



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

REVISED AGENDA

**Thursday, January 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
Community TV Zoom
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| Caltrans (ex-officio) | Tim Gubbins |
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| City of Watsonville | TBD |
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| County of Santa Cruz | Bruce McPherson |
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| Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District | Aurelio Gonzalez |
| Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District | Mike Rotkin |

The majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

1. Roll call
2. Oral communications

Any member of the public may address the Commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not already on the agenda. The Commission will listen to all communication, but in compliance with State law, and may not take action on items that are not on the agenda.

Speakers are requested to sign the sign-in sheet and state their name clearly so that their names can be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the RTC or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the Commission may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to consent agenda items without removing the item from the consent agenda as long as no other Commissioner objects to the change.

MINUTES

4. Accept draft minutes of the October 22, 2020 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee meeting
5. Accept draft minutes of the September 16, 2020 Traffic Operations System Committee/Safe on 17 Task Force meeting
6. Accept draft minutes of the November 07, 2020 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
7. Approve draft minutes of the December 03, 2020 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
8. Accept draft minutes of the December 14, 2020 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting

9. Accept draft minutes of the December 17, 2020 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

10. Approve 2021 State and Federal Legislative Programs

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

11. Approve Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder Project Construction Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans (**Resolution**)
12. Approve Construction Contract Award for FEMA Debris Removal along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor (**Resolution**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

13. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues.
14. Accept status report on Measure D revenues.
15. Approve authorizing the executive director to negotiate a new office lease with Sheldon Wiseman Commercial Real Estate and enter into a lease agreement if desired terms are reached.
16. Approve authorizing the executive director to enter into a contract with Iversen Design for RTC website upgrade and redesign.
17. Approve determination of railroad bridge ties and other material as surplus and authorize staff to sell the materials at a fair market price.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

18. Approve appointment of District 2 voting member nomination to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

19. Accept monthly meeting schedule.
20. Accept correspondence log.
21. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies.
 - a. December 4, 2020 letter from SCCRTC to the California Coastal Commission

22. Accept information items. - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

23. Update on City of Santa Cruz Transportation Projects from City of Santa Cruz Public Works Staff
(*Chris Schneiter, Assistant Director of Public Works*)
24. Commissioner reports – oral reports
25. Director’s Report – oral report
(*Guy Preston, Executive Director*)
26. Caltrans report
- a. Santa Cruz County project updates
27. **9:30 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING:** Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study – Final Draft Report and Locally Preferred Alternative
(*Ginger Dykaar, Sr. Transportation Planner; Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner; Shannon Munz, Communications Specialist; Luis Mendez, Deputy Director*)
- a. Staff report
- b. Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study Final Draft Report is available at
<https://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/transitcorridora/>
- c. TCAA/RNIS Four Alternatives – Characteristics, Advantages & Disadvantages
- d. TCAA/RNIS Performance Measure Results
- e. Summary Results of Open House Survey
- f. Summary of Email/online comments received by November 27, 2020
- g. RTC Advisory Committees and Partner Agency Motions/Comments
- h. Letters of Support from Partner Agencies
- i. Proposed Locally Preferred Alternative
- j. Resolution that accepts the TCAA/RNIS Report which selects a locally preferred alternative
28. Contract award for vegetation control along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
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(*Luis Mendez, Deputy Director and Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner*)
- a. Staff Report

- b. Resolution
- c. Draft Contract

29. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

CLOSED SESSION

30. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Properties: Santa Cruz County Branch Railway (Tracts I and II)

Negotiating Parties: SCCRTC, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, LLC, a subsidiary of Progressive Rail Incorporated and potential interested parties

Agency Negotiators: Guy Preston, Luis Mendez and Steve Mattas
Under Negotiations: Terms of License Agreement

OPEN SESSION

31. Report on closed session

32. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

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**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 2021 - March 2021

www.sccrtc.org/meetings/

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Meeting Date	Meeting Day	Meeting Type	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
01/07/21 01/14/21	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission Note: One week later than usual	9:00 am	Teleconference
01/21/21	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Teleconference
02/04/21	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	Teleconference
02/08/21	Monday	Bicycle Advisory Committee	6:00 pm	Teleconference
02/09/21	Tuesday	Elderly & Disabled TAC	1:30 pm	Teleconference
02/11/21	Thursday	Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee CANCELLED	3:00 pm	Teleconference
02/18/21	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Teleconference
03/04/21	Thursday	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00 am	Teleconference
03/11/21	Thursday	Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee	3:00 pm	Teleconference
03/17/21	Wednesday	Safe on 17/ TOS	10:00 am	Teleconference
03/18/21	Thursday	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30 pm	Teleconference

AGENDA: January 12, 2021

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Guy Preston, Executive Director
RE: Director's Report

THIS ITEM FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Contract with Industrial Rail to Emergency Repair Work on SCBRL

On December 7, 2020, I executed a new emergency contract with Industrial Rail for \$150,000 to complete emergency repair work on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. This new contract provides for completing the construction specified by the original contract with Industrial Rail. The original contract was for \$517,000 to repair the bridge that was damaged near Harkins Slough at MP 4.87, including addressing the associated drainage, which caused the damage. The Contractor completed the bridge repair, and RTC ordered the contractor to stop work, while a drainage plan was developed in coordination with the adjacent farm property. During the work stoppage, the term on the original contract expired, with approximately \$135,000 remaining. I discussed and received concurrence with Chair McPherson to enter into this replacement contract. Drainage work is on-going on this emergency project.

Governor Newsom's FY 2021-22 State Budget Proposal

On Friday January 8, 2021, Governor Newsom released his FY2021-22 State Budget proposal and California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Secretary Kim held a briefing on transportation elements. Despite the COVID-19 recession, the State's revenues have been impacted significantly less than was predicted last year. The Governor's FY2021-22 Budget maintains current funding levels for most infrastructure investments and operations. It includes \$3 billion in fuel excise tax revenues to cities and counties for local streets and roads; \$5.4 billion for SB1-funded transportation maintenance, transit, congestion relief and active transportation programs; \$1.9 billion for transit and rail; and \$1.5 billion for zero emission vehicles and infrastructure. The Legislature has until June 15 to review and make changes to the Governor's proposal. Staff will provide updates as details become available on how the budget proposals may impact local projects.

Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)

The State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) is working with state agencies and stakeholders to develop the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) by July 15, 2021. CAPTI is focused on implementing Executive Order N-19-19, which directed the State Transportation Agency to leverage over \$5 billion in annual state transportation infrastructure spending to tackle climate change. Executive Order N-79-20 emphasized the importance of this work and reiterated the need to improve availability of multi-modal clean transportation options to support our ZEV efforts.

The CAPTI is expected to identify strategies that would prioritize projects that help tackle climate change while continuing the SB 1 commitment to a “fix-it-first” approach, build an integrated, statewide rail and transit network; support bicycle, pedestrian, and micro-mobility options; support the deployment of light, medium, and heavy duty zero-emission vehicle infrastructure; support innovative solutions to congestion designed to encourage people to shift from cars to other modes of transportation.

Item 27 - Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study (TCAA/RNIS) – Final Draft Report and Locally Preferred Alternative

Email Comments received for Milestone 3 of the TCAA/RNIS can be viewed on the TCAA webpage including comments received by 1/13/2021 at 12PM. <https://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/transitcorridoraa/>