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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) June 4, 2020 Meeting Highlights**

### **Public Hearing: Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Alternatives Screening Results and Short List of Alternatives Approved**

RTC Staff and consultants from HDR presented the Alternative Screening Results and Short List of Alternatives to the Commission. The alternatives on the initial list were evaluated using the triple-bottom line screening criteria of economy, equity, and the environment. Based on the results of the evaluation, four alternatives were recommended for further more detailed analysis, including Arterial and Right-of-Way Bus Rapid Transit, Autonomous Road "Train" (on pavement with rubber tires), Electric Light Rail, and Electric Commuter Rail. After a period of public comment, the RTC reviewed and approved the Alternatives Screening Results and the Short List of four Alternatives for further analysis.

### **Cooperative Agreements for Trail Development Approved**

Since the approval of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan in 2013, RTC has been working to fund and develop the trail along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Some trail construction in the City of Santa Cruz has already been completed. The RTC approved cooperative agreements with the County of Santa Cruz and the cities of Watsonville, Capitola and Santa Cruz to better facilitate continued development and construction of trail segments along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way.

### **Caltrans District 5 Deputy Director, Aileen Loe, Recognized**

Aileen Loe has served since 2007 on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission as the Caltrans Ex-Officio Alternate. Ms. Loe will retire soon and the RTC expressed its appreciation for the dedication that Ms. Loe has shown to Santa Cruz County. Ms. Loe has been instrumental in the development of many projects and planning efforts including the Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Corridor Plan, the Unified Corridor Investment Study, the Highway 1 Scott Creek mitigation project, advance mitigation planning and the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing.

### **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

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### **Regional Transportation Commission**

#### **Special Meeting**

Monday, June 29, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

#### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Monday, June 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

#### **CANCELLED: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

#### **CANCELLED: Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee**

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

#### **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, June 18, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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