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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) March 5, 2020 Meeting Highlights**

### **Funding Approved for Transit, Bike, and Pedestrian Projects**

At its meeting today, the RTC approved funding for several projects in Santa Cruz County, including:

- Over \$500,000 of the region's share of state Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds to Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) for fast charging infrastructure at the Watsonville Transit Center to support future electric buses (Item 10)
- Over \$636,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to the County of Santa Cruz for bike lane maintenance on county roads, the Street Smarts/Vision Zero public education campaign, and pedestrian walkways and crosswalk improvements on Pinehurst Drive and Greenbrier Drive near Rio Del Mar Elementary School (Item 11)

**Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder Project from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard:** The RTC approved Measure D and formula Senate Bill 1 - Local Partnership Program (LPP) funds and a contract with Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc in order to begin environmental review of the project. (Item 7)

### **Work on Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Approved**

The RTC awarded a contract to Durden Construction, Inc. for drainage culvert maintenance at locations in Aptos, Capitola and Santa Cruz. The RTC also approved plans for storm damage repair adjacent to Harkins Slough and Gallighan Slough to repair damage caused by the 2017 winter storms. With the approval of the plans the RTC will issue a request for bids soon for this work which is estimated to cost about \$1.4 million.

### **Commissioners Appointed to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**

The Budget and Administration/Personnel (BA/P) Committee provides oversight with respect to Commission administration, budget, policy, finance, audit, and personnel issues and makes recommendations to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) on these matters. The following Commissioners will continue their service on the committee: John Leopold, Zach Friend, Bruce McPherson, Greg Caput, Ryan Coonerty and Jacques Bertrand. The committee meets every other month as needed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. at the Santa Cruz County Building – 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

## **Transit Corridors Alternatives Analysis – Goals/Screening Criteria/Performance Measures and Initial List of Alternatives Approved**

Following a successful stakeholder engagement period and the close of Milestone 1, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved the goals, screening criteria, and performance measures for the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis (TCAA). The RTC also approved the initial list of alternatives for high-capacity public transit for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Online outreach for Milestone 2 is scheduled to begin on March 15, 2020 and a short list of alternatives will be presented to the RTC for approval on May 7, 2020.

## **Approved the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the North Coast Rail Trail Project**

The RTC adopted a resolution approving an Addendum to the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report for the North Coast Rail Trail. The Addendum incorporates provisions required by a June 7, 2019 settlement agreement with parties engaged in agricultural activities along the planned trail. The Addendum also provides clarity and addresses changes to design details that were identified during the final design phase. In addition, this resolution authorizes the Executive Director to amend the June 7, 2019 Settlement Agreement to reflect a revised request from the agreement's signatories.

**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

Please check the RTC website [[www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org)] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting.

**Regional Transportation Commission**

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean St., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Santa Cruz, CA

**Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee**

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 3:00 p.m.  
Redwood Room, Santa Cruz County Building  
701 Ocean St., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Santa Cruz, CA

**Traffic Operations System Committee/Safe on 17 Task Force**

Thursday, March 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
San Jose California Highway Patrol  
2020 Junction Ave., San Jose, CA

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:30 p.m.  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

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