Public Hearing on Resolutions of Necessity
The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received public testimony on the Resolutions of Necessity. In an 11-1 vote, the RTC adopted the resolutions of necessity, authorizing RTC attorneys to file eminent domain proceedings for the purpose of acquiring real property interests and drainage easements for the North Coast Rail Trail Project. Just compensation for the acquisitions will be established by an appraisal process subject to approval by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

Presentation from City of Watsonville Public Works Department Staff
The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received a presentation from Murray Fontes, Principal Engineer of Public Works covering progress on active transportation projects in Watsonville fully or partially funded by the RTC. Notable projects include the Bike Smart, Walk Smart, and Earn-a-Bike outreach and education programs, crosswalk improvements at Marchant street near the high school, and rail trail construction.

2020 Legislative Updates
The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received an update on state and federal legislative and administrative actions that could impact transportation funding or project implementation in Santa Cruz County. Notable updates include the Governor’s executive order phasing out gasoline-powered vehicles (EO-N-79-20), post-COVID impacts to state and federal transportation funding programs, and an outline of 2021 legislative priorities.

Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Budget and Work Program
The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted a resolution to amend the (FY) 2020-21 Budget, Work Program, Salary Schedule, and Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Commission also accepted the September 2020 and the revised 3-year Measure D Economic Forecasts as well as the Calendar Year 2020 Quarter 2 Sales Tax Update from HdL Companies.

Organizational Assessment Consultant Contract
The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Regional Government Services (RGS) to perform an organizational assessment for the RTC. The assessment will assist the RTC in making necessary and appropriate changes to the organizational structure to facilitate its current and planned workload.
Highway 1 Bay-Porter/State Park Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder Project Contract Amendment

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved an amendment to the professional engineering services contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for the final design phase of the Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder project on Highway 1 between Bay-Porter and State Park Drive. In early 2021, RTC intends to seek a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to describe the roles and responsibilities of each agency and allow reimbursement of STIP funds, and a cooperative agreement with the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department for right-of-way support services.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), all RTC and committee meetings will be held by teleconference only until further notice. 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.

The RTC is committed to its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) during this time of national emergency. Please contact the RTC at least 3 days in advance of a meeting if special accommodations are needed. If any document, webpage, meeting, or recording is inaccessible to you, kindly notify us at info@sccrtc.org or by calling 831-460-3200.

Regional Transportation Commission
Thursday, December 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Special Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 19, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.