)
Effective March 5, 2015**

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the RTC Association of Middle Managers (RAMM) have met and conferred in good faith and agreed as follows:

1. The current memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the RTC and RAMM with effective dates September 11, 2007 through November 13, 2010 and prior amendments to that MOU including the Side Letter signed by the parties extending that MOU to March 31, 2015 shall be further extended to March 31, 2018.
2. The terms and conditions set forth in the MOU, including in any applicable Side Letter, shall continue in effect under this Side Letter extension of the MOU, except as set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 below.
3. The RTC agrees to maintain the current level of all benefits for current and active employees and retirees. The RTC agrees to pay the same percentage of benefit premiums to active employees as outlined in the MOU using the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 premium costs for each calendar year. As previously under this MOU, the RTC will increase the monthly medical premium contributions for retirees by \$50 for each calendar year 2016, 2017 and 2018, not to exceed the actual cost of the plan selected.
4. The RTC agrees to the following adjustments:
 - A. General Adjustment (Article 11B) - The following language shall be added:

"RAMM employees shall receive the following cost of living adjustments (COLA) effective on the following dates:

 - 2% COLA on April 1, 2015 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date; and
 - 2% COLA on April 1, 2016 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date; and
 - 2% COLA on April 1, 2017 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date."
 - B. Parity Adjustment (Article 11C) - The following language shall be added:


"Each step in the salary range for all RAMM employees shall have the following parity adjustment increases effective on the following dates:

- 2% Parity Adjustment on April 1, 2015 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date; and
 - 2% Parity Adjustment on April 1, 2016 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date; and
 - 1.8% Parity Adjustment on April 1, 2017 or on the first day of the pay period closest to that date."
5. Replace the language in Article 13-Overtime Section 4.a to read as follows:
"RTC Association of Middle Manager Employees are salaried employees exempt from overtime provisions except as specifically provided in Article 13-Compensation
6. RAMM and RTC agree to postpone the joint compensation study required under Exhibit A: Side Letter of the MOU by an additional three years, such that the study would start by October 1, 2017 and be finalized no later than January 14, 2018. This action would delay any potential salary adjustments which could be a result of the study.

For the RTC



George Dondero
Executive Director

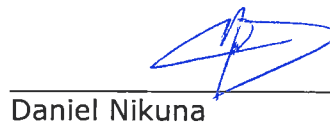


Yesenia Parra
Administration Services Officer

For RAMM



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**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
3 MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE**

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Meeting Date	Meeting Day	Meeting Type	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
10/5/17	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
10/10/17	Tuesday	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
10/12/17	Thursday	Budget & Administration/Personnel	3:00 pm	CAO Conference Room
10/16/17*	Monday	Bicycle Advisory Committee *Cancelled	6:00 pm	Commission Offices
10/19/17	Thursday	Transportation Policy Workshop	9:00 am	Commission Offices
10/12/17*	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee *Note meeting date 1 week earlier	1:30 pm	Commission Offices
11/02/17	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	Watsonville Council Chambers
11/09/17	Thursday	Budget & A/P Committee Meeting	3:00 pm	CAO Conference Room
11/10/17	Friday	Offices Closed-Holiday		
11/13/17	Monday	Bicycle Advisory Committee * Note special meeting date	6:00 pm	Commission Offices
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12/7/17	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
12/11/17	Monday	Bicycle Advisory Committee	6:00 pm	Commission Offices
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Board of Supervisors Chambers/CAO Conference room – 701 Ocean St-5th floor – Santa Cruz, CA

City of Capitola-Council Chambers – 420 Capitola Ave – Capitola, CA

City of Santa Cruz-Council Chambers – 809 Center St – Santa Cruz, CA

Board of Supervisors Chambers/CAO Conference room – 701 Ocean St-5th floor – Santa Cruz, CA

City of Scotts Valley-Council Chamber – 1 Civic Center Dr – Scotts Valley, CA

City of Watsonville-Council Chambers/Community Room – 275 Main St – Watsonville, CA

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08/31/17	Email	Incoming	09/01/17 VV			SCCRTC	Marica	McDougal		September 7, 2017 RTC Meeting Agenda Materials
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09/05/17	Letter	Outgoing		Nathan	Nguyen	City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department	David	Casterson	BAC	Comments on Segment 7 of the Rail Trail (Phase I) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
09/06/17	Letter	Outgoing				State Controller's Office	Rachel	Moriconi	SCCRTC	2017-18 State Transit Assistance Program Eligibility for PUC 99314 Transit Operators
09/07/17	Email	Incoming	9/12/2017 VV	George	Dondero	SCCRTC	Alex	Yasbec	Sierra Club of Santa Cruz	Rail Trail
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09/08/17	Email	Incoming	9/12/2017 VV			SCCRTC	Sara	Tanza		Wait for railroad study completion in 2019
09/08/17	Email	Incoming	9/12/2017 VV			SCCRTC	David	Kunis		Rail Corridor
09/08/17	Letter	Outgoing		John	Presleigh	County of SC Public Works	David	Casterson	BAC	Hiring Considerations for New Traffic Engineer
09/09/17	Email	Incoming	9/12/2017 VV			SCCRTC	Gina	Colfer		Train Tracks
09/09/17	Email	Incoming	9/12/2017 VV			SCCRTC	Christine	Bowman		Wait for Unified Corridor Investment Study completion in 2019
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09/13/17	Letter	Outgoing		Seema	Prasad	Accounts Payable MTC	Ginger	Dykaar	SCCRTC	Safe on 17 Invoice: April 1, 2017-June 30 2017
09/13/17	Email	Incoming	9/21/2017 CC	Cory	Caletti	SCCRTC	Bruce	Korb		County-wide Bicycle Signage Program
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9/25/2017	Email	Incoming	9/25/2017 CC	Cory	Caletti	SCCRTC	Jeri	Bodemar		Support trail and keep the tracks



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September 8, 2017

John Presleigh
County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Hiring Considerations for New Traffic Engineer

Dear Mr. Presleigh,

On behalf of the Bicycle Advisory Committee of the Regional Transportation Commission, I am writing with a request regarding the hiring process for your new Traffic Engineer. As you review candidates and make your selection, we ask that you look for someone who has knowledge of the latest developments in bicycle infrastructure design. Ideally, your chosen candidate will have worked to implement these designs in another jurisdiction. Examples include Class IV protected bikeways, bicycle boxes, multi-use paths, and protected intersections.

According to a 2015 poll, 60% of Santa Cruz County residents would be interested in riding bikes more often if they had safe and protected bicycle infrastructure nearby. The benefits of encouraging trips by bike are tremendous; more bicycling can help reduce traffic impacts, improve air quality, and can help residents save money and stay healthy. But fear of traffic deters many people from bicycling, and these fears are not unfounded: our county is consistently ranked among the highest in the state for cyclist injuries and fatalities. The County has a tremendous opportunity to develop infrastructure that encourages bicycling and improves safety, and we ask that you consider these goals as you make your hiring decision.

The Committee thanks you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact the RTC's Bicycle Program Manager and staff to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Cory Caletti, at (831) 460-3201 or by email at ccaletti@sccrtc.org, for this and any other committee related matters.

Sincerely,

David Casterson
Bicycle Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee



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September 5, 2017

Nathan Nguyen
City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Comments on Segment 7 of the Rail Trail (Phase I) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

I am writing on behalf of the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee to offer the committee's support of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Segment 7 of the Rail Trail project (Phase I) from Natural Bridges Drive to the intersection of Bay/California Streets. The committee serves to assist in the development and maintenance of a complete, convenient and safe regional bicycle and pedestrian network and urges the City's adoption of the IS/MND. Expedient implementation of the project will provide a critical car-free facility for bicyclists and pedestrians that will aid our community in achieving sustainable transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

The RTC is the lead agency for overall implementation of the rail trail in the County and is the owner of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The RTC lead a multi-year planning process for the 32-mile rail corridor that resulted in adoption of a Master Plan and certification of a program-level Environmental Impact Report. As you know, the City of Santa Cruz also adopted the RTC's Master Plan as a guideline for implementation of projects within the City and as a show of endorsement and support. The RTC has allocated over \$5M to Phase I and II of the Segment 7 project and has been proud to serve as the City of Santa Cruz's partner in the implementation stage.

The committee is pleased with design elements of the Phase I project and the many enhancements that the City included beyond the original project envisioned in the Master Plan. The IS/MND deserves the City's adoption as it is a thorough document which adequately addresses environmental impacts and proposes sound and solid mitigations.

The Committee thanks you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact the RTC's Bicycle Program Manager and staff to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Cory Caletti at (831) 460-3201 or by email at ccaletti@sccrtc.org, for this and any other committee related matters.

Sincerely,

David Casterson
Bicycle Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee
City of Santa Cruz Public Works Assistant Director (CS)

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:29 PM
To: 'isabelle jenniches'
Subject: RE: We need the Coastal Rail Trail NOW!

Hallo Isabelle,

Your comments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) about passenger rail service were received and will be made available to the RTC board for their consideration.

The RTC purchased the 32-mile branch rail line using Proposition 116 funds approved by both voters in California and Santa Cruz County with the intent to expand the network of rail service throughout the state. This under-used transportation corridor is an extremely valuable asset that connects north and South County and parallels the congested Highway 1 corridor. This corridor has many potential uses including: rail transit, goods movement, recreational trips and an adjacent bicycle/pedestrian trail.

An initial Rail Transit feasibility study was completed in December 2015 which analyzed seven sample scenarios to understand potential ridership, costs, and funding options. A copy of the Final Rail Transit Study is online. Public interest in the rail corridor is high and we received volumes of comments on the feasibility study. Many of the issues raised by the community would be answered in future phases of analysis. The approved Transportation Improvement Plan that will be before voters as Measure D in November 2016 currently does not include funds for new rail service, however it includes funds for a comprehensive study of the rail corridor to determine the best use of this treasured asset to improve mobility for all of us.

Your email has been added to the eNews group to receive information about projects on the rail line.

Thank you,
Virginia



Virginia Vaquero, Administrative Assistant, Art Exhibit Coordinator
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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From: isabelle jenniches [mailto:isabelle@9nerds.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:14 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Fwd: We need the Coastal Rail Trail NOW!
Begin forwarded message:
From: isabelle jenniches <isabelle@9nerds.com>
Subject: **We need the Coastal Rail Trail NOW!**
Date: August 11, 2017 8:52:23 PM PDT
To: john.leopold@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Dear John,

As a daily bike commuter in Santa Cruz County, I urge you to put your weight behind building the Rail Trail from Watsonville to Davenport without further delay! It is a beautiful and unique opportunity to enable non-motorized traffic. Our highways and streets are choked with cars, we need to provide alternatives NOW! Thank you for your consideration,

Isabelle Jenniches
3704 Old San Jose Road
Soquel CA 95073

On Sep 1, 2017, at 1:13 PM, General Info <info@sccrtc.org> wrote:

Dear Marcia,

Your comments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) about passenger rail service were received and will be made available to the RTC board for their consideration.

Thank you,

Virginia Vaquero, Administrative Assistant, Art Exhibit Coordinator

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From: Marcia McDougal [mailto:marcia@artesantos.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:09 PM

To: info@sccrtc.org

Subject: Re: RTC: September 7, 2017 RTC Meeting Agenda Materials

I think it is bazar how little plans there are for the north county. Davenport is going to be the hub for the National monument, with ghastly numbers invading our small community. We have an extreme popular bakery and restaurant and do not need more customers. Think of how popular a ride would be up the coast. There is talk of the old cement plant turning into a profitable commercial property. No insights for the north coast!

Marcia Mc Dougal, marcia@artesantos.com

On Aug 31, 2017, at 4:20 PM, Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org> wrote:

Hello Marcia,

The September 7, 2017 Commission meeting agenda has been posted to the RTC website. Regular and SAFE agenda items are listed below with links to access all packet materials.

September 7, 2017 RTC Meeting

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:25 PM
To: 'ayasbek@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: New submission from Contact Form
Dear Mr. Yasbek,

Thank you for your comments at the last RTC Meeting and your email regarding about Passenger Rail Service in Santa Cruz County. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) they will receive them in their upcoming meeting materials for their consideration.

Your email has been added to the eNews group to receive information about projects on the rail line. In the meantime please consider attending one of two workshops happening in Santa Cruz.

Monday, October 2, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Watsonville Public Library,
275 Main Street in Watsonville
(Parking in Garage)

OR

Tuesday, October 3, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Live Oak Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
1916 Capitola Rd in Live Oak

Please join the discussion about transportation options for our community's mobility needs now and into the future. The Unified Corridor Study is investigating what projects on Highway 1, Soquel and Freedom, and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line will provide the greatest benefit to the community. Your input -- on how best to improve the economic vitality, natural environment, and health and equity goals of our region -- is vital to the success of this study! Please attend a workshop and forward this email to your networks.

Thank you,

Virginia Vaquero, Administrative Assistant, Art Exhibit Coordinator
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From: Contact Request Form [mailto:admin@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 12:13 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 2:36 PM
To: 'Gina Colfer'
Subject: RE: Train tracks

Dear Ms. Colfer,

Your comments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) about passenger rail service were received and will be made available to the RTC board for their consideration.

Your email has been added to the eNews group to receive information about projects on the rail line.

Thank you,



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From: Gina Colfer [mailto:ginacolfer@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 6:01 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Train tracks

Please do not waste my tax dollars on fixing old train tracks that should be torn out and replaced with a trail!

Thank you
Gina Colfer
Aptos resident

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:43 PM
To: 'Brian Peoples'
Subject: RE: Aptos Village train infrastructure

Mr. Peoples,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review. Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,
Virginia



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From: Brian Peoples [mailto:brian@trailnow.org]
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 6:47 AM
To: gdondero@sccrtc.org
Cc: lmendez@sccrtc.org; Zach Friend; 'Patrick Mulhearn'; John Leopold; bruce.mcperson@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; rlj12@comcast.net; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us; greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; cchase@cityofsantacruz.com; ebottorff167@yahoo.com; michael@triadelectric.com; Alex Clifford; info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Aptos Village train infrastructure

Mr. Dondero,

To reiterate our comments at RTC meeting, we are asking that RTC be consistent in their planning for the Coastal Corridor. All expenses, planning and design work that is associated with the Coastal Corridor should wait until the Unified Corridor Study is completed. This would include upgrades to the Aptos Village intersections.

The railroad from Harkins Slough to Santa Cruz is out of commission with no scheduled plans for future operations. We believe it is best to identify the railroad through Aptos Village as "under construction" until 2019. This would allow for the delay of any railroad equipment expenditures. Backfilling the railroad with asphalt is a good temporary solution.

Demonstrating fiscal responsibility and consistency to the public will build greater trust with the public.

We ask that RTC be consistent and delay any requirements for new railroad equipment in Aptos Village until the Unified Corridor Study is completed.

Best regards,

Brian Peoples
Executive Director
Trail Now

From: General Info [<mailto:info@sccrtc.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:16 PM
To: 'dave@mythmaker.com'
Subject: Thank you for your comments!

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your comments they will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please note that 13 miles, of rail trail projects are either funded for upcoming implementation or in final design according to the approved, award-winning Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan. Projects in final design will be constructed within the next 2 years. Keeping options open for multiple uses of this key transportation corridor, including future consideration of potential rail service, does not preclude the trail project from moving forward, as is happening now. Keeping reliable transit and travel options open for the future is sound policy and paramount to providing mobility for all, regardless of ability or travel distance.

Measure D was approved by over 2/3 of Santa Cruz County voters (83,816!) in Nov 2016. Two of the five funding categories in Measure D are for projects in the rail corridor: 17% for the "Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (Coastal Rail Trail)," and 8% the "Rail Corridor" including rail infrastructure maintenance and an environmental and economic analysis of the rail corridor for possible future transit and other transportation uses.

Please visit the RTC website (www.sccrtc.org) for more information about community benefits, the ability to move the trail project forward while leaving rail and transit options open for the future, and for insight into the public process that led to the RTC's current policies.

Thank you,

Virginia



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From: Contact Request Form [<mailto:admin@sccrtc.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 12:56 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: New submission from Contact Form

From: Cory Caletti
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:08 AM
To: 'pete@haworths.org'
Subject: FW: Rail/Trail Question

Hello Mr. Haworth:

I'm sorry that you have not received a reply to your earlier email. In response to your questions, the RTC and local jurisdictions are moving ahead with the rail trail projects that are listed on our [fact sheet](#) and that have been approved through a public process by this Commission and partnering agencies. To provide context, the RTC adopted a trail Master Plan in 2013 after multiple years of public input with a policy to design the trail in such a way so as to not preclude future rail service. The four governing bodies of the jurisdictions through which the trail will traverse also adopted the Master Plan. Funding for design and construction of segments was first allocated in December, 2013 and the RTC has taken multiple actions since that time to move ahead with trail projects under the scenario specified in the Master Plan.

Prior to adopting the trail master plan, the RTC worked for a couple of decades to purchase the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line to preserve the rail corridor, improve the existing railroad infrastructure for continued use and construct a bicycle and pedestrian path adjacent to the rail line where feasible. The process involved securing the necessary funding, conducting much investigation and analysis, holding countless public meetings including evening meetings, and extensive negotiations for purchase and operating agreements.

Measure D, approved by Santa Cruz County voters in November of last year, commits the RTC to conduct an analysis of both rail transit and non-rail options for the corridor. The RTC is using the Unified Corridors Investment Study (UCS) to conduct that analysis. Once the UCS is completed, the Commission will determine the best use(s) of the corridor. That action may or may not change current policy. Until such action is taken, the RTC is responding to funding requirements to construct trail segments within a specified timeframe and community interest to see as much of the trail constructed as possible.

If the policy is revised for a trail-only option, an unknown amount of time and effort will be needed to reverse the current commitments to the California Transportation Commission, the current rail operator (Iowa Pacific, dba locally as Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway), and the Surface Transportation Board and to go through a public outreach process for design. Grant funds obtained for the trail prior to passage of Measure D may be lost if we wait until this process is completed. The segments of trail that are planned for construction prior to the completion of the UCS in December 2018 could be widened in future to utilize area with rails if a trail-only policy is selected.

The project webpage, with various resources in the WHAT'S NEW column, is located [here](#). We will update the website as more information becomes available. And of course, your comment will be shared with the Commission for their information about your concern.

~ Cory

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[Cory Caletti](#), Sr. Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager
[Regional Transportation Commission](#)
831.460.3201

From: Pete Haworth [<mailto:pete@haworths.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Rail/Trail Question

I emailed the SCCRTC at the info address about a month ago with the following question and have not received a response. Hopefully you can answer it for me.

I notice from Measure D documentation that construction of a section of the trail part of the rail/trail is about to start or may have already started by now. I also notice that the study to determine the best use of the rail/trail is not due to be completed until some time in 2018.

It appears that the trail construction is proceeding under the assumption that there will be a rail line/service since at least one graphic shows a fence between the trail and the rail tracks.

This doesn't make sense to me. The design of the trail is highly dependent on whether the rail line will be left in place which won't be determined until the study is complete in 2018. Hopefully you can explain why the trail construction is starting ahead of the study completion.

Thanks,
Pete

From: Cory Caletti
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:37 PM
To: 'Heath Baron'
Subject: RE: Supporting the Rail

Dear Mr. Baron:

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,

~ *Cory*

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[Cory Caletti](#), Sr. Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager
[Regional Transportation Commission](#)
831.460.3201

From: Heath Baron [<mailto:heathbaron@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Supporting the Rail

Hello

I was told this is who i write to send my support for bringing the train back to SC county

iv lived my whole life in watsonville and have always dreamed of seeing the watsonville train station put back into public use... not sure if this would be whats happening but i %110 support bringing back the train... its not only historic but its the last chance we have in bringing back rail as transportation

HWY1 traffic is a nightmare everyday regardless of what season it is, i think this would help that problem

thanks
Heath

From: Cory Caletti
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:41 PM
To: 'Kurt Rosenberger'
Subject: RE: Rail Service in Santa Cruz County

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,

~ *Cory*

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[Cory Caletti](#), Sr. Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager
[Regional Transportation Commission](#)
831.460.3201

From: Kurt Rosenberger [<mailto:rosenberger.kurt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Rail Service in Santa Cruz County

Dear Ms. Caletti,

I am writing to voice my support for new passenger rail service in the county on the existing coastal corridor. I cannot think of a better use of this valuable asset, as it will only advance the goals of reducing traffic and encouraging investment and small business startups within the county. As far as I'm concerned, this is the only solution to dealing with congestion on our roads. I've only lived in Santa Cruz for 11 years now, but I've seen traffic triple during that small window. I work in the Wrigley Building on the westside, and live in Soquel (we used to live in Capitola, but had to move farther out to get more bedrooms as our family expands), and it can take me nearly an hour to get home some days, mostly weaving through neighborhoods on backroads, as the highway is not an option. Our three kids will be going to the public schools in Soquel, and as much as I would love to bike to work, this is simply not realistic, as I have to drop my kids off. However, if we had rail service, I could drop them off, hop on the train in Capitola, and be at work in 15 minutes. Please, please, please build the rail and trail!

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Kurt Rosenberger

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:11 AM
To: 'Matthew Sapone'
Subject: RE: Please continue progress

Dear Mr. Sapone,

Your comments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) about passenger rail service were received and will be made available to the RTC board for their consideration.

The RTC purchased the 32-mile branch rail line using Proposition 116 funds approved by both voters in California and Santa Cruz County with the intent to expand the network of rail service throughout the state. This under-used transportation corridor is an extremely valuable asset that connects north and South County and parallels the congested Highway 1 corridor. This corridor has many potential uses including: rail transit, goods movement, recreational trips and an adjacent bicycle/pedestrian trail.

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Your email has been added to the eNews group to receive information about projects on the rail line.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Matthew Sapone [mailto:mdsapone@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 12:24 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Please continue progress

Hello team RTC,

We are excited for your progress on our train system. Please let us know how to support your work and keep this moving forward.

Thank you,
Matt Sapone
831 251 5625
Sent from my iPhone

Original Message-----

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:14 AM
To: 'bksawhill@cnsf.net'
Subject: MBSST and Segment 7

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review. Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,
Virginia

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sawhill Bruce [mailto:bksawhill@cnsf.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission
Cc: Sawhill Bruce
Subject: MBSST and Segment 7

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to implore you to proceed with the early segments of the MBSST as planned, particularly Segment 7. Measure D was passed with clear language supporting the building of the trail-with-rail using the award-winning Master Plan developed by RTC staff, **not** a trail-only plan.

Adopting a trail-only plan would not only delay construction of any sort of trail by many years, but would also remove the option of transit on the rail corridor, leaving the citizenry no other option than to bicycle on increasingly crowded roads for a long time. Santa Cruz County has a very high per-capita bicycle injury and fatality rate, and every year adds to the toll.

I firmly believe that transit on the rail line will prove to be a wise investment. In the unlikely event that it is deemed unviable, the lives saved by having a trail sooner than later will have been worth the extra expense of building Segment 7 next to the rail, which is a very small fraction of the overall cost of building the trail.

So, in summary—Build the trail according to the MBSST Master Plan and save the rail until we have further insight from the UCIS!

Thank you for your attention,

Bruce Sawhill, PhD

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 9:33 AM
To: 'Ellen Martinez'
Subject: RE: Coastal Corridor

Dear Ms. Martinez,

Thank you for your comments about passenger rail service. They will be made available to the RTC board for their consideration.

Thank you,
Virginia



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From: Ellen Martinez [mailto:ellen@ellenmartinez.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 6:17 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Cc: 'Ellen Martinez'
Subject: Coastal Corridor

Hello RTC Members,

I'm unable to attend your scheduled public meetings for the North Coast rail with trail – so thought that I would send you my input via email.

I am very much opposed to any kind of a train on the coastal trail --on any of the 32 mile stretch of the railway. I believe that mass transportation options for Santa Cruz County should be kept in the highway 1 location. The coastal corridor should be used for a pedestrian and bike path.

Please stop wasting our taxpayer dollars on additional studies. Please focus your time, tax dollars and energies on providing transportation solutions NOW:

- Widening highway 1 through San Andreas/Larkin Valley Road
- Developing a bike and pedestrian path in the coastal corridor

Make the tax payers and residents of Santa Cruz County proud to live here. Fix the Highway 1 problem NOW and build a world-class trail NOW.

Thank you.
Ellen Martinez
118 Via Trinita, Aptos CA 95003

From: Cory Caletti
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:49 PM
To: 'Debi/Shane Bell'
Subject: RE: Rail trail

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please note that the Commission has not made any decisions in respect to type of use, or frequency, of the rail corridor, other than implementation of the rail trail. Best uses of the corridor are currently being studied as part of the Unified Corridor Investment Study which is anticipated to be completed by the end of next year. We encourage you to stay engaged.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Sincerely, Cory Caletti

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Cory Caletti, Sr. Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager
Regional Transportation Commission
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From: Debi/Shane Bell [<mailto:firebell17@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Cory Caletti
Cc: firebell17@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Rail trail

Mr. Caletti,

My name is Shane Bell, I have been an Aptos resident for the past seven years and live on Sumner Ave. The rail tracks are right behind my home. Now when we purchased our home we were well aware that there were train tracks behind us and before the Cemex plant closed we would see maybe a train every other week. It was no big deal, and to honest kind of cool. I walk my dog down the tracks to hidden beach most days when I am not on duty at the fire station in the east bay. I would like to see alternative plan 1 to go into effect in the Wilder Ranch/Davenport area. This trail only plan would be a boon to our economy bringing many visitors to the Central Coast to use this trail. This will also be a jump off to building a trail all the way down the tracks opening it up to walkers and bicycle riders that would use the trail for exercise and commuting to work. The idea of having 60 commute trains a day running from 6 am to 10 pm past our home would be a nightmare, and would reduce our home value to nothing. This County is the best place on earth to raise a family, get involved with the community, and make it better for everyone. I just do not see the ridership that will come to support a train system in a county that will not support it. Monterey county tried this and failed, but we now have the Monterey Bay Trail, a destination trail that brings many people to Monterey.

Thank you for your time and effort on this matter

Shane Bell

From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 10:10 AM
To: 'Howard Sosbee'; 'santa cruz'
Subject: RE: Rail corridor

Dear Mr. Sosbee,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at <http://www.sccrtc.org> for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,
Virginia



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From: Howard Sosbee [mailto:hfs@sosbee.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 6:28 PM
To: santa cruz
Cc: SCCRTC General
Subject: Rail corridor

NadeneThorne suggests a referendum to "let the voters decide the fate of the rail corridor". Ordinarily, referendums are a good thing to reach consensus, but not in this case. There has been so much misinformation already published, the public would not have appropriate information to decide on. For example, Nadene states that "if a train were funded, no one would ride it." She's partly right, a train couldn't possibly make enough stops to pick up sufficient ridership to pay its way. But there is a way to use the rails that would generate the maximum possible ridership, would require the minimum out-of-pocket dollars to set up, would be completely compatible with pedestrians and bicycle use. All the components are practically "off-the-shelf" available and no tax money would be needed. Everything is there, it just has not been analyzed yet, probably because people keep talking about a train, which is the worst possible option for reasons too numerous to set forth here. We don't need the expense of a referendum. All we need is a decision by the SCCRTC.

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From: General Info [mailto:info@sccrtc.org]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:19 PM
To: 'Dave Riggs'
Subject: RE: Rail service Comment

Dear Mr. Riggs,

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review. Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

Thank you,
Virginia

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From: Dave Riggs [mailto:DaveRiggs@quailrun.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 11:57 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Rail service Comment

SCCRTC Board

Please enter this as a public comment on the construction of the rail service between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. When Measure D was put on the ballot, I enthusiastically supported the measure and urged my friends to do so as well. My primary concern was the traffic congestion between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Every work day traffic is backed up all the way to Watsonville from Santa Cruz. At the same time residents, along the way could ride a train to a downtown Santa Cruz for many business and leisure activity and avoid driving and parking issues downtown.

The prime selling point for me, and I think many voters, was the establishment of this rail service. Now I hear that the first leg of the service to be completed will be from Santa Cruz to Davenport. Frankly, this would not be very significant in reducing traffic congestion.

At that same time, the railroad tracks in Aptos are being torn out for the new Aptos construction. As a voter and resident, I am dubious about whether this rail service will ever be available in my lifetime. It is offensive to me that a bond issue is passed, but the center piece, the prime selling point, for the initiative gets put on the back burner. I will continue to support the rail service, but as a voter I feel betrayed. I urge the board to prioritize the service that will do the most to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Thank You,

Dave Riggs

David R. Riggs | Quail Run Business Solutions, Inc. | 110 Chase Lane, Aptos, Ca. 95003
Phone: 831.662.9620 | Cell: 831.419.2972 | Email: daveriggs@quailrun.net

From: Cory Caletti
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 11:09 AM
To: 'Jeri'
Subject: RE: Support trail & keep the tracks

Thank you for your comments. They will be made available to the Commission for their review.

Please visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org for information on the Commission and its activities.

~ *Cory*

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Cory Caletti, Sr. Transportation Planner/Rail Trail Program Manager
Regional Transportation Commission
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From: Jeri [<mailto:jbodemar@baymoon.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Cory Caletti
Subject: Support trail & keep the tracks

Hello,

I am writing to express strong support of the trail and the hope that construction can proceed as soon as possible.

As a member of Santa Cruz Climate Action Network, 350.org and Santa Cruz WILPF, I am familiar with the project and STRONGLY opposed to removing the tracks.

I will be encouraging others in our group to contact you or attend your meetings on Sept 27 in Davenport or 28 in Santa Cruz.

SMART reports higher-than-expected ridership over first three weeks of paid service

The first three weeks of operation for the North Bay's new commuter train showed the rail line has continued to attract weekend riders in far greater numbers than initially anticipated, while the concentration of passengers with bicycles is prompting SMART officials to ponder how they accommodate those commuters going forward.

Trains carried nearly 53,000 passengers in the weeks after paid service began Aug. 26, well beyond the roughly 46,800 passengers the agency projected for that period, Farhad Mansourian, general manager of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit agency said Wednesday.

More than 15,600 of those riders were on weekends, Mansourian told SMART board, whose members reacted with clear surprise. The agency's early projections foresaw just 300 daily riders on weekends.

Mansourian, in an interview after the board meeting, said during weekdays, when up to 3,000 daily riders were projected, the agency so far sees "no pattern" for ridership.

"Some days are higher, some days are lower," he said, declining to provide specifics. "Weekdays haven't settled down yet."

Mansourian said the data he presented ran from the start of paid service in late August — full fares kicked in Sept. 5 — through Tuesday, and was based on counts by train conductors as well as figures from Clipper Card and SMART's mobile app — the two methods to pay for a train ride.

Board members also were surprised when Mansourian told them trains have carried a total of nearly 3,800 bicycles on board, with the greatest concentration falling on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Each of three most popular days saw more than 700 or 800 bicycles total, while Saturday and Sunday bike usage ranged from 100 to 200.

"I would have expected a lot higher number of bikes" on weekends, said Jake Mackenzie, Rohnert Park's mayor and a SMART board member.

While cautioning that SMART will need to monitor the data over a longer period of time, Mansourian said the early data on bicycles may prompt some operational changes.

"We are now beginning to see a trend where we need to figure out how to accommodate the bicycles and the passengers at the same time competing for the same space," Mansourian told board members. "For us, fact that they are not using this (as much) on the weekend means they're looking at the bike as a first- and last-mile solution. That's what we're seeing."

SMART is examining various options and conducting community outreach to figure out how to best make room for more commuting bicyclists should trends continue, Mansourian said.

The issue was broached at the meeting by multiple community members, including Rick Coates of the citizens' group Friends of SMART, who said he thought some trains were "almost overwhelmed" with bicycles.

"It's compelling to hear people come and talk to us about the glitches," said Barbara Pahre, a SMART board member and official with the Golden Gate transportation district. "Hopefully we'll be patient enough to let the data collect a little bit more."

"It's a problem they need to solve," Coates said after the meeting. SMART's revenue from passenger fares has totaled more than \$242,000, besting its projection of \$225,000 for the period, Mansourian told the board. The transit agency charged passengers discounted fares from Aug. 26 through Labor Day.

"The ridership has met what we projected, the revenue has met what we were budgeting for," Mansourian said. "So far so good."

The SMART board also took action Wednesday to advance the planned 2.2-mile extension from San Rafael to Larkspur, unanimously approving an \$8.7 million contract amendment to cover signaling and communication systems for the key linkage that will connect the system more directly to the ferry serving San Francisco.

Bill Gamlen, SMART's chief engineer, said the contract change covered work that was always planned for, describing it as "kind of the last piece" in the agency's approval of the project. Overall, project is slated to cost more than \$52 million.

Additionally, SMART directors unanimously approved the agency's first union contract, which covers its 23 engineers and conductors. Those employees are in line for pay raises of roughly 10 percent, but they will receive no additional pay bumps over the life of the two-year contract, according to SMART.

Separately, directors unanimously approved a 3 percent pay raise for its 60 staff members who are not represented by any union. The agency is negotiating two other union contracts, Mansourian said. And on Tuesday, the Santa Rosa City Council approved a pilot shuttle program to run between the downtown core and the SMART station. The service is planned to start about mid-October and aims to serve train riders who park in city garages and those who wish to reach downtown from the train station. The council allocated up to \$141,000 for the shuttles through June 30, said Rachel Ede, acting deputy director for the city's transit division. The contract with Dallas-based MV Transportation, which operates Santa Rosa Paratransit, allows for two one-year extensions.

Staff Writer Robert Digitale contributed to this report. You can reach Staff Writer J.D. Morris at 707-521-5337 or jd.morris@pressdemocrat.com. On Twitter [@thejdmorris](https://twitter.com/thejdmorris).

Measure D Update:

October 2017



Since passage of Measure D by over 2/3 of Santa Cruz County voters in November 2016, the RTC and local agencies have begun work on projects and programs that are funded from Measure D.

Highlighted Projects

- Capitola – Highway 1 Interchange Enhanced Bike Lane Improvement project – completed September 2017. This project installed green bike lane markings and related signs at Highway 1 interchanges in Capitola at 41st Avenue, Bay/Porter, and Park Avenue. *Measure D funds = \$66,558, almost half of the approximately \$150,000 project.*
- Scotts Valley – Groundbreaking for Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive Intersection Operations Improvement Project is scheduled for October 2017. The project will provide additional space for vehicles turning left from northbound Mt. Hermon Road to Whispering Pines Drive, resynchronize intersection timing and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety with improvements to sidewalks, curb ramps, striping and pavement markings. *Measure D funds = \$161,000. The project is also funded from a \$346,000 RSTPX grant previously awarded by the RTC.*



Implementation

- Five-Year Plans and Maintenance of Effort documentation – All Measure D recipients developed and approved, via a public hearing, 5-year plans outlining projects to be delivered. Links to the 5-year plans are available on the RTC website: www.sccrtc.org/move. Agencies have also been preparing maintenance of effort documents to demonstrate that Measure D funds will expand, not replace, funds spent on transportation projects and programs.
- Receive Funds – RTC completed agreements with California Board of Equalization (BOE) earlier this year. It appears that no new agreements are needed with the July 2017 restructuring of the agency and creation of the new California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA).
- Accounting – New banking and accounting procedures were put in place to receive and forward Measure D revenues per the voter-approved expenditure plan.

- Revenue Projections – A 30-year revenue estimate was developed and reviewed by the RTC’s Budget & Administration/Personnel committee at their May 2017 meeting. The 5-year revenue estimates were forwarded to entities specified in the voter-approved Expenditure Plan.
- Fund Distribution –The RTC began making payments of July-September Measure D revenues to recipient agencies in September 2017. (*see below*)

Oversight

- Taxpayer Oversight Committee – Regional Transportation Commission approved revisions to its rules and regulations to establish bylaws for the Measure D-required oversight committee. Committee duties -- including review of expenditures and audits – begin after the first year of revenue. The RTC will be seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the oversight committee in the next few months.
- Auditor for Measure D Receipts – Firm hired to review and audit Board of Equalization payments and tax receipts, and to analyze projections for project planning purposes.

Payments

As shown in the attached spreadsheet, the RTC has begun receiving payments from the California Board of Equalization (BOE) and allocating funds to Measure D recipients, based on the voter-approved percentage rates to each category, as set forth in the Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. Payments are primarily a function of the actual sales tax receipts. The receipts fluctuate from month to month, and payments do the same. Each month the Board of Equalization (BOE) pays the RTC an advance for revenues estimated to have been received two months prior to the payment. At the end of each quarter the advances of the previous quarter are reconciled to actual receipts; and an adjustment - up or down, is made to the current advance. The adjustment for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 was made in September 2017. It was a large positive adjustment of \$1,231,700. September allocations to recipients reflect the adjustment. As with any sales tax measure, large variances (positive or negative) between advances and actual receipts are common.

SCCRTC
TRANSPORTATION TAX REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUN (TTRTF) - MEASURE D
SUMMARY REVENUE ALLOCATION BY MONTH
FY2018 ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

	KEY/OBJECT	RATE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
GROSS	729000/40186		1,146,700.00	1,529,000.00	2,455,390.28										5,131,090.28
BOE FEES			-	-	(50,520.00)										(50,520.00)
NET			1,146,700.00	1,529,000.00	2,404,870.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,080,570.28
ADMINISTRATION & IMPLEMENTATION - 729100/62315															
ADMINISTRATION - SALARIES & BENEFITS		1%	11,467.00	15,290.00	24,048.70										50,805.70
O/H ADMIN			11,581.67	15,442.90	24,289.19										51,313.76
SALARIES & O/H IMPELME& OVERSIGHT			8,333.33	8,333.33	8,333.33										25,000.00
SERVICES & SUPPLIES			46,960.42	46,960.42	46,960.42										140,881.25
Subtotal			78,342.42	86,026.65	103,631.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268,000.71
TO DISTRIBUTE TO INVESTMENT CATEGORIES			1,068,357.58	1,442,973.35	2,301,238.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,812,569.57
1. NEIGHBORHOOD - 729200/75232		30%	320,507.27	432,892.01	690,371.59										1,443,770.87
SLV SR9	Fixed \$		27,777.78	27,777.78	27,777.78										83,333.33
HWY 17 Wildlife	Fixed \$		13,888.89	13,888.89	13,888.89										41,666.67
			41,666.67	41,666.67	41,666.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,000.00
City of Capitola	5.6213%		15,674.47	21,991.95	36,465.65										74,132.07
City of Santa Cruz	22.7041%		63,308.25	88,824.19	147,282.61										299,415.06
City ofScotts Valley	4.8992%		13,660.96	19,166.91	31,781.35										64,609.22
City of Watsonville	15.1912%		42,359.23	59,431.82	98,546.06										200,337.12
County of Santa Cruz	51.5842%		143,837.70	201,810.46	334,629.25										680,277.40
	100%		278,840.61	391,225.34	648,704.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,318,770.87
2. HWY Corridors - 729300/62888		25%	267,089.40	360,743.34	575,309.66										1,203,142.39
3. TRANSIT/PARATRANSIT - 729400/75231		20%	213,671.52	288,594.67	460,247.73										962,513.91
Santa Cruz Metro (SCMTD) 16%	80%		170,937.21	230,875.74	368,198.18										770,011.13
Community Bridges - 4%	20%		42,734.30	57,718.93	92,049.55										192,502.78
3. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION - 729500/62856		17%	181,620.79	245,305.47	391,210.57										818,136.83
3. RAIL CORRIDOR - 729600/62857		8%	85,468.61	115,437.87	184,099.09										385,005.57
DISTRIBUTED TO INVESTMENT CATEGORIES		100%	1,068,357.58	1,442,973.35	2,301,238.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,812,569.57
TOTAL ADMIN & IMPEM AND INVESTMENT CATEGORIES			1,146,700.00	1,529,000.00	2,404,870.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,080,570.28

Northbound US 101/San Anselmo Road in San Luis Obispo County



FALL 2017

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District Director

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Roadside Safety and Aesthetics

Optimizing safety is the main purpose of the recently completed Caltrans roadside safety improvements project extending 15 miles along US 101 from Atascadero to Paso Robles. The \$2.3 million project, and similar ones statewide, are reducing the exposure of maintenance workers on foot in high-speed traffic areas. Project features are:

- Thirty-nine paved gore areas with contrast surface treatment
- Paved slope areas underneath four bridges
- Installed:
 - Metal-beam guardrail with concrete barrier
 - Drainage system improvements
 - Upgraded safety cable railing

A second roadside safety project in San Luis Obispo County, currently under construction, will address an 18-mile segment of US 101 from Arroyo Grande to San Luis Obispo. The \$2.5 million project is scheduled for completion in fall 2017. Currently, District 5 is implementing eight additional roadside safety projects—in different stages of project development on various highways—in Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Barbara counties. Two others were also recently completed in the latter two counties.



SB 1 Fix-it-First Funding

The Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017

Fixing our roads, repairing aging bridges, reducing traffic congestion and improving goods movement are key goals for the recently passed Senate Bill 1 transportation funding bill. Statewide, Caltrans is committed to fixing more than 17,000 lane miles, 500 bridges, 55,000 culverts, and 7,700 traffic operating systems, which includes installing ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards. Currently, Caltrans is expediting \$200 million in pavement projects statewide and \$150 million for restriping along the state highway system as well as identifying and prioritizing the most

needed projects. The new funding, which begins in November 2017, includes the following statewide over the next 10 years:

- \$1 billion – Active Transportation Program
- \$7.5 billion – Transit and rail
- \$3 billion – Trade corridor improvements
- \$2.5 billion – Congestion relief

The new bill will generate \$54 billion split between Caltrans and local agencies over the next decade—the largest transportation investment in more than 20 years. Each year, more than 180 billion vehicles travel on the state highway system. More information:

<http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/SB1.html>



CTP Guidelines Adopted

The California Transportation Commission recently adopted the 2017 *California Transportation Plan Guidelines*. The document provides a policy framework for developing future state transportation plans. The long-range, fiscally unconstrained plan details the state's priorities, guides future investments and maintains consistency with statewide, regional and local plans. More information: http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/CTP/CTP_2017_Guidelines_Final_5_17_17.pdf

Please Submit Maintenance Service Requests at the Following Link: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/mrsrsubmit/>



Highway 17 Wildlife Connectivity Project

Providing habitat connectivity and safe passage is the purpose of the Highway 17/Laurel Road wildlife connectivity project, near Scotts Valley, in Santa Cruz County. The estimated \$7 million project will connect two core habitat areas while protecting individual animals and ensuring long-term species survival. The California Transportation Commission recently approved \$3 million in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for the project's environmental, design and right-of-way costs. Construction funding is expected to come from local sources, including \$5 million from Santa Cruz County's recently approved Measure D sales tax.

After extensive environmental and biological review, the project site was identified as the highest priority for maintaining critical habitat with evidence of mule deer, mountain lions, bobcats and coyotes on both sides of the roadway. Highway 17 is an important link connecting the Santa Cruz Mountains with the Diablo Mountain Range and the Gabilan Range. Fragmented habitat is difficult for animal survival in finding adequate food, water and mates; raising their young; and establishing new territories. Challenges to wildlife mobility along the roadway include high traffic volumes, concrete median barriers and inefficient pathways at culverts or bridge under crossings.

A multi-agency partnership developed solutions for improving animal connectivity on the corridor. These included the following: Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Caltrans, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pathways for Wildlife and U.C. Santa Cruz (Puma Study).



Advanced Mitigation Credits

The Highway 17 wildlife connectivity project in Santa Cruz County also provides a unique opportunity for Caltrans to partner with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on a pilot for an innovative advanced mitigation credit agreement. The first of its kind in California, the agreement establishes mitigation credits that can be applied to future transportation projects.

Mitigation credits created by the Highway 17 wildlife project may be used by the Department or sold or transferred to other transportation agencies with projects in a specific service area. The pilot credit agreement may be used as a model for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's new statewide Regional Conservation Investments Strategies Program. More information:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Regional-Conservation>



Complete Streets Projects Kick-off

Creston Road Complete and Sustainable Streets Corridor Plan

The City of Paso Robles' \$185,000 grant will develop a Complete Streets Plan for Creston Road in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County. It will include community involvement to identify strategies for a two-mile pedestrian, bicycle and transit-friendly thoroughway. It will also feature Complete Streets design for sidewalks and intersection changes supporting travel modes for all users, ages and abilities. A greening element will be added for natural drainage as well.

Highway 9 Complete Streets Plan

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's \$249,000 grant will develop a Complete Streets Plan for 10 miles of Highway 9 in Santa Cruz County. The plan will identify, prioritize and implement multimodal improvements with a focus on asset management. It will address severe bicycle, pedestrian and transit gaps as well as collisions, congestion and system deterioration.



Call for Projects Coming

A call for projects for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is scheduled for September 2017. The program, funded through SB 1, includes:

- Sustainable Communities & Strategic Partnerships – \$25 million annually
- Climate Adaptation Planning Grants—\$20 million over three years

Successful projects support sustainable communities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. More information:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>



D5 Bicycle Champions

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Rideshare Program recently recognized District 5 with the *Defending Bike Month Challenge Champion* Award. The District kept the 2016 title with 37 employees bicycling most every day in May for Bike Month. In addition to the golden handlebars trophy (inset), the District won a one-month free trial of riding an electric bicycle. Hats off to all participants!



PROJECT UPDATE – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2017 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location/ Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	Highway 152 Centerline Rumble Strip (1G400)	From the Casserly Road/Carlton Road intersection to the Santa Cruz/Santa Clara County line (PM 3.7-8.3)	Install centerline rumble strip	Fall 2016- July 14, 2017	\$9.6 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing (SG)	Chrisp Company, Fremont, CA	Project completed and accepted on July 14, 2017.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location/ Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	Highway 17 Storm Water Mitigation (0Q600)	On SR 17 just north of the fishhook to Sims Road (PM 0.7-1.4)	Construct multiple storm water mitigation improvements	Winter 2017- Summer 2020	\$7.4 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing (DP)	Graniterock, Watsonville, CA	Construction timeline is winter 2017 – summer 2020. Periodic closures will occur in the right southbound lane mostly during overnight hours. Work is expected daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from September through May 2018.
2.	Highway 17 Shoulder Widening and Concrete Guardrail (0T980)	Near Scotts Valley south of Sugarloaf Road to slightly south of Laurel Road (PM 8.3-9.4)	Widen shoulder and install concrete guardrail	Spring 2016- Fall 2017/Winter 2018	\$6.2 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing (DP)	Granite Construction, Watsonville, CA	Project is scheduled for completion in fall 2017.
3.	Highway 129 Curve Realignment (0T540)	East of Watsonville between west of Old Chittenden Road and slightly east of Chittenden underpass (PM 9.5-10.0)	Realign curve	Spring 2016- Spring 2017	\$5 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing (KB)	Graniterock, Watsonville, CA	Project is in plant establishment until summer 2018.

PA&ED: Project Approval & Environmental Document

PS&E: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate

SHOPP: Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

	Project	Location/ Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
4.	Highway 236 Resurfacing (1F340)	From Boulder Creek to Waterman Gap (PM 0.0-16.0)	Resurface the existing roadway	Fall 2016- Winter 2017	\$3.5 million	Maintenance	Kelly McClain (KB)	Graniterock, Watsonville, CA	Field assessments are being conducted in the next couple of weeks. Punch list work may continue for the next month or two. Work is scheduled for completion by December 2017.
5.	Highway 129 Open Grade Overlay and Metal Beam Guardrail Upgrade (1F030)	From just east of Watsonville to School Road (PM 1.8/9.9 & SBt PM 0.0/0.4)	Place open graded friction course and replace, raise, and update the existing metal beam guardrail and end treatments	Summer 2017 - Summer 2018	\$5.5 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing (KB)	Granite Rock Company	Project is scheduled to begin in October.

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location/ Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Estimated Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
6.	Highway 1 Pavement Overlay (1C850)	From North Aptos underpass to State Route (SR) 9 (PM 10.2-17.5)	Pavement overlay	2018	\$14.9 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	Design	Project is on schedule.
7.	Highway 1/ Highway 17 Ramp Safety Improvements (1H060)	From just south of the fishhook to just south of Pasatiempo overcrossing (PM 16.7)	Construct ramp safety improvements	2019	\$5.8 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	PA&ED	Project is on schedule.

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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

	Project	Location/ Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Estimated Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
9.	Highway 9 Shoulder Widening, Guardrail Upgrades, and Center Rumble Strips (1C650)	In Castle Rock State Park, from 5 miles south of SR 35 to 3.3miles south of SR 35 (PM 22.1-23.8)	Shoulder widening, guardrail upgrades, and center rumble strips	2018	\$7.7 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing	PA&ED	Project is scheduled to advertise for construction in summer 2018.
10.	Highway 17 Wildlife Habitat Crossing (1G260)	From Laurel Road to just north of Laurel Road (PM 9.442-9.692)	Construct wildlife undercrossing	2020	TBD	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PA&ED	Project is in PA&ED. Working on the Project Report and Environmental Document.
11.	Highway 129/ Lakeview Road Intersection Improvements (1G990)	Near Watsonville, at Lakeview Road (PM 1.4)	Construct roundabout and improve street lighting	2020	\$4.5 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	PA&ED	Project is on schedule.
12.	Highway 129/ Carlton Road Intersection Improvements (1F350)	Near Watsonville from slightly west to slightly east of Carlton Road (PM 3.2-3.5)	Realign Carlton Road and construct a new intersection with left-turn channelization	2018	\$2 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing	Design	Project is scheduled to advertise for construction in spring 2018.
13.	Highway 152 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1E020)	Near Watsonville from Wagner Avenue to south of Holohan Road (PM 1.3-R2.0)	Install sidewalks for ADA compliance	2018	\$1.9 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	Design	Project is on schedule.

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CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN



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CONNECTING CALIFORNIA...BETTER

Caltrans is beginning work on its new 2018 Rail Plan which will provide **an exciting new framework for California's rail network** and set the stage **for new and better rail and community connections in the State** for the next 20 years and beyond.

THE RAIL PLAN'S MISSION

The mission of the 2018 Rail Plan is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient California rail network that successfully moves people and goods while enhancing the State's economy and livability.

What is the 2018 CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN?

The 2018 Rail Plan will present a **vision and strategies** for California's future passenger and freight rail network, which **will guide state investments** supporting implementation of an integrated rail network. It also fulfills state and federal rail plan requirements.

The Rail Plan is not being developed in a vacuum - it is an important element in the comprehensive examination of statewide transportation investment strategies tied to the **2040 California Transportation Plan**:

This overall plan for the State seeks to build on regional initiatives for curbing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change by coordinating statewide planning for all transportation modes, including air, roads and highways, local and regional public transit, and passenger and freight rail.

YES, RAIL CAN... provide solutions to today's transportation challenges:

- Rail provides a **safe, quality and efficient transportation choice** for Californians;
- Rail provides a **cost-effective, and often best-value, investment** in transportation infrastructure that minimizes impacts on our communities and supports economic growth;
- Rail **can help reduce current highway and air transportation congestion** in our highly urbanized state, where population is expected to grow to nearly 50-million by 2050.
- Rail, including electrified rail, is an effective way to help achieve the state's greenhouse gas emission targets and other **air quality benefits**.



See the website
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WHAT IS NEW about the 2018 Rail Plan?

The 2018 Rail Plan builds on previous Caltrans rail plans, and yet is **more ambitious** as it will provide a **vision for freight and passenger rail** that will include an integrated high-speed, intercity, and commuter passenger rail system with better **timed connections** and **more transportation options**.

The 2018 Rail Plan will also address how rail can help achieve statewide **greenhouse gas emissions** mandates.



How YOU can GET INVOLVED:

This Rail Plan planning process is being designed to allow for early and meaningful public participation throughout, with several options for input and feedback.

- **Sign up** to receive e-mail updates and notifications on the Rail Plan planning process
- **Provide comments** through the website's online comment form
- **Send an email** to Railplan@dot.ca.gov
- **Attend public meetings (in person or online)**, and provide feedback on the Draft Plan during the Public Comment Period in Spring of 2017
- **Bookmark the website** and check it often for updates: www.californiastaterailplan.com

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- July 2015** ○ Began preparation of the 2018 Rail Plan
- Early 2016** ○ Launch of new Rail Plan website and public online survey to provide early input on rail issues and opportunities
- Spring 2017** ○ Draft 2018 Rail Plan will be available to the public for review and provide feedback during a public comment period
- Mid-2018** ○ The final Rail Plan will be released, including responses to public comments

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Caltrans convened a Stakeholder Advisory Committee in November 2015 as a technical and policy working group to provide input and expertise in the development of the 2018 Rail Plan. The committee meets quarterly through August 2017, and includes passenger rail operators, planning agencies, freight rail interests, Tribal Nations, private railroads, transit operators, and neighboring states. Advocacy groups representing environmental, disadvantaged communities, livable communities/active transportation and agricultural interests are also included.

A full roster of participating agencies is available on www.californiastaterailplan.com/about

In addition, Caltrans has a focused Native American outreach program for the 2018 Rail Plan which includes appointing three Native American tribal representatives to the Stakeholder Committee, tribal listening sessions early in the Rail Plan development process, formal consultation options for the draft 2018 Rail Plan, and providing regular updates to the Caltrans Native American Advisory Council.

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Agenda: October 5, 2017

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

From: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Bicycle Program Manager

Re: City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Request

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the following City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Allocation Claim and request:

- 1) \$32,000 in FY 17/18 TDA funds for bikeway striping and minor improvements, and \$2,000 for bike parking; and
 - 2) reallocation of \$14,449.66 previously apportioned to the San Lorenzo River Trestle bike connection to the bikeway striping and minor improvements fund.
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BACKGROUND

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) was established by the State Legislature in 1971. The TDA provides one of the major funding sources for public, specialized, bicycle and pedestrian transportation in California.

Each year the Regional Transportation Commission allocates Article 8 TDA funds for bikeway and pedestrian projects to local jurisdictions according to the RTC Rules & Regulations using a population formula. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next.

As stated in the Rules and Regulations, a TDA Article 8 claim from local jurisdictions shall include a description of the project adequate for review by the RTC and its advisory committees; justification for the project including a statement regarding its consistency and relationship with the Regional Transportation Plan; estimated cost of the project including other funding sources; and a statement agreeing to maintain the funded project in the condition outlined in the submitted plans for a period of 20 years.

Allocation requests with pedestrian components must be reviewed by the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) and requests for bicycle facilities must be reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee prior to

consideration by the RTC.

DISCUSSION

The City of Santa Cruz submitted a letter and Article 8 FY 17/18 Transportation Development Act allocation claim (Exhibits A-B) for \$32,000 for bikeway striping and minor improvements and \$2,000 for bike parking. Additionally, the City of Santa Cruz requests reallocating \$14,449.66 that was previously apportioned to the San Lorenzo River Trestle bike connection to the bikeway striping and minor improvements fund.

The bikeway striping and minor improvements allocation would provide annual maintenance of the city's 30 miles of bikeways. The City of Santa Cruz has sufficient funds in the unallocated budget for these claims.

At the September 18, 2017 meeting, the Bicycle Advisory Committee reviewed the claim and recommended that the RTC approve the City's allocation request.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the RTC approve by resolution (Attachment 1) the City of Santa Cruz's TDA claim.

SUMMARY

The City of Santa Cruz submitted a TDA Article 8 allocation request for \$32,000 for bicycle striping and minor improvements and \$2,000 for bicycle parking. The City of Santa Cruz additionally requested reallocating \$14,449.66 previously apportioned to the San Lorenzo River Trestle bike connection to the bikeway striping and minor improvements fund. Staff and the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend approval of the attached resolution. The City has sufficient funds in the unallocated budget for this claim.

Attachment 1: Resolution

Exhibits:

- A. Article 8 TDA Allocation Request Letter from the City of Santa Cruz
- B. City of Santa Cruz Allocation Claim Form

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of October 5, 2017
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$32,000 IN ARTICLE 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS TO THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR BIKEWAY STRIPING AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS AND BICYCLE PARKING; AND REALLOCATING \$14,449.66

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz submitted a letter (Exhibit A) for a FY 17/18 claim for \$32,000 for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements and \$2,000 for bicycle parking (Exhibit B), and for reallocation of \$14,449.66 previously apportioned to the San Lorenzo River Trestle bike connection to the bikeway striping and minor improvements fund;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz has sufficient unallocated Article 8 TDA revenues;

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Committee has reviewed the TDA project funding request pertaining to their charge and recommend approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are consistent with the *2014 Regional Transportation Plan* and the claimant agrees to maintain funded projects for a period of 20 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HEREBY APPROVES:

1. Allocating \$32,000 in TDA Article 8 funds to the City of Santa Cruz for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements and \$2,000 for bicycle parking; and
2. Reallocating \$14,449.66 previously apportioned to the San Lorenzo River Trestle bike connection to the bikeway striping and minor improvements fund.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Zach Friend, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

Exhibit A-B: TDA Article 8 Allocation Request Letter from the City of Santa Cruz and Claim Form

Distribution: City of Santa Cruz Public Works
RTC Fiscal
RTC Bicycle Planner



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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September 5, 2017

Mr. George Dondero
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: City of Santa Cruz – FY 2017-18 TDA Article 8 Allocation and Reallocation Request

Dear Mr. Dondero:

Please accept this letter as a FY 2017-2018 TDA Article 8 allocation request for the following projects:

1. **Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements (\$32,000):** This project provides for the annual re-striping of the City's 30 miles of bikeways, maintenance of bikeways and minor bikeway improvements. This project is entirely supported with TDA funds.
2. **Bike Parking (\$2,000):** This project provides for annual improvements to bike parking citywide. This project is entirely supported with TDA funds.

Additionally, the City requests a **reallocation of \$14,449.66 previously apportioned to the SLR Trestle Bridge Connection to the Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements**. The reallocation is necessary due to a TDA overpayment to the SLR Trestle Bridge Connection project as a result of receiving CDBG funding after the TDA funds reimbursements were claimed and received. Reallocating these funds to the Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements project will correct the overpayment.

The City's remaining unallocated balance will be used to match grant applications, under-funded projects, and future bikeway striping and parking projects.

As with all City claims, the City will commit to maintain any facilities provided with these funds for 20 years and will prepare all necessary environmental review for these projects. All of the projects above are consistent with the City's Active Transportation Plan and the RTC's Regional Transportation Plan.

Please call me at 420-5422 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Christophe J. Schneider
Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachments: Claim Forms
cc: Transportation Coordinator (AC)
Finance Department (CF)

Transportation Development Act (TDA) – Local Transportation Funds CLAIM FORM for Bike/Ped Projects

*If you have any questions about this claim form or would like an electronic copy of the form,
please contact the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at 460-3200.*

Project Information

1. Project Title: 1. Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements
2. Bike Parking
2. Implementing Agency: City of Santa Cruz
3. Sponsoring Agency (if different) – must be a TDA Eligible Claimant:
4. TDA funding requested this claim: 1. \$32,000 2. \$2,000
5. Fiscal Year (FY) for which funds are claimed: FY 2017/2018
6. General purpose for which the claim is made, identified by the article and section of the Act which authorizes such claims: ☒ **Article 8 Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Facility**
7. Contact Person/Project Manager: Chris Schneider
Telephone Number: 831-420-5422 E-mail: cschneider@cityofsantacruz.com

Secondary Contact (in event primary not available): James Burr
Telephone Number: 831-420-5426 E-mail: jburr@cityofsantacruz.com
8. Project/Program Description/Scope (use additional pages, if needed, to provide details such as work elements/tasks): Annual restriping and resigning of the City's 30 plus miles of bikeways and minor bikeway improvements. Installing new or replacing bike parking in the public row.
9. Number of people to be served/anticipated number of users of project/program:
Current bikeway and roadway users.
10. Project Location/Limits (attach a map and/or photos if available/applicable, include street names):
Projects are citywide and as needed based on existing conditions and public requests.
11. Justification for the project. (Why is this project needed? Primary goal/purpose of the project; problem to be addressed; project benefits; importance to the community): Traffic safety and to encourage safe bike use. Improve bike access to adjacent property.
12. Consistency and relationship with the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – please reference Project or Policy: 2014 RTO Sustainability Policies pg 4-3.
13. Measures of performance, success or completion to be used to evaluate project/program:
Traffic safety and public comments.

14. Impact(s) of project on other modes of travel, if any (ex. parking to be removed): NA

15. Project Cost/Budget, including other funding sources, and Schedule:

Capital Projects – OR ATTACH PROJECT BUDGET

Project Start Date: FY2017-18

	Planning	Environmental	Design/ Engineering	ROW	Construction	Other *	Contingency	Total
SCHEDULE (Month/Yr) Completion Date /					FY 2017-18			
Total Cost/Phase					\$32,000 \$2,000			\$32,000 \$2,000
\$TDA Requested (this claim)					\$32,000 \$2,000			\$32,000 \$2,000
Prior TDA:					\$30,000			
Source 3:								
Source 4:								

**Please describe what is included in "Other":*

16. Preferred Method and Schedule for TDA fund distribution, consistent with the RTC Rules and Regulations (a. 90% prior to completion/10% upon completion; or b. 100% after completion): 100% after completion.

17. TDA Eligibility:

	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project/program been approved by the claimant's governing body? Attach resolution to claim. (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated.)	Yes
B. Has this project previously received TDA funding?	Yes
C. For capital projects, have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency for the next 20 years?	Yes
D. Has the project already been reviewed by the RTC Bicycle Committee and/or Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee? (If "NO," project will be reviewed prior to RTC approval).	No
E. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: http://www.dot.ca.gov).	Yes

Documentation to Include with Your Claim:

All Claims

X A letter of transmittal addressed to the SCCRTC Executive Director that attests to the accuracy of the claim and all its accompanying documentation.

X Resolution from the TDA Eligible Claimant indicating its role and responsibilities.

Previously submitted.

Article 8 Bicycle/Pedestrian Claims

☒ Evidence of environmental review for capital projects

Projects are exempt.

Local Agency Certification:

I certify that the information provided in this form is accurate and correct. I understand that if the required information has not been provided this form may be returned and the funding allocation may be delayed.

Signature  Title: Assistant Director Date: 9/5/17

This TDA Claim Form has been prepared in accordance with the SCCRTC's Rules and Regulations, and Caltrans TDA Guidebook (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/State-TDA.html>).

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Agenda: October 5, 2017

To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

From: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner

Re: City of Scotts Valley Article 8 Transportation Development Act
Claim for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines
Intersection Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the City of Scotts Valley's Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim in the amount of \$93,963 for bicycle and pedestrian facilities included in the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project ([Attachment 2.](#))

BACKGROUND

Each year the Regional Transportation Commission allocates Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to local jurisdictions for bikeway and pedestrian projects. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next. TDA claims with bicycle amenities must be reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee and those with pedestrian components must be reviewed by Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee prior to approval by the Regional Transportation Commission.

DISCUSSION

Attached is a letter and claim form from the City of Scotts Valley for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project in the amount of \$93,963 ([Attachment 1](#)). The TDA funds will support development of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities portion of this project including:

- Installing bicycle loop detectors and bicycle boxes, restriping bike lanes with green lane treatments;
- Providing new crosswalk striping and installing pedestrian signal faces with countdown indicators and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), which include pedestrian push buttons with audible and vibrating features, on all approaches on Mt. Hermon Road and Scotts Valley Drive and installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) for the southbound approach to enhance awareness of pedestrians crossing the free flow right turn lane; and,
- Reconstructing the curb return on the southeast corner to square up the intersection, slightly shortening crosswalks, installing larger pedestrian

refuge areas within the existing traffic islands, new curb ramps at all four corners and flatter crosswalks to improve accessibility, and providing ADA compliant improvements and realigning and widening crosswalks to improve pedestrian crossing safety.

The Regional Transportation Commissions' Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee reviewed the Mt Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project's preliminary design in June 2016 and the final design as part of the TDA Claim in September 2017.

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the City of Scotts Valley's Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim in the amount of \$93,963 for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project (Attachment 2.)

SUMMARY

The City of Scotts Valley submitted a TDA Article 8 allocation request for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project. The allocation request from the city totals \$93,963, which is currently available in their TDA fund apportionment.

Attachments

1. Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim Form from the City of Scotts Valley
2. Resolution approving TDA Claim

**Transportation Development Act (TDA) – Local Transportation Funds
CLAIM FORM
for Bike/Ped Projects**

*If you have any questions about this claim form or would like an electronic copy of the form,
please contact the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at 460-3200.*

Project Information

1. Project Title: **Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive Intersection Operations Improvement Project**
2. Implementing Agency: **City of Scotts Valley**
3. Sponsoring Agency (if different) – must be a TDA Eligible Claimant:
4. TDA funding requested this claim: **\$93,963**
5. Fiscal Year (FY) for which funds are claimed: **FY 2017/2018**
6. General purpose for which the claim is made, identified by the article and section of the Act which authorizes such claims: ☒ **Article 8 Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Facility**
7. Contact Person/Project Manager: **Scott Hamby**
Telephone Number: **(831) 438-5854** E-mail: **shamby@scottsvalley.org**

Secondary Contact (in event primary not available): **Jessica Kahn**
Telephone Number: **(831) 438-5854** E-mail: **jkahn@scottsvalley.org**
8. Project/Program Description/Scope (use additional pages, if needed, to provide details such as work elements/tasks):

The project calls for implementing the following improvements to the intersection of Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive.

- **Lengthening the westbound left-turn lane from Mt. Hermon Road to Whispering Pines Drive to provide adequate storage for projected queues.**
- **Re-striping the northbound approach on Whispering Pines Drive to provide separate left-turn, through and right-turn lanes.**
- **Modifying the signal to eliminate the split phasing and allow for protected left-turn phasing for the northbound Whispering Pines Drive and southbound Scotts Valley Drive approaches.**
- **Installing bicycle loop detectors and provide new crosswalk striping on all approaches on Mt. Hermon Road and Scotts Valley Drive.**
- **Restriping bike lanes with green lane treatments.**
- **Installing bicycle boxes at all approaches.**
- **Installing pedestrian signal faces with countdown indicators on all approaches on Mt. Hermon Road and Scotts Valley Drive.**
- **Install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) which include pedestrian push buttons with audible and vibrating features.**

- Reconstructing the curb return on the southeast corner to square up the intersection, slightly shorten the crosswalks and provide ADA compliant improvements.
 - Installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) for the southbound approach to enhance awareness of pedestrians crossing the free flow right turn lane.
 - Replacing asphalt concrete pavement to repair rutted stopping zones.
 - Installing asphalt micro seal, new striping and new pavement markers to increase visibility.
 - Realigning and widening crosswalks to improve pedestrian crossing safety.
 - Installing larger pedestrian refuge areas within the existing traffic islands.
 - Relocating storm drain inlets to outside of the crosswalks.
 - Installing new curb ramps at all four corners and flatter crosswalks to improve accessibility.
 - Installing a new signal pole in a better location.
 - Installing all new traffic signals, wiring and detection loops.
9. Number of people to be served/anticipated number of users of project/program:
ADT volumes MHR: 33,000 VPD and SVD: 16,500 VPD. This intersection is a significant route from the Whispering Pines neighborhood to Scotts Valley Middle School and many other parents drop off children to walk from this intersection to the Middle School. All streets on this intersection currently have bike lanes that are moderately traveled.
10. Project Location/Limits (attach a map and/or photos if available/applicable, include street names):
Intersection of Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley Drive, and Whispering Pines Drive. See map.
11. Justification for the project. (Why is this project needed? Primary goal/purpose of the project; problem to be addressed; project benefits; importance to the community):
- The intersection of Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive is a major intersection in the city of Scotts Valley. It serves the surrounding residential neighborhoods, as well as those from other regions. Motorists use this intersection to access commercial and employment centers, corporate buildings, law enforcement offices, urgent care medical clinics, shopping centers, small businesses and parks. Mt. Hermon Road is a major arterial road providing east-west access from Highway 17 to Highway 9 and San Lorenzo Valley. The Scotts Valley Drive Corridor is an important major arterial roadway in Scotts Valley. It provides the only north-south access between Mt. Hermon Road and north Scotts Valley/Highway 17.**
- The project will double the length of the left turn lane from northbound Mt. Hermon Road to eastbound Whispering Pines Drive, modify existing signals, resynchronize intersection timing and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety with improvements to sidewalks, curb ramps, striping and pavement markings. The resulting improvements will provide more efficient use of the transportation system by reducing vehicle stops; especially during peak commute hours. These improvements are considered critical to provide a safe environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, school children and others in this heavily concentrated area of the city.**
12. Consistency and relationship with the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – please reference Project or Policy:
RTP Project Number: SV-27
13. Measures of performance, success or completion to be used to evaluate project/program:
Increased LOS, Reduction of conflicts and risk between motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The project has been designed to meet local, state, and/or federal standards inclusive of for ADA path of travel, Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), and use green lane treatments and bicycle boxes.

14. Impact(s) of project on other modes of travel, if any (ex. parking to be removed):
No negative impacts, improved LOS as described above.

15. Project Cost/Budget, including other funding sources, and Schedule:

Capital Projects – Attached construction bid sheet highlights bicycle and pedestrian elements

Project Start Date: September 2017

	Planning	Environmental	Design/ Engineering	ROW	Construction	Other *	Contingency	Total
SCHEDULE (Month/Yr) Completion Date __/__/__	Completed	Exempt	Completed July 2017	N/A	September- November 2017			November 2017
Total Cost/Phase			\$208,783		999,990			\$1,208,773
\$TDA Requested (this claim)			\$0		\$93,963			\$93,963
Prior TDA:			\$0		\$0			\$0
Grant:			\$0		\$346,000			\$346,000
Measure D:			\$0		\$160,615			\$160,615
City Funds			\$208,783		\$393,412			\$602,195

**Please describe what is included in "Other":*

16. Preferred Method and Schedule for TDA fund distribution, consistent with the RTC Rules and Regulations (a. 90% prior to completion/10% upon completion; or b. 100% after completion):
a. 90% prior to completion/10% upon completion

17. TDA Eligibility:	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project/program been approved by the claimant's governing body? Attach resolution to claim. (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated.)	Yes
B. Has this project previously received TDA funding?	No
C. For capital projects, have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency for the next 20 years?	Yes
D. Has the project already been reviewed by the RTC Bicycle Committee and/or Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee? (If "NO," project will be reviewed prior to RTC approval).	Yes
E. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: http://www.dot.ca.gov).	Yes

Documentation to Include with Your Claim:

All Claims


- ✓ **A letter of transmittal** addressed to the SCCRTC Executive Director that attests to the accuracy of the claim and all its accompanying documentation.
- ✓ **Resolution from the TDA Eligible Claimant** indicating its role and responsibilities.

Article 8 Bicycle/Pedestrian Claims

- ✓ Evidence of environmental review for capital projects

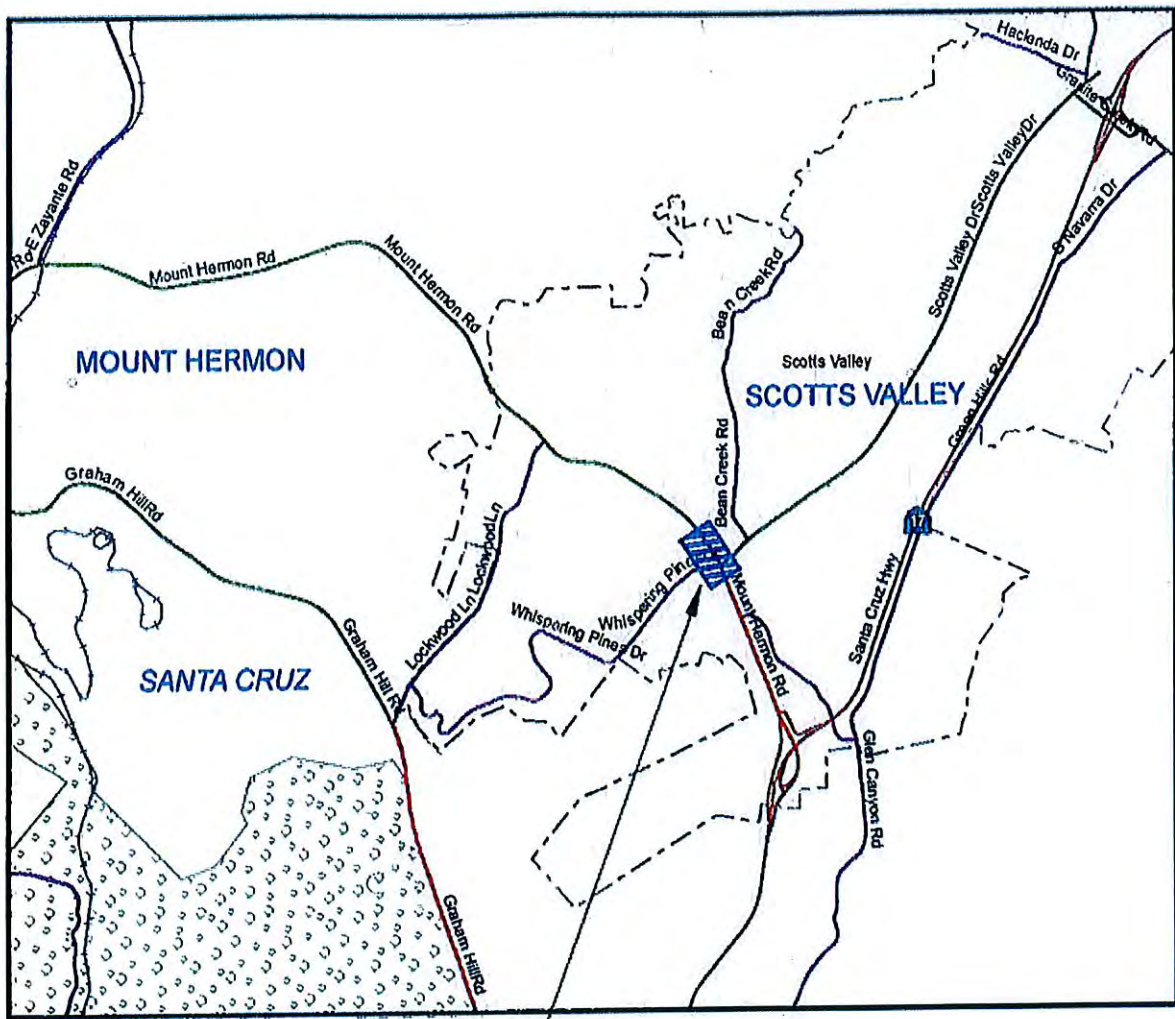
Local Agency Certification:

I certify that the information provided in this form is accurate and correct. I understand that if the required information has not been provided this form may be returned and the funding allocation may be delayed.

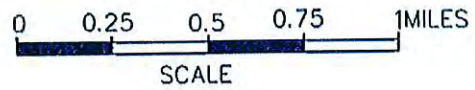
Signature  Title: **Public Works Director** Date: **August 21, 2017**

This TDA Claim Form has been prepared in accordance with the SCCRTC's Rules and Regulations, and Caltrans TDA Guidebook (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/State-TDA.html>).

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PROJECT LOCATION



PROJECT LOCATION MAP ATTACHEMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 1933

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
ARTICLE 8 PROJECT ALLOCATION CLAIM FORM TO THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is the administrating agency of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley is allocated TDA funds every fiscal year through the Article 8 allocation claim process; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley has capital improvement projects related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities consistent with TDA Article 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City of Scotts Valley approves the filing of a TDA Article 8 claim to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for the Mount Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive Intersection Operations Improvement Project in the amount stated on the attached claim form.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of August, 2017 by the following vote:


AYES: AGUILAR, DILLES, JOHNSON, LIND, REED

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Approved: _____


Randy Johnson, Mayor

Attest: _____


Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	Granite Construction	
				UNIT PRICE \$	ITEM TOTAL \$
1	Clearing and Grubbing	1	LS	7,000.00	7,000.00
2	Remove Concrete Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter	3,600	SF	8.50	30,600.00
3	Remove Existing Catch Basin	1	EA	3,000.00	3,000.00
4	Cold Plane Asphalt Concrete Pavement	19,000	SF	3.25	61,750.00
5	Temporary Erosion Control	1	LS	3,000.00	3,000.00
6	Relocate Irrigation Services	1	LS	5,000.00	5,000.00
7	Storm Drain Curb Inlet	1	EA	10,000.00	10,000.00
8	12" Reinforced Concrete Pipe	8	LF	500.00	4,000.00
9	Connection to Existing Manhole	1	EA	3,000.00	3,000.00
10	Adjust Existing Drainage Structure to Grade	3	EA	4,000.00	12,000.00
11	Roadway Excavation	20	CY	300.00	6,000.00
12	Embankment	20	CY	200.00	4,000.00
13	Class 2 Aggregate Base	120	TON	150.00	18,000.00
14	Hot Mix Asphalt (Type HS)	420	TON	300.00	126,000.00
15	Hot Mix Asphalt Dike	300	LF	27.00	8,100.00
16	Micro-surfacing	75	TON	465.00	34,875.00
17	Concrete Sidewalk	3,000	SF	20.00	60,000.00
18	Concrete Curb and Gutter	300	LF	110.00	33,000.00
19	Concrete Curb	350	LF	46.00	16,100.00
20	Concrete Curb Ramp	500	SF	43.00	21,500.00
21	Detectable Warning Surface	215	SF	45.00	9,675.00
22	Traffic Control	1	LS	80,000.00	80,000.00
23	Green Bike Lane Striping	2,110	SF	8.00	16,880.00
24	Traffic Striping Removal	1	LS	8,000.00	8,000.00
25	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 9	1,700	LF	0.90	1,530.00
26	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 29	80	LF	2.00	160.00
27	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 37B	420	LF	2.00	840.00
28	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 38	1,500	LF	1.60	2,400.00
29	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 39	1,000	LF	1.10	1,100.00
30	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 39A	980	LF	1.10	1,078.00
31	Thermoplastic Striping - Detail 40	310	LF	2.00	620.00
32	Thermoplastic Striping - 12" White	960	LF	3.25	3,120.00
33	Pavement Legend	740	SF	3.50	2,590.00
34	Remove Signs and Post	2	EA	45.00	90.00
35	Reinstall Signs on New Post	1	EA	235.00	235.00
36	New Road Sign	10	EA	145.00	1,450.00
37	New Sign Post	5	EA	235.00	1,175.00
39	Remove & Salvage Ped Head & Mount Equipment	2	EA	380.00	760.00
40	Remove & Salvage Ped Head	6	EA	380.00	2,280.00
41	Remove & Salvage Signal Pole & Equipment	1	EA	3,900.00	3,900.00
42	Remove & Dispose of Ex Pull Box	10	EA	225.00	2,250.00
43	Remove & Dispose of Ex PPB Post & Foundation	1	EA	280.00	280.00
44	Remove & Dispose of Ex Signal Pole Foundation	1	EA	1,680.00	1,680.00
45	Relocate LED Street Name Sign	1	EA	840.00	840.00
46	LED Luminaire	1	EA	840.00	840.00
47	Conductors & Conduit (Jack/Drill or Pavement Fill)	310	LF	73.00	22,630.00
48	Connect New Conduit to Existing Pull Box	4	EA	600.00	2,400.00
49	Type III-AF Service Equipment & Cabinet	1	EA	5,600.00	5,600.00

50	Type III-AF Foundation	1	EA	1,200.00	1,200.00
51	Signal Pole (30' MA)	1	EA	14,800.00	14,800.00
52	Signal Pole Foundation (30' MA)	1	EA	8,066.77	8,066.77
53	Pedestrian Push Button Post	1	EA	390.00	390.00
54	Pedestrian Push Button Post Foundation	1	EA	280.00	280.00
55	Signal Pole (1-B)	1	EA	1,230.00	1,230.00
56	Signal Pole (1B-PPBP)	1	EA	1,230.00	1,230.00
57	Signal Pole Foundation (1-B)	2	EA	840.00	1,680.00
58	Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon System	1	LS	21,800.00	21,800.00
59	Pull Box #5	7	EA	840.00	5,880.00
60	Pull Box #6	4	EA	950.00	3,800.00
61	Pull Box #6E	2	EA	1,300.00	2,600.00
62	Pad Head Mounts	3	EA	550.00	1,650.00
63	Pad Head (LED Countdown)	8	EA	400.00	3,200.00
64	Accessible Pedestrian Push Button (APS)	3	EA	1,000.00	3,000.00
65	Replace Pedestrian Push Button with APS	7	EA	1,150.00	8,050.00
66	Replace Pedestrian Push Button with Type B Push Button	1	EA	300.00	300.00
67	Type B Push Button	1	EA	420.00	420.00
68	12" Signal Head Mounts	4	EA	140.00	560.00
69	Signal Head Mounts	3	EA	500.00	1,500.00
70	Signal Heads 12"-3 Sec (LED)	4	EA	785.00	3,140.00
71	Sign (Mast-arm Mounted) - Relocating	2	EA	400.00	800.00
72	Remove and Replace Sign (all equipment)	1	EA	400.00	400.00
73	Emergency Vehicle Detector Relocation	1	EA	600.00	600.00
74	Video Detection System (all equipment)	1	LS	72,840.00	72,840.00
75	PG&E Electrical Coordination for RRFB	1	EA	2,800.00	2,800.00
76	Intersection Rewiring	1	LS	30,500.00	30,500.00
77	Controller Reprogramming & Testing	1	LS	3,900.00	3,900.00
78	Corridor Synchronization	1	LS	8,500.00	8,500.00
	SUB-TOTAL				846,444.77
	Mobilization:				60,000.00
	Construction Surveying:				17,545.00
	TOTAL				923,989.77
79	Bid Alternate A - Night-time Work				70,000.00
	TOTAL (with bid alt):				993,989.77
	TOTAL (bicycle and pedestrian components):				200,363.00

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City of Scotts Valley

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Intersection of Mount Hermon Road, Scotts Valley Drive, and
Whispering Pines Drive in Scotts Valley, CA.

This page added to provide adequate space for recording information (Cal. Gov. Code §27361.6)

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): City of Scotts Valley

One Civic Center Drive

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

(Address)

Project Title: Mt. Hermon Rd/Scotts Valley Dr Intersection Operations Improvement Project

Project Applicant: City of Scotts Valley

Project Location - Specific:

Intersection of Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley Drive, and Whispering Pines Drive in Scotts Valley, CA

Project Location - City: Scotts Valley

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will double the length of a left turn lane, modify existing signals, resynchronize intersection timing and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. These improvements will provide a safe environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, school children and others in this heavily concentrated area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Scotts Valley and State of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jessica Kahn

Exempt Status: (check one):

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Article 19. Section 15301, Class 1

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Minor alteration of existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jessica Kahn

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-438-5854

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Jessica Kahn

Date: 08/25/2017

Title: Civil Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Santa Cruz

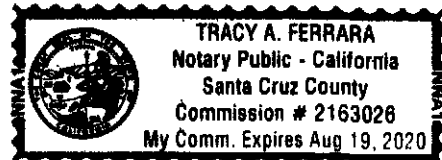
On August 25, 2017 before me, Tracy A. Ferrara, Notary Public
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Jessica Kahn
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Tracy A. Ferrara (Seal)



Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of October 5, 2017
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$93,963 IN ARTICLE 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)
FUNDS TO THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY FOR THE MT. HERMON/SCOTTS VALLEY
RD/WHISPERING PINES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley submitted a FY 17-18 claim for \$96,963, for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project and has sufficient unallocated Article 8 TDA revenues to satisfy this claim;

WHEREAS, the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee has reviewed the TDA project funding request pertaining to their charge and recommend approval;

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Committee has reviewed the TDA project funding request pertaining to their charge and recommend approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *2014 Regional Transportation Plan* and the claimant agrees to maintain funded projects for a period of 20 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. Hereby allocates \$93,963 in Article 8 TDA funds to the City of Scotts Valley for the Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley Rd/Whispering Pines Intersection Improvement Project for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Zach Friend, Chair

ATTEST:

George Dondero, Secretary

Exhibit A: TDA Article 8 Allocation Request Claim Form from the City of Scotts Valley

Distribution: City of Scotts Valley Public Works
RTC Fiscal
RTC E&D TAC Staff