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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) May 6, 2021 Meeting Highlights**

### **2021 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs**

Following a public hearing, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted the 2021 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list. The State allocates ¼ cent share of the state's 7.25 cent sales tax to the RTC according to state law. Transportation Development Act (TDA) statutes require transportation planning agencies using TDA funds for local streets and roads projects, to implement a public process, including a public hearing, to identify unmet transit needs of transit dependent or disadvantaged persons, and determine if unmet transit needs can be reasonably met. The RTC does not use TDA funds for local streets and roads projects but conducts a process to identify unmet transit and paratransit needs because it is useful. The RTC will consider unmet paratransit and transit needs from the list as funding becomes available.

### **Measure D: Five Year Program of Projects for Community Bridges Lift Line**

Following a public hearing, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted a resolution to approve Community Bridges-Lift Line's proposed Measure D Fiscal Years 2021/2022-2025/2026 five-year programs of projects. Community Bridges/Lift Line Serves as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for Santa Cruz County and provides paratransit services for seniors and people with limited mobility. As a Measure D recipient agency, Community Bridges/Lift Line is required to annually develop, update, hold a public hearing on, and adopt a five-year program of projects that identifies how they plan to use Measure D funds in the upcoming 5 years.

### **Update on Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Projects**

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received an update from John Urgo, Planning and Development Director for METRO, on METRO's current projects, including information on the new on-demand service program and mobile fare payment pilot that were recently launched.

### **Update on City of Capitola Projects**

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received an update from Kailash Mozumder with the City of Capitola's Department of Public Works on recent Capitola projects, including three sidewalk projects, the Brommer Street Improvement Project, and the Measure D funded slurry seal project. The update also included information on future projects, including the 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Adaptive System, Bay/Capitola Avenue Undergrounding & Roundabout, Clares Street Traffic Calming, Pavement Management, and Upper Pacific Cove Pedestrian Path.

## **Report Regarding Grant Requirement Compliance in the Context of the Tie Vote by the Commission in Relations to the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study**

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received a report from RTC staff regarding the Caltrans Rail Network Integration Study grant requirements. At the April RTC meeting, a motion to accept the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study (TCAA/RNIS) Business Plan and direct staff to seek federal and/or State funding to complete the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation for electric passenger rail on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line failed with a 6-6 tie vote. At that time, the RTC requested staff come back to the May meeting to provide information on options for meeting the requirements for the Caltrans RNIS grant the RTC received. Caltrans has determined that the grant requirements have been met with RTC acceptance of the TCAA/RNIS report at the February 4, RTC meeting. Executive Director Guy Preston explained that staff will continue to provide the Commission with information on funding opportunities, including those for rail transit. Currently, there are no rail planning studies on rail transit proceeding. No action was taken on this item.

### **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, June 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

### **Budget, Administration & Personnel Committee Meeting**

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

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee Special Meeting**

Monday, May 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

### **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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