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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 5, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Construction Contract Award – Site 7 of the 2017 Storm Damage Repairs along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) accepted the bid and authorized the Executive Director to execute a construction contract for repairs to storm damage site 7 on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Storm damage site 7 is located in Aptos at the southern railroad bridge over Highway 1. The repair work for site 7 includes repair of the bridge railing and fence that was damaged by a fallen tree as a result of the 2017 storms.

Tow Truck Service Contracts Awarded to Assist Highway 1 and Highway 17 Motorists

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) awarded contracts to Ladd's Towing of Felton for tow truck services on Highways 1 and 17 to assist motorists during commute hours and weekends. This is for the RTC's Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program through which stranded motorists are provided free assistance for minor car trouble and towing to CHP designated locations off of the freeway to help reduce traffic congestion. The FSP tow truck drivers also work in coordination with the CHP to quickly remove vehicles involved in traffic collisions to reduce congestion and minimize secondary collisions. The Caltrans analysis tool for FSP service has shown that on average for every \$1 dollar spent on FSP service there is benefit to the community of \$3 thanks to reduced congestion, collisions, fuel use and emissions. The FSP program is funded primarily by funds provided by the State through Caltrans and are matched with Measure D and other funds programmed by the RTC.

Adopt Plans, Specifications, and Engineers Estimate for the Phase I Manresa Coastal Erosion Repair Project along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted the Plans, Specifications and Engineers Estimate for the Phase I Manresa Coastal Erosion Repair Project, and authorized the Executive Director to amend the consultant designer's contract to provide design support services during construction as part of the preservation of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line corridor. With adoption of the plans, Staff will advertise the project for construction bids.

Addition of a new entry-level Junior Transportation Engineer and Assistant Transportation Engineer positions, and FY2021-22 Budget Amendment

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved and budgeted two Full Time Equivalent (FTE) permanent positions within the Transportation Engineering Class to address preservation and maintenance issues on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Doing so will result in improved performance due to resources being local and dedicated to the needs of the Branch Line corridor. Dedicated staff will result in more timely responses to inquiries by the community and local jurisdictions regarding issues along the corridor.

Executive Director Contract Negotiation

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved a 4-year extension of the employment contract for Executive Director Guy Preston.

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, September 2, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, August 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Safe on 17/Traffic Operation Systems Committee

Thursday, September 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

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