

AGENDA: June 16, 2022

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Guy Preston, Executive Director
RE: Director's Report

THIS ITEM FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Highway 1 – 41st Ave / Soquel Dr - Project Advertisement for Bids

On June 6, Caltrans advertised the Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive Auxiliary Lane and Bus on Shoulder project for construction bids. The project will construct auxiliary lanes and a bus on shoulder facility in both directions of Highway 1 between the 41st Ave and Soquel Drive interchanges in the City of Capitola and Live Oak. The project also includes construction of a new bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue.

The project is funded by Measure D, State Transportation Improvement Program, Federal Highway Improvement Program, and Senate Bill 1 Solutions to Congested Corridors funds with an engineer's estimate of \$26M for construction capital. The bid opening is scheduled for late July. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2022 and take approximately 2-years.

Transportation Planner Position

RTC staff is very pleased to welcome Matthew Schroeder as the newest member of the RTC team. He began working on Monday as a Transportation Planner 1. Matt has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in politics, policy and justice from Seattle University. Matt also just completed a Master of Urban Planning degree at San Jose State University.

Matt worked for over three years on the Safe Routes to School program of the City of Cupertino Public Works Department with the Traffic and Engineering Division. There he worked on increasing travel to and from schools by bike, walking and transit, executed public outreach and assisted in the implementation of Cupertino's Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans. Matt also assisted on the design, launch and implementation of an on-demand micro-transit shuttle service. At the Mineta Transportation Institute, Matt worked as a research assistant on a Caltrans contract to define transit equity and evaluate transit equity

metrics. Matt also worked at the City of San Jose Department of Transportation Planning Division as a Graduate Intern where he assisted with planning, design, data collection, analysis and public outreach for various bike travel improvement projects and for micro-mobility implementation. Matt is a member of the American Planning Association.

Matt is already working with the website update team to implement GIS visualization tools and strategies for the information that is available to the public on RTC projects and programs. He will also be working with Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi on the Santa Cruz County Transportation Equity Action Plan funded with a recently secured Sustainable Communities Grant from Caltrans.