



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Transportation Policy Workshop**

MINUTES

**Monday, February 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

**REMOTE MEETING
Community TV Zoom
Web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85695773402>
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Webinar ID: 856 9577 3402**

1. Roll call.

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

Members present:

Jacques Bertrand	Robert Quinn (Alt)
Sandy Brown	Gine Johnson (Alt)
Randy Johnson	Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson (Alt)
Mike Rotkin	Felipe Hernandez (Alt)
Eduardo Montesino	Andy Schiffrin (Alt)
Manu Koenig	Bruce McPherson

Staff present:

Guy Preston	Shannon Munz
Luis Mendez	Krista Corwin
Yesenia Parra	Riley Gerbrandt
Sarah Christensen	Tracy New
Grace Blakeslee	

2. Oral communications.

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples, Trail Now
Barry Scott
Brett Garrett
Lani Faulkner
Michael Saint
Jack Nelson

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

A replacement page for the agenda and a handout for item 4 were posted to the website.

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items were considered.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 through 12 (Pacific Avenue to Rio Del Mar Boulevard) Project Updates

Senior Transportation Engineer Sarah Christiansen, Senior Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee, City of Santa Cruz, Assistant Director of Public Works Nathan Nguyen and the County of Santa Cruz Project Manager Rob Tidmore delivered the staff report and a presentation.

Commissioners discussed and staff responded to Commissioner questions regarding cost estimates for converting existing railroad bridges to trail bridges in Segments 10-11; whether converting rail bridges to trail bridges would preclude the re-implementation of rail service; clarification of the phased approach with the interim trail included as an optional phase in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR); feasibility of a proposed cantilevered trail over the yacht harbor and other similar bridges along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL); bridge graphics are preliminary renderings intended to show the sequencing of the project; grading criteria within the Solutions to Congested Corridors Program (SCCP); the local funding match and its impact on the competitiveness of a grant application; bonding as a financing method; which proposal would not require railbanking.

Mr. Tidmore responded to questions regarding coordination with the Capitola planning department on a trail connection to the parking lot at the Monterey Avenue intersection and the impact of Measure L on the proposed plans for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Mr. Nguyen responded to a question about the Murray Street bridge seismic retrofit project.

Received public comment from:

Kyle Kelley (he/him)

Barry Scott

David Dean

Brian Peoples, Trail Now
Michael Saint
Todd Marco, Nicene Rio Gateway
Jack Nelson
FORT Lee Silverglate
Jack Brown
Tina A.
Mark Mesiti-Miller
Judy Gittelsohn
Lani Faulkner
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David Van Brink
Sally Arnold
CM² Santa Cruz
Sean
Matt Farrell
Bud Colligan
Trink Praxel
Charles Hicks

Commissioners discussed: costs of each phase should be illuminated;
transparency builds public trust; time value of building an interim trail before
funding is secured for the ultimate configuration.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

5. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference on Thursday,
March 03, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Jacob Wysocki
Jill Hough
Jim MacKenzie
Jodi Durrett
Johanna Lighthill
Judy Gittelsohn
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Kyle Kelley (he/him)
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Linda Wilshusen
Mark Esquibel
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