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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Oct. 5, 2023 Meeting Highlights

Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment and Priorities Report (CAVA) – Public and Stakeholder Outreach Plan

The Commission approved the Public and Stakeholder Outreach Plan for the [Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment and Priorities Report \(CAVA\) project](#). The RTC, the County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resiliency are partnering on the project that will identify transportation infrastructure assets in the county that may be particularly vulnerable to climate hazards and develop a prioritization list to identify the order in which those assets should undergo detailed assessments for climate resilience actions and implementation. An outreach plan was developed to lay out the outreach and engagement process for the project to ensure input is sought from all sectors of the Santa Cruz County population with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities and communities that are most vulnerable to climate change.

Presentation on Transportation Projects in Santa Cruz County

The Commission received an update from Steve Wiesner, Assistant Director of Public Works for Santa Cruz County, on transportation projects in the county. Wiesner stated that the County primarily uses its share of Measure D funds for resurfacing of local roads. Between 2018-2023, 43 miles of county roadway has been resurfaced. The County has also completed the Aptos Village Plan – Phase 2 Project, which includes intersection, bike/ped, and railroad crossing improvements. The County has several projects currently under construction, including: the 2023 Pavement Management Project; the Emergency Routes Resurfacing Project that is being conducted on nearly 9 miles of vital roadway between Bonny Doon and the San Lorenzo Valley that was heavily damaged in the 2020 CZU Complex Fire; and the Soquel Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project that includes bike/ped improvements and roadway resurfacing on Soquel Avenue and Soquel Drive.

Highway 1 Construction Update

The Commission received an update on construction of the [Highway 1 auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder projects](#). Phase 1, from 41st Avenue to Soquel Avenue, which includes a new bike/ped overcrossing at Chanticleer, began construction in April 2023. The contractor is currently working on excavation for pavement widening, electrical work, bridge columns, and soundwall and retaining wall construction. Construction is estimated to be completed in 2025. The construction contract for

Phase 2 from Bay/Porter to State Park Drive, which includes a new bike/ped overcrossing at Mar Vista, was awarded in June. Major construction is estimated to begin in March 2024, with some minor preparation work set to begin this year. This project will also replace the Capitola Avenue overcrossing. This will require demolition of the existing bridge and a closure for several months in 2024. The RTC is planning a very robust outreach process to inform travelers of this work and closure. Construction is estimated to be completed in 2026.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

RTC and committee meetings are now being held in person. 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://sccrtc.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, Nov. 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Budget & Admin/Personnel Committee

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.