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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) October 7, 2021 Meeting Highlights**

### **Public Hearing: Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects**

The Commission received input from the public and approved updated Fiscal Years (FY) 2021/22-2025/2026 five-year programs of projects funded by Measure D. This includes funding for the Active Transportation/Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network/Rail Trail, Highway Corridors, Rail Corridor preservation, Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, and San Lorenzo Valley-Highway 9 Corridor Improvements. Some of the projects, which are anticipated to be under construction within the next year, include the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulders between Soquel and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues, Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase II in Santa Cruz, and the last of the storm damage repair sites on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Also included is the completion of project development activities for a number of projects across all categories to ensure the start of construction within the next five years. The approved 5-year plans for spending Measure D funds are on the RTC website: [www.sccrtc.org/move](http://www.sccrtc.org/move).

### **Proposition 68 Regional Park Program Grant Application Partnership with the County**

The Commission approved a partnership with the County of Santa Cruz to submit grant applications to the Proposition 68 Regional Park Program to help complete the funding for construction of the North Coast Coastal Rail Trail segment. Should these applications be successful along with other grant funding efforts, the RTC would have the funding to ensure construction of this trail segment all the way to Davenport (Phases I and II) with proposed amenities, including parking lots and bathrooms. It would also help to maximize the leveraging potential of Measure D funds as was the desire of voters in approving Measure D in 2016 by over 2/3 of county voters. In addition, it would help to ensure construction of the entire North Coast segment at the same time reducing overall construction costs and helping taxpayer dollars stretch further.

### **Appreciation of Former Commissioner and Chair Aurelio Gonzalez**

Commissioners and the Executive Director expressed appreciation to former Watsonville City Council Member, RTC Commissioner, and RTC Chair Aurelio Gonzalez for his exemplary service. Unfortunately, Commissioner Gonzalez had to resign due to a family emergency. During his tenure at the RTC, Commissioner Gonzalez was a dedicated and effective representative and advocate for the transportation needs of the Watsonville community and all of Santa Cruz County, especially disadvantaged community members. As chair, he exemplified fairness for all points of view and dedication to public engagement. Everyone at the RTC enjoyed working with former Commissioner Gonzalez and wish him and his family well.

### **Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Boundary Survey Project**

The Commission accepted the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Boundary Survey between San Lorenzo River and Rio Del Mar Boulevard and authorized the Executive Director to amend the existing contract to complete Phase 2 of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Boundary Survey Project which includes encroachment exhibit preparation to allow the RTC to work with property owners to resolve encroachments.

### **Amendments to Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget and Work Program**

The Commission approved the proposed amended FY 2021-22 Budget and Work Program. The amended FY 2021-22 Budget is balanced and implements the RTC's priority projects, on-going programs, and proposed Measure D five-year programs of projects updates, projects, and activities. The amended budget incorporates information from FY 2020-21 year-end balances, carryovers from the previous fiscal year, Measure D 5-Year Program of Project updates, and updated revenue.

### **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings**

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), **all RTC and committee meetings have been held by video conference.** On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 which continues the Brown Act waivers and allows the RTC to continue Commission and committee meetings in strictly virtual format until at least the November 4th RTC meeting. We will post updates after the November 4th RTC meeting. Please check the RTC website [<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/calendar/>] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting and video conference information for future meetings. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting and will also include attendance information. 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](mailto:info@sccrtc.org) or by calling 831-460-3200.

### **Regional Transportation Commission Meeting**

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

### **Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

### **Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee**

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

### **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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