



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's  
**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**

**SCCRTC Office: 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250  
Santa Cruz, CA**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Consider AB2449 request(s) to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances (a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person)
4. Oral communications

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6. Approve Minutes of the February 16, 2023 ITAC meeting
7. RTIP Amendments Approved by RTC March 2, 2023

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Status of transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents
  - a. Verbal updates from ITAC members
9. AMBAG 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process
  - a. Memorandum from Miranda Taylor, AMBAG
10. AMBAG 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Draft Work Program and Schedule
  - a. Memorandum from Heather Adamson, AMBAG
11. Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12: State Park Drive to Rio del Mar Boulevard design (*carried over from February 16, 2023 meeting*)
  - a. Staff report, Sarah Christensen
12. Funding Program Opportunities and Updates
  - a. [Clean California](#) – Applications due April 28, 2023
  - b. [Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program](#) (AHSC) – applications due April 4, 2023
  - c. [Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program \(LTCAP\)](#) - CTC Draft Guidelines available for comment, applications due June 28, 2023
  - d. Other grants:
    - USDOT: 2023 NOFO schedule and [website](#)
    - Follow up from local December 2022 Grants Workshop

e. [Caltrans Local Assistance Trainings](#)

13. Next Meeting – The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm on **April 20, 2023 at the RTC conference room, 1101 Pacific Ave, Ste 250**. ITAC meetings will be canceled if there are no action items to be brought before the committee.

Adjourn

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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 1:30 p.m.  
Teleconference

*Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), the meeting was held by videoconference, consistent with state laws and orders allowing legislative bodies to hold Brown Act meetings via teleconference.*

#### **ITAC Members Present:**

Capitola Public Works & Community Development Proxy	Kailash Mozumder
Santa Cruz Planning Proxy	Claire Gallogly
Santa Cruz Public Works	Josh Spangrud
Watsonville Public Works	Murray Fontes
Watsonville Community Development	Justin Meek
County of Santa Cruz Public Works	Steve Wiesner
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	Paul Hierling
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	Paul Guirguis
Ecology Action – Transportation Programs	Piet Canin
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	John Uργο
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Pete Rasmussen
University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC)	Oxo Slayer

**Absent:** City of Scotts Valley

**RTC Staff Present:** Grace Blakeslee, Sarah Christensen, Rachel Moriconi, Amy Naranjo, Tommy Travers, Tracy New, Guy Preston

#### **Others Present:**

Chris Duymich, AMBAG  
Genaro Diaz, Malinda Gallaher and Zach Siviglia, Caltrans District 5  
Arnold Shir and Theresia Rogerson, County Health Services  
Jeanne LePage, Ecology Action  
Matt Starkey, City of Santa Cruz Public Works  
Georgina Arias, UCSC TAPS

**Public:** Brian Peoples, Barry Scott, Michael Pisano, Lani Faulkner, Johanna Lighthill, Krista, Michael Saint, Joni Steele

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Kailash Mozumder called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- 2. Introductions:** Introductions were made. All attendees participated by teleconference.

### **3. Oral Communications**

Brian Peoples, Trail Now, commented on the impact that inflation can have on project costs.

Michael Pisano stated he was excited about the countywide Bike Share program and requested more park-and-ride lots, parking spaces and bus shelters and pads, especially at the Pasatiempo exit off Highway 17.

### **4. Additions, deletions, or changes to consent and regular agendas:**

Item 6 was moved to 2pm and Items 9-11 were tabled to the next meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **5. Approved Minutes of the October 20, 2022, ITAC meeting**

***Committee members approved a motion (Gallogly/Fontes) approving the minutes (8-0), with Mozumder, Gallogly, Fontes, Meek, Guirguis, Slayer, Hierling, and Urgo, voting "yes" by roll call vote. Members Canin, Spangrud and Wiesner abstained.***

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **6. Caltrans's Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI) – (item presented after Item 7)**

Genaro Diaz from Caltrans District 5 presented information about broadband projects being implemented by Caltrans in coordination with the California Department of Technology (CDT). The project includes 680 miles along highways in Caltrans District 5 and several hubs. Implementation along Highway 17 is expected to be ready for construction in late Fall 2023, pending funding availability. The statewide project is expected to be completed by 2026.

Steve Wiesner reported that the County received a grant from the CPUC to develop a master plan for broadband, which will include a gaps analysis identifying areas under and not served by broadband.

#### **7. Status of transportation projects, programs, studies, and planning documents**

ITAC members provided updates on projects, programs, studies and planning efforts, received a preliminary list of storm damage sites and received Caltrans capital project updates.

Capitola – Kailash Mozumder reported that the Clares Street project is almost complete. The city and other local agencies have been meeting with

CalOES and FEMA to discuss storm damages, including Cliff Drive and Stockton Bridge, and the process to receive funding.

City of Santa Cruz – Josh Spangrud reported that the Ocean Street paving project is underway. The contractor continues to clean up debris and mud from the storm at the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7, phase 2 construction site. Claire Gallogly reported that the city is expanding the West Cliff Drive one-way pilot from Bay Street to Woodrow Ave and is working on grant applications and a Laurel Street striping project to enhance transit and bicycle access.

County of Santa Cruz – Steve Wiesner reported that there are 90 sites with storm damage totaling over \$40 million in permanent repairs and \$10 million in Category A and B repairs. He also reported that the County received a federal Safe Streets for All grant for vision zero planning, in partnership with Scotts Valley and Watsonville. Measure D and RSTPX-funded paving projects and roadway rehabilitation on Alba, Jamison Creek, and Empire Grade roads are out to bid. The County is re-bidding the Soquel Drive buffered bike lanes and rehab project. The County is also planning to reconstruct the Green Valley Road multi-use path late summer, using a Clean California grant.

Watsonville – Murray Fontes reported on sewer and storm drain cleanup and other storm damage. Watsonville is working on the Lincoln Street active transportation project final “punch list” and is starting the Freedom Blvd reconstruction project next month. Designs for the Harkins Slough pedestrian bridge over Highway 1 are at 60%. He expressed appreciation for the County taking the lead preparing the Safe Streets for All grant application. He noted that the city is recruiting for a new public works director. The city’s annual egg drop competition is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Justin Meek reported that work is starting work on the General Plan update, including updates to the circulation element. The city will consider a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) policy to evaluate projects.

UCSC – Oxo Slayer reported that UCSC marine facilities experienced some localized flooding. The campuswide TDM program is still in development and is VMT data focused. The Chancellor’s 10 Year Strategic Plan includes climate change goals and UCSC is starting a decarbonization and electrification study focused on UCSC’s fleet. Georgina Arias was introduced as a new planner for Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) department that will be working on a variety of transportation programs, including coordination with local agencies on bike share and other projects.

METRO – John Urgo reported on “Reimagining METRO” efforts, the rapid transit study focused on speed, reliability, and existing conditions between Watsonville and Santa Cruz, a three-day work group session scheduled for

mid-April, and the Youth Cruz fee-free rides for K-12 students. Metro's bus yard on River Street flooded in January and METRO helped with storm evacuations.

AMBAG – Paul Hierling reported that AMBAG is starting work on the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Ecology Action – Piet Canin reported that Ecology Action is using the name "Modo" for their safe routes to schools, adult bicycle education and Bike to Work/School, and active transportation planning programs. He expressed appreciation for the city of Santa Cruz West Cliff Drive one-way pilot.

Caltrans – Paul Guirguis shared storm damage updates and recommended using the Caltrans website for updates on road and lane closures. He noted the project updates in the meeting packet include resources for agencies and the public to use. He reminded agencies that Sustainable Transportation Planning grant applications are due March 9 and Clean California applications are due April 28. He reported that recent webinars included discussions of Pro-Housing designations and agreed to send the slides to members. Claire Gallogly reported that the City of Santa Cruz took the Pro-Housing designation application to city council. Justin Meek reported that Watsonville determined it would be too difficult to be awarded the Pro-Housing designation based on current criteria.

Malinda Gallaher reported on Emergency Relief (ER) funds and deadlines to submit storm damage assessment forms.

Public comments:

- Brian Peoples asked what percent of storm damage costs are typically reimbursed by FEMA and expressed disappointment with Segment 7, phase 2 delays.
- Michael Pisano suggested reducing mobile home interest rates to support housing affordability.

## **8. Transportation Goals, Evaluation Criteria, and Strategic Priorities**

Amy Naranjo presented information about state, federal and regional criteria often required and/or used to evaluate transportation projects and solicited input on evaluation criteria that could be used to prioritize local projects and programs. She also requested members identify projects that could do the most to advance measures.

Via an online survey, attendees (committee members and the public) ranked safety and collisions, VMT, equity, access for all, and benefits to disadvantaged communities as critical metrics and suggested prioritizing active transportation, transit, and multimodal projects that better coordinate land use and transportation.

Oxo Slayer suggested focusing on low hanging fruit, such as using TDM and technology to advance goals. Piet Canin suggested using subsidies for bike share.

Public comments: Brian Peoples stated that feasibility/deliverability and climate resiliency and Coastal Commission action be considered. Lani Faulkner expressed support for priorities identified in the state's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), integrated rail and multimodal transit options, safe and accessible transportation networks. Michael Saint expressed support for VMT reduction, social justice and other metrics, but stated that widening Highway 1 will result in more cars and recommended focusing on mass transit.

*Chair Mozumder left the meeting and Murray Fontes took over to chair the meeting.*

**9. Safety and health related transportation resources, programs and grants** – *Tabled to future meeting*

**10. Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 (State Park Drive to Rio del Mar Boulevard) design** – *Tabled to next meeting*

**11. Funding Program Opportunities and Updates** – *Tabled to next meeting*

**12. Next meeting.** The next meeting of the ITAC is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on March 16, 2023. Staff noted that the meeting is anticipated to be in-person at the RTC office.

Interim Chair Murray Fontes adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Rachel Moriconi*

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**Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**  
**Amendments to Previously Approved Projects**  
*Approved at the March 2, 2023 RTC meeting*

Action	Project #	Project	Proposed Amendment
Modify title & scope	CAP 20	41st Ave/Capitola Road Intersections and Roadway Rehabilitation	Revise title and scope. " <del>Rehabilitation of</del> <del>Reconstruct</del> pavement on three sections of 41st Ave including 1) at the intersection of Capitola Road and 41st Ave, 2) the intersection of Clares Street and 41st Ave and on Capitola Road from 41st Ave to 30th Ave. Vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle lane markings at intersections will be updated to meet the latest complete streets guidelines. Where necessary all pedestrian ramps will be modified to meet current ADA requirements. <i>Note: 41st Ave/Clares St intersection was combined with the Clares Street Traffic Calming and Pavement Preservation project (CAP 11).</i>
Shift balances	CO 88	Pioneer-Varni Road Resurfacing Project	Shift \$322,315 unused balance of \$1,044,662 RSTPX previously programmed from Pioneer Varni to the new Airport Boulevard and Green Valley Road Resurfacing Project. The County plans to construct the project summer 2023. <i>Other options: Return cost savings to RSTPX pot for reprogramming later this year or program to a different project.</i>
Add project and funds from CO 88	NEW	Airport Blvd (Green Valley Road to Watsonville City Limits) and Green Valley Road (Airport Boulevard to Casserly Rd) Resurfacing	Shift \$322,315 RSTPX balance from Pioneer-Varni. A parallel trail resurfacing project on Green Valley Road (funded by a \$5 million Clean CA grant) is also scheduled for construction this summer.
Schedule update	CO 92	Soquel-San Jose Rd/Porter St Road Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements	Request CTC shift STIP funds up to FY25/26 (currently programmed in FY26/27). Project will be ready for construction following completion of a sanitation project scheduled for 2024.
Add matching funds	TRL 8-9	Coastal Rail Trail: Segments 8 and 9	Update to show ATP funds approved by CTC in December 2022 and matching funds.
Add matching funds	TRL 10-11	Coastal Rail Trail: Segments 10-11	Update to show ATP funds approved by CTC in December 2022 and matching funds.
Update scope	WAT 46	Watsonville Road Rehab/Reconstruction	Update to show locations \$1,130,000 RSTPX to be spent on: Airport Blvd, Arthur Rd, Hanger Way, Harvest Dr, Industrial Rd, Loma Prieta Ave, Nielson St, Roache Rd, and Rodriguez St.

Action	Project #	Project	Proposed Amendment
Modify title & scope/ combine with ATP project	WAT 47	Complete Streets Downtown	Combine the project with the city's more comprehensive Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville Project, that was awarded ATP funds by CTC 12/22. Shift \$896k STIP and \$352k RSTPX approved by RTC 12/2/21 to FY26/27 to match the expanded ATP project schedule (STIP fund change requires CTC concurrence). <i>Original scope: Pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including curb ramps, bulbouts, pavement markings and signage Rodriguez St from 550 feet south of Main St to Second St; Brennan St from Palm St to 5th St and Union St from Alexander St to Elm St.</i>
Update Schedule, STIP extension	RTC 24g	Hwy 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulders: Freedom Blvd to State Park Dr & Trail Segment 12	Seek allocation extension from CTC for \$300,000 STIP funds programmed by RTC 12/21 for PS&E in FY22/23. The Draft environmental documents are expected to be released for public review in February/ March, with final environmental document anticipated to be certified in summer 2023.
Program funds	NEW	METRO Vehicle Replacements	Program \$15,000 previously unanticipated, supplemental Local Partnership Program (LPP)-formula funds that CTC requires to be programmed and allocated by June 2023 to METRO. METRO is also using \$903,000 of their share of LPP-formula funds on this project.

Acronyms:

Project phases: ROW: Right-of-way; CON: Construction; PA/ED (Env): Project Approval/Environmental Doc; PS&E: Plans, Specifications, and Engineering (design)

RTIP: Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

STIP: State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

STBG: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

RSTP/X: Regional Surface Transportation Program/Exchange

ATP: Active Transportation Program

Projects #: CAP - Capitola; SC - City of Santa Cruz; SV - Scotts Valley; CO - County of Santa Cruz; TRL - Rail Trail; VAR - Various; WAT - Watsonville

MBSST: Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

CTC: California Transportation Commission (CTC)

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC)

RTC: Regional Transportation Commission



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** SCCRTC Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Miranda Taylor, Planner

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will provide an overview of the 2023 Public Participation Plan (PPP) development process. Committee members are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2023 Public Participation Plan.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The federally required *2023 Public Participation Plan* is a comprehensive document that guides regional planning agencies and local jurisdictions in the public participation process for the tri-county Monterey Bay region that either receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action.

AMBAG, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay region, prepares and adopts the Public Participation Plan at least once every four years. The prior Public Participation Plan, the *2019 Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan*, was adopted in October 2019 to comply with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation. The *2023 Public Participation Plan* will cover the four-year period from 2023-2026 and must comply with the current Federal Surface Transportation Act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which was enacted in 2015. The *2023 Public Participation Plan* emphasizes the transportation decision making process, including the expanded use of visualization techniques and innovative online marketing strategies in public outreach.

AMBAG is required to update the Public Participation Plan every four years. The requirements for the Public Participation Plan under the FAST Act include increased

involvement and collaboration with members of the public, decision makers and staff from the local jurisdictions and partner agencies within the region.

Key sections of the *2023 Public Participation Plan* are listed below:

- Public Participation Plan Guiding Principles
- 2023 Public Participation Plan Timeline
- Incorporating Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) Populations into the PPP
- PPP Procedures and Development Process
- Interested Parties and Public Engagement
- Online and Visualization Outreach Strategies

An updated Public Participation Plan is the required guide for all public involvement activities conducted by AMBAG. As such, the PPP contains the procedures, strategies and techniques used by AMBAG for public involvement in all programs and projects that use federal funds.

A number of appendices will be included in the 2023 PPP. For example, Appendix G will include the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Public Involvement Program. This appendix outlines how AMBAG will engage the public and stakeholders throughout the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Below are key dates for developing the *2023 Public Participation Plan*:

- **March - April 2023:** Present an overview of the 2023 Public Participation Plan development process to regional Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **February - May 2023:** Develop the Draft Public Participation Plan
- **May - July 2023:** Present the Draft 2023 Public Participation Plan to Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **June 14, 2023 - August 23, 2023:** 70-Day Public Comment Period
- **August - September 2023:** Prepare the Final 2023 Public Participation Plan
- **October 11, 2023:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final 2023 Public Participation Plan

A detailed timeline is also included as Attachment 1.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. 2023 Public Participation Plan Timeline

**AMBAG 2023 Public Participation Plan Update  
Final Schedule & Process**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tasks/Objective</b>	<b>Due Dates</b>
January/early February 2023	Outreach to RTPAs by email and confirm point of contacts	2/3/2023
	Draft Schedule and Process Reviewed by RTPAs	2/28/2023
February/March 2023	Publish PPP Survey	2/28/2023
March/April 2023	<b>Present 2023 PPP Update Process to all RTPA TAC/SSTAC meetings and AMBAG Board</b>	
	3/16/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SCCRTC ITAC Meeting	3/16/2023
	3/24/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SBtCOG SSTAC	3/24/2023
	3/27/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at AMBAG PDF	3/27/2023
	3/29/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at TAMC/MST MAC	3/29/2023
	4/6/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at TAMC and SBtCOG TAC Meetings	4/6/2023
	4/11/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SCCRTC E&D TAC	4/11/2023
	4/12/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at AMBAG Board Meeting	4/12/2023
April/ May 2023	<b>Develop Administrative Draft 2023 PPP</b>	3/30/2023
	Email Administrative Draft PPP document to RTPAs for review	4/13/2023
	Edits/Changes on Administrative Draft 2023 PPP from RTPAs due on 5/8/2023 to AMBAG	5/8/2023
	Develop Draft 2023 PPP	5/31/2023
June 2023	<b>Present Draft 2023 PPP to Committees/Boards, Release Public Notice (70 days) and Start Public Comment Period</b>	Open Comment Period on: 06/14/2023
	5/31/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at TAMC/MST MAC	Close Comment Period on: 8/23/2023
	6/1/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at TAMC TAC Meeting	
	6/1/23 - SCCRTC Board Meeting	
	6/13/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SCCRTC E&D TAC	
	6/14/23: AMBAG Board Meeting	
	6/15/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SCCRTC ITAC Meeting	
	6/15/23 -SBtCOG Board Meeting	
	6/23/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SBtCOG SSTAC	
	6/26/23: AMBAG PDF	
	6/28/23 - TAMC Board Meeting	
	7/6/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SBtCOG TAC Meeting	
August 2023	<b>Public Hearing on 2023 PPP at AMBAG's August Board Meeting</b>	8/9/2023
	<b>RTPAs to Also Hold Public Hearings (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan)</b>	
	8/1/23 - SCCRTC Public Hearing	8/1/2023
	8/17/23 - SBtCOG Public Hearing	8/17/2023
	8/23/23 TAMC Public Hearing	8/23/2023
	Summarize comments and make revisions for Final 2023 PPP	9/8/2023
September/October 2023	Adoption of PPP by SBtCOG (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan)	9/21/2023
	Adoption of PPP by TAMC (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan)	9/27/2023
	Adoption of PPP by SCCRTC (if using AMBAG as their plan)	10/5/2023
	Final 2023 PPP for adoption by AMBAG Board	10/11/2023



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** SCCRTC Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Draft Work Program and Schedule

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** DISCUSSION

AMBAG will provide an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy draft work program and schedule. ITAC members are requested to discuss and provide input on the draft work program and schedule.

**BACKGROUND:**

AMBAG adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) in June 2022. AMBAG staff has developed a detailed work program and schedule for the 2050 MTP/SCS that incorporates a variety of planning efforts. The 2050 MTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption in June 2026. The draft work program will be presented to the Planning Directors Forum and the Technical Advisory Committees in February and March 2023. Feedback from all groups will be incorporated into a revised work program which is scheduled to be approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors in April 2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

Federal and state law requires that AMBAG prepare a long-range transportation plan every four years. AMBAG staff has developed a detailed work program and schedule for the 2050 MTP/SCS that incorporates a variety of planning efforts. In accordance with state and federal guidelines, the 2050 MTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption by the Board of Directors in June 2026. The 2050 MTP/SCS draft work program and schedule included as Attachment 1. A number of key inputs and components that will shape the development of a 2050 MTP/SCS are highlighted below.

### *2026 Regional Growth Forecast*

Work will begin shortly to prepare a new Regional Growth Forecast which will be used in the preparation of the 2050 MTP/SCS. The expected completion of the draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast is fall 2024.

### *Policy Area/Technical Updates*

A number of relevant areas have continued to grow in importance because of the growing connections between land use and transportation in our region and throughout the state and the nation. Policy discussions and strategies will be evaluated as part of the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS as well as updating the necessary technical data.

- Land Use and Housing
- Climate Change, Adaptation and Resiliency
- Equity and Environmental Justice
- Freight and Economic Development
- Performance Planning and Management

### *Other Key 2050 MTP/SCS Tasks*

Key tasks include incorporating the results of related efforts currently underway throughout the region (e.g., transportation studies, corridor studies and subregional studies) into the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Other tasks include updating major sections of the plan including plan performance measures, equity and environmental justice analysis, revenue projections, updating the project list including cost estimates for projects and services, and phasing.

### *2050 MTP/SCS Public Involvement Plan*

AMBAG regularly involves the public in regional planning efforts. A public involvement plan (PIP) will be prepared to help develop the 2050 MTP/SCS based on the updated AMBAG 2023 Public Participation Plan. Additionally, there will be a series of public workshops, visualizations, and other means for involving the public and receiving input on the work products and draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the PIP later in 2023 as part of the 2023 Public Participation Plan.

### *2050 MTP/SCS Environmental Impact Report (EIR)*

A programmatic EIR would collectively cover the topics of the entire MTP/SCS. It is

expected that the Notice of Preparation for the EIR would be released in 2024. New developments from recent CEQA cases may increase the analysis required in the EIR.

#### *2050 MTP/SCS Proposed Roles and Responsibilities*

A number of committees and working groups will provide oversight and input into the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS. The region's public works directors and planning directors, who are represented in the county level Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and the Planning Directors Forum (PDF), respectively.

#### **Next Steps**

AMBAG will be presenting the 2050 MTP/SCS draft work program to the Planning Directors Forum and TACs and in February and March 2023. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the 2050 MTP/SCS work program at its April 12, 2023 meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. 2050 MTP/SCS Draft Work Program and Schedule

**2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY  
(MTP/SCS) DRAFT WORK PROGRAM**

**March 2023**

1. *Develop 2050 MTP/SCS Work Program*
  - Review work program with working groups, committees, and Board of Directors
2. *Public Outreach and Engagement*
  - Establish outreach and education plan for the 2050 MTP/SCS
  - Set up 2050 MTP/SCS Project Web site and maintain throughout MTP/SCS development and adoption
  - Develop Public Involvement Plan (PIP) that meets federal transportation bill requirements and SB 375
  - Schedule events and develop outreach products
  - Conduct subregional workshops on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS
  - Conduct public hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS
  - Analyze ongoing feedback and respond to comments received online, phone, e-mail, etc.
3. *Update 2050 MTP/SCS Vision, Goals, and Policy Objectives*
  - Review existing MTP/SCS and other relevant documents, such as Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) and California Transportation Plan (CTP)
  - Monitor and incorporate new transportation act/bill provisions and other legislation (as needed)
  - Incorporate 2023 California Transportation Commission RTP Guidelines (scheduled for approval in December 2023)
4. *Prepare 2026 Regional Growth Forecast Update*
  - Determine overall approach for growth forecast
  - Collect land use inputs including general plan, zoning and permitted projects, consultation with local jurisdictions
  - Develop regionwide growth projections for 2050 (population, housing, jobs, and other economic and demographic variables)
  - Generate updated subregional Growth Forecast for 2050 (population, housing, jobs, land use)
  - Review results with local jurisdictions and other land use authorities
  - Finalize 2026 Regional Growth Forecast

5. *Incorporate Strategies, Policies, and Recommendations from Regional/Corridor/Subregional Studies into Development of the MTP/SCS*
  - Studies include 2022 Coordinated Plan, Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study, California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study, Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, MST's Better Bus Network, MST Transit Oriented Development Study, SC METRO's Bus Network Reimagining Plan, California Transportation Plan 2050, Caltrans Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, Short Range Transit Plans, Active Transportation Plans/Studies, Complete Streets Plans, Advanced Mitigation Studies, Asset Management Plans, Local Street & Roads Needs Assessment, Local Jurisdiction Planning Studies, Airport Planning Studies, Transportation Demand Management Studies/Strategies, Transportation Systems Management Studies/Strategies, etc. (as needed)
6. *Develop Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) (if needed)*
  - Conduct workshop for SB 375 Implementation/Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Regional Targets/SCS development
  - Information meeting(s) with elected officials to obtain input on SCS
  - Develop draft SCS
  - Generate alternative(s) land use/transportation scenario for an APS (if needed)
  - Develop draft APS if the SCS does not meet the regional GHG targets (if needed)
7. *Update Regional Travel Demand Model and Land Use Model*
  - Update travel demand model inputs based on revised demographic information
  - Suballocation and review model inputs for 2020, 2035 and 2050 with local jurisdictions (housing, jobs, and population)
  - Update land use model
  - Model various MTP/SCS scenarios
8. *Develop Project Lists for 2050 MTP/SCS*
  - Issue call for projects, programs, and services for inclusion in the 2050 MTP/SCS
  - Develop or revise cost estimates for all highway and transit projects, including operations and maintenance, transportation demand management and system management projects and programs, goods movement projects, and active transportation projects and programs based on requirements from federal transportation bill
  - Incorporate revised cost estimates for local streets and roads projects provided by the local jurisdictions
  - Develop initial revenue projections for the various local, state, and federal revenue sources for the Revenue Constrained scenarios

- Refine and finalize revenue projections and cost estimates for the Revenue Constrained scenario
9. *Update Performance Measures for 2050 MTP/SCS*
    - Re-evaluate and update performance measures to be consistent with 2050 MTP/SCS goals and policy objectives and to targets established in FAST Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as well as other required plans and programs
  10. *Develop and Analyze Revenue Constrained Scenarios and Select Preferred Revenue Constrained Scenario for 2050 MTP/SCS*
    - Perform travel demand and land use modeling and evaluate overall performance for consistency with goals and performance measures per federal performance based planning requirements
    - Develop Draft Preferred Scenario, including phasing
  11. *Create EIR Alternatives*
  12. *Produce Draft 2050 MTP/SCS*
  13. *Prepare Draft and Final EIR*
    - Prepare and circulate Notice of Preparation for EIR
    - Prepare Draft EIR
    - Prepare Final EIR
  14. *Release Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR for Public Comment*
  15. *Prepare Draft Final 2050 MTP/SCS*
  16. *Prepare Final EIR*
  17. *Adopt Final 2050 MTP/SCS and EIR*
  18. *CARB Determination on the Final SCS*

**AMBAG  
2050 MTP/SCS SCHEDULE  
March 2023**

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## **AGENDA: March 16, 2023**

*(carried over from the February 16, 2023 meeting)*

**TO:** Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer

**RE:** Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 (State Park Drive to Rio del Mar Boulevard) design

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Committee receive a presentation and provide input on the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 (State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard) Project design.

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) is the RTC's proposed 50-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail network. The spine of the trail network is the 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail from Davenport to Watsonville/Pajaro, to be built within the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL) RTC-owned rail right-of-way. The remaining miles will be connecting paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, other roadway improvements or unpaved coastal spur trails. The MBSST Master Plan organized the trail alignment into 20 Segments with logical beginning and end points.

Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail is currently under development, as part of the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-On-Shoulder State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard Project. Due to the two grade-separated crossings of Highway 1, the highway and trail improvements are proposed as one project. The project fact sheet is included as [Attachment 1](#). The project team, led by the RTC, wishes to gain valuable input from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to refine the preliminary design.

### **DISCUSSION**

Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 will run approximately 1.25 miles between State Park Drive and Rio del Mar Boulevard along the SCBRL. It is planned to be a paved, fully accessible shared use bicycle and pedestrian Class I trail with a typical width of 16 feet including traveled way and paved shoulders.

In Spring 2022, concept plans were presented for input, along with a description of [concept plans](#) for the "ultimate trail configuration" (trail next to tracks) and an "optional interim phase" (trail in place of tracks).

The RTC is currently soliciting additional input on the designs for the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 portion of the project. **RTC staff recommend that the committee provide input on the following elements (from north to south):**

- **Connection to Coastal Rail Trail Segment 11 at State Park Drive**
- **The trail overcrossings of Highway 1**
- **Connections to Aptos Wharf Road and Aptos Village County Park**
- **Trail crossings Aptos Creek Road, Parade Street, and Trout Gulch Road**
- **Trail terminus connecting to Sumner Avenue just south of Rio Del Mar Boulevard**

The Notice of Preparation of an EIR for the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder Project between the State Park Drive and Freedom Boulevard Interchanges, which includes Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail, was released in 2020. The Draft EIR is expected to be released in the coming months, with a public open house planned to take place in the spring.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 is currently under development. The RTC is soliciting additional input to refine the design.

#### **Attachment**

1. Project Fact Sheet



## PROJECT FACT SHEET

Updated January 2023

# Highway Corridors: Highway 1 Aux Lanes and BOS - State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard & Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12

## Project Description

The project will construct multimodal improvements to enhance transit frequency and on-time performance, and safety and mobility for vehicles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The project includes northbound and southbound auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder improvements between the State Park Drive and Freedom Boulevard interchanges, replaces the two existing railroad bridges between the State Park Drive and Rio del Mar interchanges, and widens the Aptos Creek bridge. This section of Highway 1 provides access to Aptos Village, Rio del Mar, Aptos High School, and Aptos Hills/Corralitos. The auxiliary lanes will connect the on-ramps with the next off-ramp, thereby extending the weaving and merging distance between the ramps, improving traffic operations, and reducing cut-through traffic diverting to local streets and neighborhoods.

The existing railroad bridges will be replaced with longer span bridges to accommodate the addition of auxiliary lanes on Highway 1. The Highway 1 bridge over Aptos Creek and Spreckles Drive will be widened as part of the project. The new bridges, soundwalls, and retaining walls will incorporate aesthetic treatments consistent with the visual character of the corridor and the adjacent community.

This project also includes construction of Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail, a bicycle and pedestrian trail along an approximately 1.25-mile segment of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way from State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard.



## Project Highlights

- ▶ Improves traffic and safety operations on Highway 1
- ▶ Adds infrastructure for buses to travel in the auxiliary lanes between interchanges and on the outside shoulder through interchanges
- ▶ Reduces cut-through traffic diverting to local streets and neighborhoods by adding auxiliary lanes between State Park Drive and Freedom Boulevard
- ▶ Provides a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian trail, improving safety and connectivity to schools, commercial centers, and transit facilities
- ▶ Improves active transportation connectivity by constructing 4 dedicated bicycle/pedestrian overcrossings

## Project Delivery Strategy

The RTC is leading the delivery of this project. Measure D-Highway Corridor and Active Transportation funds and other RTC discretionary funds will be used to complete preconstruction work and as a match for future grants. The project will evaluate a Trail Next to the Railroad Track Alignment ("Ultimate Trail Configuration") and a Trail on the Railroad Track Alignment ("Interim Trail") as an optional first phase. RTC is targeting Cycle 3 of the SB1 Solutions to Congested Corridors Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Local Partnership Program funds.



## PROJECT FACT SHEET

Updated January 2023

# Highway Corridors: Highway 1 Aux Lanes and BOS - State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard & Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12

## Project Funding

Estimated Total Cost	\$	180M
Funding Sources		
Measure D	\$	70.3M
Other Secured	\$	26.7M
Needed	\$	83.0M



## Project Status/Schedule

The environmental phase of this project is scheduled to be completed in 2023. The project is scheduled to be construction-ready in 2025, pending availability of funds for construction.

