



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 6, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE: Teleconference  
Community TV ZOOM**

**Web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86346985647>**

**Dial-in number (US): +1 (669) 900-6833**

**Webinar ID: 863 4698 5647**

1. Roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present:

Mike Rotkin	Randy Johnson
Ed Bottorff	Sandy Brown
Bruce McPherson	Jacques Bertrand
John Leopold	Donna Lind (Alt)
Patrick Mulhearn (Alt)	Greg Caput
Andy Schiffrin (Alt)	Tim Gubbins (Ex-Officio)
Trina Coffman-Gomez	

Staff present:

Luis Mendez	Guy Preston
Yesenia Parra	Rachel Moriconi
Krista Corwin	Brianna Goodman
Amy Naranjo	Steve Mattas (Legal)
Grace Blakeslee	Tracy New
Sarah Christensen	
Tommy Travers	

2. Oral communications.

Received public comment from:

Carey Pico  
Brian Peoples

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas.

There were handouts for item 6 and item 22 and a replacement page for item 13.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Rotkin moved and Commissioner Bertrand seconded the motion to pull item 7 from the consent agenda. The item became 21a.

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

Received public comment from:

Sally Arnold  
Barry Scott  
Carey Pico

### **MINUTES**

4. Approved draft minutes of the June 29, 2020 Regional Transportation Commission special meeting.

### **POLICY ITEMS**

5. Approved Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Right-of-Way Leases, Licenses Rights of Entry, and Encroachments Policy Updates

### **PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

6. Approved Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment: Bike Santa Cruz County Project PASEO Scope (**Resolution 1-21**)

7. Accept information on Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line-Use of Railroad Easements - Item was moved to the regular agenda as item 21a
8. Approved adopting Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for Sites 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the 2017 Storm Damage Repairs along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor (**Resolution 2-21**)
9. Approved Construction Management for Three Storm Damage Projects (Phase 2) on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor (**Resolution 3-21**)
10. Accepted Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program Update
11. Accepted Update on Storm Damage Repair Site 7

### **BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

12. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
13. Accepted status report on Measure D revenues

### **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

14. Accepted FY 2018-19 Fiscal Audit for the SCCRTC
15. Accepted Fiscal Year 18/19 Measure D Annual Report

### **INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS**

16. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to enter into the Central Coast Coalition 2020 Memorandum of Understanding
17. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
18. Accepted correspondence log
19. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
  - a. *June 25, 2020 Letter to Mitch Weiss, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, Re: Support of Santa Cruz County CTC SB-1 Local Partnership Program Grant Application*
  - b. *July 24, 2020 Letter to ATP Grant Selection Committee, Re: Swanton Delaware Multiuse Path*
  - c. *July 24, 2020 Letter to ATP Grant Selection Committee, Re: Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase 2*

d. July 24, 2020 Letter to ATP Grant Selection Committee, Re: *Santa Cruz Rail Trail Segment 8 and 9 Construction*

20. Accepted information items - *none*

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

21a. Accept information on Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line-Use of Railroad Easements

Received public comment from:  
Carey Pico

Commissioner Rotkin moved item 21a for approval and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Rotkin, Bottorff, McPherson, Leopold, Caput, Coffman-Gomez, Johnson, Brown, Bertrand and Commissioner Alternates Lind, Mulhearn, and Schiffrin voting "aye."

21. Commissioner reports

22. Director's Report

Executive Director Preston reported updates on the impacts of COVID-19 on RTC operations and on the status of emergency bridge repair work undertaken to carry construction equipment and materials to the 2017 Storm Damage Sites 1 and 2.

Director Preston communicated details from a recent meeting between the Central Coast Coalition and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) regarding the action plan drafted in response to the Governor's Executive Order N-19-19 aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in California. During the meeting, Director Preston called out several of RTC's multi-modal projects and staff will continue to monitor the completion of the action plan to maximize funding capabilities.

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin made a motion and Commissioner Bertrand seconded the motion to send a letter to CalSTA in support of the action plan and to note alignments with SCCRTC project goals. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Rotkin, Bottorff, McPherson, Leopold, Coffman-Gomez, Johnson, Brown, Bertrand and Commissioner Alternates Lind, Mulhearn, and Schiffrin voting "aye."

### 23. Caltrans report

Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins reported on the appointment of Scott Eades to the position of Deputy District 5 Director. Caltrans is looking forward to working with the Central Coast Coalition and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to advance the goals of Executive Order N-19-19.

In response to Commissioners' questions, Caltrans ex-officio, Tim Gubbins described the purpose of safety enhancements around traffic lights in select Scotts Valley intersections and will report back to the RTC with updates on the progress of the crosswalk and pedestrian-activated light at Marchant Street and East Beach.

### 24. Update on City of Scotts Valley projects, Scotts Valley Public Works Department

Scotts Valley Public Works Director Daryl Jordan thanked RTC staff and Santa Cruz County Public Works for their support in moving projects forward.

Bicycle enhancements, speed control, and roadway rehabilitation projects are underway on Glenwood Drive and should be finished in a few weeks. Trail projects on the east and west sides of Glenwood Drive to accommodate equestrians, pedestrians, and cyclists are expected to be complete this fall. Measure D-funded surface street maintenance projects to begin construction in a couple weeks.

RSTPX funding acquired with the help of the RTC will go towards completion of sidewalk gaps and additional pavement projects throughout the city. The Public Works department looks forward to pursuing projects in the ATP plan (approval expected in the fall) and coordinating with RTC to find additional funding to complete those projects.

Commissioner comments: cooperative effort between agencies demonstrates efficiency in achieving positive results; public works has done a great job with a limited staff; safety enhancements on Glenwood Drive benefit bicycle riders and the Scotts Valley community.

### 25. Review of items to be discussed in closed session.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Commission entered into closed session at 10:00 a.m.

26. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
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## **OPEN SESSION**

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:40 a.m.

28. Report on closed session

By an 11-0 vote, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to make offers on the following properties: Portions of APN 058-072-03, 058-121-02, 058-121-03, 058-121-04, 059-012-03, 059-012-04, 059-012-05, 059-023-01, 059-023-02, 059-023-09, 059-023-10, 059-131-08, 059-023-12, 059-131-04, 059-131-06, and 059-141-10

29. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 03, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yesenia Parra  
Administrative Services Officer

Attendees:

Brian Peoples

Eric Child

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