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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) April 1, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Consideration of Request to Remove District 1 Bicycle Advisory Committee Members

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved Commissioner Manu Koenig's request to remove the current District 1 representatives to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. As the new District 1 County Supervisor, Commissioner Koenig wishes to nominate new primary and alternate members to the Bike Committee representing District 1 for RTC consideration. Staff will begin the process of filling the vacancies by starting an open recruitment for new representatives for District 1.

The Commission also directed staff to work with the Budget, Administration and Personnel Committee to consider potential changes to the RTC's Committee Bylaws that would allow appointments by individual Commissioners.

Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study – Business Plan for Electric Passenger Rail on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) staff presented the draft Business Plan for electric passenger rail on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL) and received public input. The RTC considered a motion to accept the business plan and seek funding for an environmental document, which failed on a 6-6 vote. The RTC directed staff to return to the next meeting with response to questions associated with producing a final report for grant compliance.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Proposed Budget

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted a resolution approving the proposed FY2021-22 RTC and Measure D budgets; accepted the Measure D revenue forecast for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 provided by HDL Services; accepted the 30-year revenue projection which incorporates the HDL forecast for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22; and accepted the 5-year revenue estimates for the Measure D recipients which incorporate the HDL forecast for FY 2021-22 and calculation of the revenue distribution for local jurisdictions with updated data.

Highway 1 Projects

The RTC authorized the RTC to enter into a cooperative agreement with the County of Santa Cruz for environmental mitigation for the Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder project. The RTC also authorized a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way phases for the Highway 1 Bay /Porter to State Park auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder project.

Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds

The RTC programmed \$489,213 in LCTOP funds to Santa Cruz METRO for its Zero-Emission Watsonville Circulator Operating Project and \$40,460 in LCTOP funds to Community Bridges Lift Line for electric vehicle chargers in Watsonville.

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.

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Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Budget, Administration & Personnel Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Special Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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