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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) June 1, 2023 Meeting Highlights

Public Hearing: Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes, Bus-on-Shoulder (State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard), and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment

The Commission received input from the public on the Draft Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes, Bus-on-Shoulder from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard, and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA). The Draft EIR/EA identifies the project's potential impacts and potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures. The project will include multimodal improvements to enhance traffic and safety operations on Highway 1. The project will also construct auxiliary lanes, bus-on-shoulder facilities, and Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail providing 1.2 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trail with four overcrossings. Public comments received will be a part of the project record and will be responded to in the Final EIR/EA.

GO Santa Cruz County Bicycle Incentives

The Commission received an update on a pilot bicycle incentive/voucher program available throughout Santa Cruz County and directed staff to seek grant funds to implement the program. The program will be focused on lower income residents to assist them with purchasing regular bicycles, electric bicycles and bike sharing services. Vouchers would be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted. The goal of the program is to encourage the adoption of bicycles as a replacement for motor vehicle trips, and to provide access to clean transportation options while offsetting vehicle miles traveled.

[Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency was lifted as of February 28, 2023. RTC and committee meetings are now being held under regular Brown Act requirements, which require voting members to participate at a designated location, unless they meet the qualifications for one of the very limited reasons for remote participation established by AB 2449 (2022). Non-voting members of the Commission and its committees, as well as members of the public and staff, will have the option to participate in person or remotely, provided equipment is available at the meeting location to allow remote participation. If there are technical difficulties during a meeting that prevent remote participation, the meeting will continue. Please check the RTC website [<https://scrtc.org/meetings/calendar/>] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting location and video conference information for future meetings. Agendas are posted to the RTC website at least 3 days

before each meeting and will also include participation 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, Aug. 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

[Bicycle Advisory Committee](#)

Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

[Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

[Interagency Technical Advisory Committee](#)

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

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