



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 4, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

1. Roll call meeting started at 9:04 a.m.

Members present:

Jacques Bertrand
Ed Bottorff
Sandy Brown
Greg Caput
Trina Coffman-Gomez
Aurelio Gonzalez

Randy Johnson
Bruce McPherson
Mike Rotkin
Andy Schiffrin (alt.)
Aileen Loe (ex-officio)

Staff present:

Guy Preston
Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra
Sarah Christensen
Rachel Moriconi

Shannon Munz
Tracy New
Keith Rayburn-Garcia
Fernanda Dias Pini

2. Oral Communications

Justin Acton, Boulder Creek Business Association, stated that safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists along Highway 9 are imperative to prevent future tragedies. Mr. Acton asked that the RTC take action now to fund the required studies and engineering for the implementation of traffic calming devices and improvements in downtown Boulder Creek, the Highway 236 neighborhood, and throughout the San Lorenzo Valley.

Fred Kohler, Felton resident, asked for improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities connecting Felton to Santa Cruz.

Tom Nort, Boulder Creek resident, requested that Measure D funding be allocated to traffic calming and safety improvements along Highway 236 and West and East Hilton Drives.

Lowell Hurst, Mayor of Watsonville, asked that projects to address traffic congestion and transportation safety improvements in the County be expedited.

Ross Hitchen, San Lorenzo Valley resident, spoke on behalf of Josh Howard's family and friends. Mr. Hitchen asked for safety improvements for pedestrians, students, and bicyclists along Highway 9 to prevent future tragedies. Mr. Hitchen also requested and was granted a moment of silence in honor of Josh Howard.

Brian Largay, San Lorenzo Valley resident, stated that there have been four recent pedestrian fatalities along state highways in the San Lorenzo Valley. Mr. Largay stated that the Highway 9/ San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan represents progress towards increased safety and asked that the RTC continue to collaborate with Caltrans to implement pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along the corridor.

Commissioner Caput joined the meeting 9:17 a.m.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Handout for Item 16 and replacement page for Item 18.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Bertrand moved and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin seconded the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Bottorff, Brown, Caput, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Johnson, McPherson, Rotkin, and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin voting "aye."

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4. Accepted minutes of the January 17, 2019 Interagency Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
5. Approved draft minutes of the March 7, 2019 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
6. Accepted draft minutes of the March 21, 2019 Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

No consent items

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

7. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
8. Accepted report on Measure D projects, revenues, and distribution

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

9. Adopted a resolution accepted at the March 7, 2019 RTC meeting acknowledging and celebrating Luis Pavel Mendez's, Deputy Director, 25 years of service to the SCCRTC (**Resolution 21-19**)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

10. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
11. Accepted correspondence log
12. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. March 8, 2019 letter from Guy Preston, Executive Director, to Susan Bransen, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, regarding the Santa Cruz County Rail Project Updates
13. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues - *none*
14. Accepted information items - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Commissioner reports – oral reports

Commissioner Bertrand attested to the pedestrian safety issues in the San Lorenzo Valley and the need to improve safety standards along transportation corridors and school zones.

Commissioner Coffman-Gomez, stated that it would behoove Commissioners to receive periodic updates on pertinent legislation and that the RTC consider safety awareness pop-up programs similar to those being implemented by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).

16. Director's report – oral report

Guy Preston, Executive Director, Presented his report (available at the RTC <https://sccrtc.org/meetings/commission/agendas/>)

Commissioner comments: appreciation for engaging the California Highway Patrol to address safety issues on Highway 17 and determination of a lead agency for the Highway 1 projects.

17. Caltrans report

Aileen Loe, District 5 Deputy Director, reported on: Caltrans' state-wide goals for active transportation; that District 5 has started its active transportation plan which has an emphasis on assessing the needs of disadvantaged communities and opportunities for collaboration for the Highway 9/ San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Project.

17a. City of Watsonville Public Works Update – Oral report

Murray Fontes, Principal Engineer for the City of Watsonville, presented an update on City of Watsonville transportation projects funded by the RTC; Measure D, and other state and federal funding sources.

Commissioner comments: projects estimated timeline and cost; Lee Road Trail construction funding; importance of providing safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities, especially those serve as routes to schools.

18. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Luis Mendez, Deputy Director, presented the staff report highlighting the Measure D 30-year revenue projection; Transportation Development Act (TDA) apportionments; increased funding reflecting Senate Bill 1 allocations; and updated funding to other projects.

Commissioner comments: funding allocation for Measure D consultants; Cruz511 funding allocation and project goals; request for a Cruz511 project update; need for funding to improve safety along the county's major thoroughfares; overall budget and timeline for the next phase of the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS); importance of educating the public of available alternative modes of transportation.

Barry Scott, Aptos resident, asked that the budget include funding for needed maintenance and inspections on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.

City of Watsonville resident, asked if it would be possible to make Main Street in Watsonville more bicycle friendly by rerouting the downtown section of Highway 152 to Airport Boulevard.

Commissioner Rotkin moved and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the staff recommendation to:

1. Adopt **Resolution (22-19)** approving the proposed FY 2019-20 RTC budget as shown on Exhibit A of Attachment 1;
2. Accept the Measure D revenue forecast for FY 2019-20 provided by HDL Services;
3. Accept the 30-year revenue projection which incorporates the HDL forecast for FY 2019-20; and
4. Accept the 5-year revenue estimates for the Measure D recipients which incorporate the HDL forecast for FY 2019-20 and calculation of the revenue distribution for local jurisdictions with updated data.

The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Bottorff, Brown, Caput, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Johnson, McPherson, Rotkin, and Commissioner Alternate Schiffirin voting "aye."

19. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 240 Capitola Ave., Capitola, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fernanda Dias Pini, Staff

Attendees:

Justin	Acton	The SLV & BCBA
Leah	Adamson	SLV/ Hwy 236
Ross	Fontes	SLV - Josh Howard
Mateo	Hill	SLV
Murray	Hill	City of Watsonville
Barry	Hitchen	Santa Cruz County Resident
Tina	Hurst	SLV - Josh Howard
Judy	Koehler	SLV - Josh Howard
Drew	Koehler	Santa Cruz County Resident
James	Largay	SMART Local 0023

Heather	Nelson	AMBAG
Antonio	Nort	Santa Cruz County Resident
Brian	Rogers	San Lorenzo Valley Resident
Lowell	Sandoval	City of Watsonville
Tom	Scott	Boulder Creek Country Club Resident
Fred	Violica	Felton Resident