



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Transportation Policy Workshop**

MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.

RTC Office

1523 Pacific Ave

Santa Cruz, CA

NOTE: Teleconference

Dial-in number (US): (470)480-9039

Presentations were delivered online via

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/santacruzrtc>

Online meeting ID: santacruzrtc

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), we adapted our meeting format consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order which allows local or state legislative bodies to hold Brown Act meetings via teleconference and make meetings accessible electronically. The full executive order can be found [here](#).

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

1. Introductions

Members present:

Jacques Bertrand
Ed Bottorff
Sandy Brown
Trina Coffman-Gomez
John Leopold
Aurelio Gonzalez
Virginia Johnson (alt.)

Bruce McPherson
Patrick Mulhearn (alt.)
Randy Johnson
Andy Schiffrin (alt.)
Greg Caput
Mike Rotkin

Staff present:

Guy Preston
Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra

Sarah Christensen
Krista Corwin
Steve Mattas

2. Oral Communications

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples, Executive Director of Trail Now
Brett Garrett

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

There was a replacement agenda which had the corrected teleconference dial-in number, a handout for item 4 (Resolution, posted to SCCRTC.org), a replacement page for item 6 (Resolution, posted to SCCRTC.org), and replacement pages for item 7 (replacement staff report, resolution, emergency bridge repair chronology of events, and a presentation: all posted to SCCRTC.org).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. Approved a resolution proclaiming the existence or threatened existence of an emergency and confirming the RTC Executive Director the RTC's Director of Emergency Services. (**Resolution 99-19**)
5. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend the professional engineering services agreement with Bowman and Williams for Site 2 of the 2017 Storm Damage Repairs along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Corridor (**Resolution 100-19**)
6. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend the professional services agreement with Associated Right of Way Services, Inc. (**Resolution 101-19**)

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Emergency Bridge Repair – Ballast Deck Timber Trestle at MP 4.87

Senior Transportation Engineer Sarah Christensen delivered the staff report. Commissioners discussed: the importance of timber trestle bridge to the rail corridor project; impact to Measure D revenue due to coronavirus emergency; impact on environment and budget if bridge allowed to fail; likely causes of deterioration; cost of scour damage.

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Commissioner Rotkin motioned and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to: Approve a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate, enter into, and amend agreements for professional engineering services, environmental services, construction, and construction management for an amount not to exceed the available budget and programming capacity.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Rotkin, Bottorff, McPherson, Leopold, Caput, R. Johnson, Brown, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, and Commissioner Alternates Mulhearn and Schiffrin voting "aye."

8. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (d)(4): One Case

OPEN SESSION

9. Report on closed session items

On a 11-0 vote, the Commission authorized the issuance of a demand letter, negotiations, and the filing of litigation related to damages to the RTC right-of-way in the vicinity of MP4.87 with the condition to return to the Commission with a report, prior to filing of said litigation.

10. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Santa Cruz Supervisor Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Corwin, Staff

Attendees:

Brian Peoples, Executive Director of Trail Now
Tom Walker
Brett Garrett