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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Sept. 1, 2022 Meeting Highlights**

### **Highway 1 Bay/Porter Ave to State Park Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project**

The Commission authorized a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the construction component of the Highway 1 Bay/Porter Avenue to State Park Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project which includes replacement of the Capitola Avenue overcrossing and a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Mar Vista Drive. Final design and right-of-way components for this project are nearing completion. The Cooperative Agreement for the construction component is one of the last items remaining before the project is able to be advertised for construction bids. The Commission also approved a resolution authorizing the executive director to amend the professional engineering services contract with the current consultant for design support services during construction.

### **Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project**

The Commission approved programming additional Measure D-Highway funds and an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the construction component of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project between the 41st Avenue to Soquel Drive interchanges which includes a new bicycle/ pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue. Construction bids were opened in August 2022. Caltrans is recommending award of the construction contract, which is 13.6% higher than the engineer's estimate, given that labor and material costs have increased due to unusually high inflation caused by supply chain issues and other external factors. This \$29 Million construction project will start construction in a couple of months, dependent upon weather.

### **Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 Project**

The Commission approved an amendment to the professional engineering services contract for the final design component of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 Project. The amendment authorizes the consultant already working on the environmental component of the project to begin the final design work. Staff recommends advancing the final design work of this project concurrent with the environmental work to save 6 to 8 months on the overall schedule.

## **Highway 9 Boulder Creek Complete Streets Improvements – Federal Grant Opportunities Update**

The Commission received an update on the Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Complete Streets program and on staff efforts to fund the Boulder Creek Complete Streets Improvements via competitive federal grants. The RTC previously worked with residents, businesses, schools, Caltrans, County of Santa Cruz, METRO, and other stakeholders to prepare the Highway 9 San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan (SLV Plan). RTC has developed a delivery strategy for the Highway 9/SLV Complete Streets program that includes leveraging Measure D and other discretionary funds as the local match for state and federal competitive grants. Staff identified two potential competitive federal funding opportunities for the Boulder Creek Complete Streets Improvements and will submit applications later this month.

### **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. The RTC is now holding 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.

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### **Regional Transportation Commission Meeting**

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

### **Transportation Policy Workshop**

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

### **Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

### **Budget & Admin/Personnel Committee**

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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