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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 06, 2020 Meeting Highlights

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Ownership and Potential Use

At the special meeting of the RTC on June 29, 2020, a question came up regarding whether the RTC could build a trail on right-of-way that is owned as easements for rail purposes. At the direction of the Commission, RTC staff and legal counsel prepared a report to aid public understanding of the complex historical and legal issues at hand. The report concluded that use of such easements for recreational purposes is not permissible without railbanking but uses for active transportation purposes can be permissible.

The State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Strategy for Implementation of the Governor's Executive Order on Climate Change

Executive Director Guy Preston communicated that the action plan outlined by CalSTA as a result of Governor Newsom's recent Executive Order N-19-19 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions provides funding opportunities to advance RTC priorities. During the meeting between CalSTA and the Central Coast Coalition (CCC), Director Preston specifically called out RTC's multi-modal projects, including the hybrid Bus-on-Shoulder/Aux Lane projects with active transportation overcrossings of Highway 1, complete streets on Soquel Drive, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST), and the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis (TCAA). Staff was directed to write a letter of support to CalSTA for their plan to address the Governor's Executive Order.

Update on City of Scotts Valley Projects

The Commission received an update from Daryl Jodan, Director of the Scotts Valley Public Works Department, on projects funded and/or partially-funded by the RTC. The City of Scotts Valley thanked Caltrans, Santa Cruz County, and the RTC for their joint efforts and collaboration.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), **all RTC and committee meetings through the stay-at-home order will be held by teleconference only.** Please check the RTC website [<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/calendar/>] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting and teleconference information. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting. Meetings may be canceled if there are no action items to be considered by the committee.

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Regional Transportation Commission

Thursday, September 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, August 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee

~~Thursday, August 13, 2020, 3:00 p.m.~~

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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