



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 07, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE: Teleconference
Community TV Zoom**

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1. Roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present:

Sandy Brown	Larry Pageler (Alt)
Kristen Petersen	Andy Schiffrin (Alt)
Randy Johnson	Robert Quinn (Alt)
Greg Caput	Virginia Johnson (Alt)
Manu Koenig	Felipe Hernandez (Alt)
Eduardo Montesino	Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson (Alt)
Jacques Bertrand	Tim Gubbins (Caltrans Ex-Officio)
Bruce McPherson	

Staff present:

Guy Preston	Tracy New
Luis Mendez	Sarah Christensen
Yesenia Parra	Steven Mattas (RTC Counsel)
Shannon Munz	Amy Naranjo
Krista Corwin	Rachel Moriconi
Grace Blakeslee	

2. Oral communications.

Received public comment from:

Barry Scott
Sally Arnold
David Van Brink
Judy Gittelsohn
Jack Brown
Unnamed speaker

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas.

Handouts for items 7, 8, 21, and 23 and replacement pages for items 12, 15, and 16 were posted to the website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin motioned, and Commissioner Montesino seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Brown, Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Koenig, McPherson, Petersen, and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin, Quinn, Pageler, and Kalantari-Johnson voting "aye."

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples

MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the September 02, 2021 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
5. Accepted draft minutes of the September 09, 2021 Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items.

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

6. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend the professional services agreement with Associated Right of Way Services, Inc.
(**Resolution 15-22**)
7. Approved a resolution to enter into agreements with the County of Santa Cruz for the county to apply for grant funds from the Proposition 68 Regional Park Program and Recreation and Tourism Program to

construct the North Coast Rail Trail between Yellowbank/Panther Beach and Davenport (**Resolution 16-22**)

8. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend the North Coast Rail Trail Phase 2 agreement with Central Federal Lands (CFL) (**Resolution 17-22**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

9. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
10. Accepted status report on Measure D revenues

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

11. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend the legal services contract with the firm of Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver and Wilson, PLC (**Resolution 18-22**)
12. Approved the 2022 Regional Transportation Commission meeting schedule
13. Approved appointment to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC)
14. Approved resolutions to continue providing California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) health benefits to RTC employees pursuant to the approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) (**Resolution 19-22 and Resolution 20-22**)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

15. Accepted monthly meeting schedule.
16. Accepted correspondence log.
17. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies. - *none*
18. Accepted information items. - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Nomination and Appointment of Commission Chair

Vice-Chair Brown reported that she called a nominating committee consisting of herself, Commissioner McPherson, and Commissioner Petersen.

The nominating committee recommended that Commissioner Brown continue in the role of Chair for the remaining RTC meetings in calendar year 2021 and not select a Vice-chair. The Regular nomination procedure will be followed for nominations for Chair and Vice-chair for calendar year 2022.

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the former chair, Aurelio Gonzalez.

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin motioned, and Commissioner Montesino seconded the motion to approve the nominating committee's recommendation to retain Commissioner Brown as chair for the remainder of calendar year 2021.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Brown, Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Koenig, McPherson, Petersen, and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin, Quinn, Pageler, and Kalantari-Johnson voting "aye."

Received public comment from:
Brian Peoples

20. Commissioner reports

Commissioner Koenig appreciated staff for a tour of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL) between Harkins Slough and Aptos Village and encouraged Commissioners to experience the rail line.

Chair Brown also expressed appreciation for the tour and reported on her participation in the Central Coast Coalition's Federal Joint Advocacy Day, during which she highlighted active transportation projects including the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST), energy efficiency, and transformative bridge projects.

Commissioner McPherson emphasized the importance of one-on-one contact between RTC Commissioners and federal and state representatives.

21. Director's Report

Executive Director Guy Preston delivered an oral report highlighting public meeting options under Assembly Bill (AB) 361; the RTC's move to a new office location at 1101 Pacific Avenue, Suite 250; appreciation for the outgoing Chair Aurelio Gonzalez; appreciation for interim Chair Sandy Brown; and staff responses to questions asked during public comment at Commission Meetings.

Commissioners discussed: benefits of remote meetings; missing personal aspect of in-person meetings; desire for consideration of a hybrid option;

impacts of South County & Scotts Valley meeting participants on traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions; benefits of meeting community members face-to-face.

Received public comment from:

Barry Scott
Michael Lewis
Unnamed speaker
David Van Brink

Commissioner Alternate Hernandez replaced Commissioner Caput.

22. Caltrans report

Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins reported on the release of the Sustainable Planning Grant call for applications, with a deadline of October 27, 2021; the Clean California trash removal and beautification initiative; and the increased drainage work Caltrans is currently undertaking in preparation for winter.

In response to questions from Commissioners, Director Gubbins provided additional details about the sustainable planning grant. Executive Director Guy Preston communicated that staff are working on two potential grant applications based upon equity and climate change resiliency. Director Gubbins also responded to questions from members of the public about Santa Cruz County projects.

Received public comment from:

Jean Brocklebank
Unnamed speaker
Rebecca Downing

23. **PUBLIC HEARING 9:30 a.m.:** Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects

The public hearing opened at 9:36 a.m. Sr. Transportation Planner Rachel Moriconi delivered the staff report.

Received public comment from:

Barry Scott
Sally Arnold
Tina Andreatta
Kyle Kelley
Heidy Kellison
Rebecca Downing
Unnamed speaker

Brian Peoples
Jean Brocklebank & Michael Lewis
Judy Gittelsohn
Ryan Meckel
D Young
Jack Brown
David <3 public transit
Erik Hansen
Beverly
Andre Duurvoort

Commissioners discussed: appreciation for voters approving Measure D for the fact that Measure D recognizes multi-modal transportation improvements; value of Self-Help County status; the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee's recommendation.

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin motioned, and Commissioner Montesino seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendations to hold a public hearing and adopt **Resolution 21-22** to approve the Fiscal Years (FY) 2021/2022-2025/2026 five-year programs of projects (5-Year Plans) for Measure D regional investment categories and projects: Highway Corridors, Active Transportation, Rail Corridor, the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing and San Lorenzo Valley-Highway 9 Corridor Improvements.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Brown, Johnson, Montesino, Koenig, McPherson, Petersen, and Commissioner Alternates Hernandez, Schiffrin, Quinn, Pageler, and Kalantari-Johnson voting "aye."

24. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Boundary Survey Project

Senior Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee delivered the staff report and responded to a Commissioner's question regarding the survey's objectives and deliverables.

Commissioners discussed: concerns raised by mobile homeowners along segment 10; coordination with staff to deliver a presentation to the mobile home commission.

Commissioner Koenig motioned, and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendations to:

1. Accept the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Boundary Survey between San Lorenzo River and Rio Del Mar Boulevard; and,

2. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the existing contract between RTC and RRM Design Group to complete Phase 2 of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Boundary Survey Project in the amount of \$455,500.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Brown, R. Johnson, Montesino, Koenig, Petersen, and Commissioner Alternates V. Johnson, Pageler, Hernandez, Schiffrin, Quinn, and Kalantari-Johnson voting "aye."

Received public comment from:

Jean Brocklebank
Tina Andreatta
Barry Scott
Unnamed speaker
Rebecca Downing

25. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget and Work Program

Director of Budget and Finance Tracy New delivered the staff report. Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin motioned, and Commissioner Bertrand seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendations to:

1. Adopt **Resolution 23-22** approving the proposed amended fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 Budget and Work Program;
2. Accept the September 2021 Measure D Economic Forecast from HdL Companies;
3. Accept the revised Measure D revenue three-year forecast for FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24 provided by HdL Companies; and
4. Accept the FY2021 Quarter 4 (April-June) Sales Tax Update from HdL Companies

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Bertrand, Brown, R. Johnson, Montesino, Koenig, Petersen, and Commissioner Alternates Hernandez, Schiffrin, Quinn, Pageler, V. Johnson, and Kalantari-Johnson voting "aye."

26. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas communicated that no reportable action was anticipated from the closed session items.

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples (Trail Now)

Open session adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session began at 11:20 a.m.

27. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Properties: Santa Cruz County Branch Railway (Tracts I and II)
Negotiating Parties: SCCRTC, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, LLC, a subsidiary of Progressive Rail Incorporated and potential interested parties

Agency Negotiators: Guy Preston, Luis Mendez, and Steve Mattas
Under Negotiations: Terms of License Agreement

28. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Properties: Sea Breeze HOA (No Situs), (APN 038-531-19, 038-311-40, 038-531-19, 038-331-07), Aptos, CA 95003; 2600 Mar Vista Drive (APN 039-201-36) Aptos, CA 95003; 2545 Mar Vista Drive (APN 039-191-15) Aptos, CA 95003; 2555 Mar Vista Drive (APN 039-191-11) Aptos, CA 95003; 2711 Mar Vista Drive, (APN 039-191-24) Aptos, CA 95003; Capitola Knolls HOA (No situs), (APN 036-274-69, 036-511-18, 036-522-29, 036-522-30) Capitola, CA 95010; 2481 Orchard Court, (APN 030-301-01) Soquel, CA 95073; 2501 Rosedale Avenue (APN 030-242-17), Soquel, CA 95073; 2580 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-29), Soquel, CA 95073; 2576 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-30) Soquel, CA 95073; 2570 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-31) Soquel, CA 95073; 2564 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-32) Soquel, CA 95073; 2556 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-33) Soquel, CA 95073; 2548 Gary Drive, (APN 030-242-34) Soquel, CA 95073

Agency Negotiators: Guy Preston and Sarah Christensen

Negotiating Parties: SCCRTC, Sea Breeze Home Owners Association, Sunny S. Strimaitis and Robin J. Kajihara as co-trustees of the David M. McFadden Family Trust, 2545 Mar Vista LLC, Aptos Grange No. 800, Palm Terrace Mobile Homeowners' Association, Inc, Capitola Knolls Homeowners Association, John C. Netto and Janet E. Netto, Diana Lynne Gilmore and Shan Gilmore, Marisela Marinez Lima and Brandon Lima, Brenda J. Burks-Herrmann, Colleen E. Fleming, Jackie Lee-Kang, Amy K. King, and Miguel Flores and Salina Flores

Under Negotiation: Price and terms for Purchase of Temporary and Permanent Easements and Fee Simple Acquisitions

Closed session adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

29. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 04, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yesenia Parra
Administrative Services Officer

Attendees:

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Andre Duurvoort

Barry Scott

Beverly

Bill Philipps

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Bobbi Burns

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David <3 public transit

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Jeanette Guire RC RR

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Johanna Lighthill

John Urgo

Judy Gittelsohn

Kieran Kelly

Kyle Kelly

Mark Johannessen

Marty Demare

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