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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Nov. 2, 2023 Meeting Highlights

Final 2023 Public Participation Plan

The Commission adopted the [Final 2023 Public Participation Plan](#). The RTC is required by federal and state regulations to prepare and maintain a public participation plan to establish the process by which the public can participate in transportation planning, programming, and project implementation, including the development of the 2050 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan.

Appreciation of Departing Executive Director Guy Preston

The Commission appreciated departing Executive Director Guy Preston for his service to the RTC. Executive Director Preston will retire on Dec. 1, 2023. During his 5-year tenure with the agency, he has used his expertise in planning, engineering, public policy, and program/project management to develop and deliver multi-modal transportation projects. Some of the RTC accomplishments during his tenure include initiating construction of the Highway 1 auxiliary lane and bus-on-shoulder project, storm damage repairs on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, and securing over \$150 million in grant funding for a variety of projects aimed at creating a vibrant, sustainable, and equitable transportation system for Santa Cruz County. Executive Director Preston is a licensed civil engineer with a 34-year career, which included positions at Caltrans, the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and his own consulting firm.

Public Hearing: Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects and Lift Line, and Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) Update

The Commission received input from the public and approved the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023/24-2027/28 Measure D five-year programs of projects for regional projects funded by Measure D, and Community Bridges Lift Line. Measure D regional projects includes Active Transportation/Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network/Rail Trail, Highway Corridors, Rail Corridor preservation, Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, and San Lorenzo Valley-Highway 9 Corridor Improvements. Some of the regional projects anticipated to be under construction within the next year include Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulders between Soquel and State Park, including new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossings at Chanticleer Avenue and Mar Vista Avenue, and Segment 5 of the Coastal Rail Trail from Wilder Ranch to Davenport on the Santa Cruz County North Coast. Also included is the completion of project development activities for a number of projects across all categories to ensure the start of construction within the next five years. Community Bridges Lift

Line will continue to use its Measure D funds to support expanded weekday and weekend paratransit service and fleet upgrades. The approved 5-year plans for spending Measure D funds are on the RTC website: www.sccrtc.org/move.

The Commission also adopted the [2023 Measure D – Strategic Implementation Plan](#) (SIP). The 2023 SIP includes information on the scope, cost, and delivery schedule of each regional project or program, details revenue projections and possible financing tools to deliver the Measure D Expenditure Plan within the 30 years promised to the voters, and describes the risks, critical issues, and opportunities that the RTC should address to deliver the Expenditure Plan.

Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 Budget & Work Program

The Commission approved the proposed FY 2023/24 Budget and Work Program and the FY 2023/24 Measure D Budget to incorporate information from prior year-end balances, new projects or funds, updated estimates, and other necessary changes. The proposed FY 2023/24 budget for the RTC includes continuation of ongoing RTC projects and programs, continued oversight of regional transportation projects, and the administration and implementation of Measure D. The Commission also approved the proposed salary schedule for student intern positions so that the RTC can continue to hire student interns, providing them with an opportunity to gain work experience and to help ensure that the RTC has the staffing resources needed for the work performed.

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.

The RTC is committed to its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please contact the RTC at least 3 days in advance of a meeting if special accommodations are needed. If any document, webpage, meeting, or recording is inaccessible to you, kindly notify us at info@sccrtc.org or by calling 831-460-3200.

Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

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

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

[Interagency Technical Advisory Committee](#)

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, 1:30 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.

