

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

January 8, 2004 Meeting Highlights

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Highway 1 Status Report:

The Regional Transportation Commission heard an update on the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project, the environmental work on the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project, the formation of the Joint Powers Authority to oversee Highway 1 construction and the development of the Expenditure Plan. Specifically, the RTC approved the statement of Purposes and Need for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project.

Public Hearing set to Hear Paratransit Issues and Solutions:

The Regional Transportation Commission set a public hearing for 4:00 pm on February 4 to hear from seniors, people with disabilities, and agencies working with these individuals about ideas for improving specialized transportation services in the county, including the Americans with Disabilities Act-mandated paratransit.

Environmental Review for the Recreational Rail project:

The Regional Transportation Commission received a summary of the comments received on the Initial Study for the environmental review of the proposed recreational rail service between Capitola and Aptos with an extension was presented along with information about the procedure to be used for air quality, noise, hazardous materials and traffic/safety. Commissioners decided to set a public hearing in February to determine whether to continue with the environmental analysis.

2004 State Regional Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):

Due to the lack of funds available, the SCCRTC approved the staff recommendation not to hold a competitive grant process, but rather to work with the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee to allocate available funds, if any.

Upcoming SCCRTC and Committee Meetings (please call 460-3200 to confirm):

Commission Meetings

Thursday, February 5, 9:00 am

Thursday, March 4, 9:00 am

Board of Supervisors Chambers

County of Santa Cruz,

701 Ocean Street, SCZ

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, January 22, 9:00 am (1)

Thursday, February 19, 9:00 am

Commission Offices,

1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Elderly/Disabled Transp. Advisory

Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 pm

Tuesday, February 10, 1:30 pm (2)

Commission Offices,

1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Bicycle Committee

Monday, January 12, 7:00 pm

Monday, February 9, 7:00 pm

Commission Offices,

1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 15, 1:30 pm

Thursday, February 19, 1:30 pm

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(1) Meeting is one week later due to holiday

(2) Tentative