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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) November 4, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project Amendment to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for Design Support During Construction

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for design services during construction of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project between 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive interchanges which includes a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue. It will be necessary for the professional engineering consultant who prepared the design of the project (also known as the Engineer of Record) to continue to provide services during the advertisement of the project for construction bids to answer questions from the potential bidders, issue addendums, and update the plans, specifications and quantities as needed.

Assembly Bill (AB) 361 Findings for Virtual and Hybrid Meetings

On October 1, 2021, AB 361 was signed into law to allow the continuation of virtual and/or hybrid meetings as long as the state of emergency still exists and public agencies make appropriate findings. The Commission made findings required by AB 361 to allow the continuation of virtual and/or hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings of itself and its committees. After reconsidering the circumstances of the current COVID-19 state of emergency and how it continues to directly impact the ability of the members of the RTC, its committees, its staff and the public to meet safely in person, the RTC decided to have hybrid RTC meetings (some commissioners and public in-person and others virtually) beginning with its December 2021 meeting. Committee meetings will continue as virtual meetings. Currently, only the County Board of Supervisors chambers is equipped for hybrid meetings; therefore, Commissioners and members of the public participating in person will do so at the County Board of Supervisors chambers at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

Unsolicited Rail Proposal TIG/m and Roaring Camp

The Commission received a report from Executive Director Guy Preston on the unsolicited passenger rail proposal by TIG/m and Roaring Camp. Director Preston recommended not pursuing this unsolicited Public Private Partnership (P3) proposal or any other potential P3 proposal for passenger rail service at this time. On September 1, 2021, TIG/m and Roaring Camp submitted an unsolicited concept proposal to form a P3 relationship for freight service on the entire 32-mile branch line and recreational rail service between Capitola and Davenport. Due to funding constraints and potential conflicts with trail project schedules, Director Preston reported that the RTC should not consider any P3 passenger rail proposals at this time. No action was requested or taken by the Commission on this item, and Director Preston stated that staff will continue its focus

on the rail trail construction projects west of the Boardwalk and environmental studies for additional trail projects east to Rio del Mar.

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 a virtual format. Beginning in December, the RTC will hold its commission meetings in a hybrid (virtual and in-person) format. 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 or by calling 831-460-3200.

Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (Special Meeting)

Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee

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

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 1:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

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

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.