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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Dec. 1, 2022 Meeting Highlights

Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission voted unanimously to select Commissioner Manu Koenig as chair and Commissioner Kristen Brown as vice chair of the commission for 2023. Commissioners also expressed their appreciation to outgoing chair, Commissioner Sandy Brown. Commissioners highlighted Chair Brown's dedication to ensuring that everyone was given the opportunity to be heard.

Contract Award for Professional Engineering and Environmental Services for Electric Passenger Rail Transit & Trail Project

The Commission authorized Executive Director Guy Preston to negotiate and execute a contract to begin preliminary engineering and environmental services for a proposed electric passenger rail transit and coastal rail trail project between the Pajaro Junction and Santa Cruz along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL). The proposed project would upgrade the existing single track freight facility to an electric passenger rail transit facility along the SCBRL and construct the remaining segments of a continuous multi-use trail adjacent to the rail transit facility. The RFP scope of work included full service professional engineering and environmental services through project development. However, staff recommended that the awarded contract include only a portion of Task 1 of preparing the project concept report component and subsequently amending the contract to complete the remaining tasks, including an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), once additional funding is secured. The development of the project concept report will involve extensive community outreach and early engineering to provide a stable project definition moving into subsequent tasks.

Pajaro River Bridge Rehabilitation Project along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

The Commission accepted the bid received and authorized Executive Director Guy Preston to execute a construction contract for the Pajaro River Bridge Rehabilitation Project along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The project's scope of work includes structural steel repairs, installing bandings to timber piles, and repairs to the superstructure walkway and cable railing.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

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, Jan. 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

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

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