



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
March 4, 2004 Meeting Highlights
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Continuation of Environmental Review for the Recreational Rail Project and Use of the Proposition 116 Funds: The Regional Transportation Commission held a well attended public hearing regarding future uses of the rail corridor. More than 300 people packed the County Government Center to express their views about passenger rail and the coastal bicycle/pedestrian path within the rail right-of-way. After 3 hours of public comment, the RTC decided to stay the course, complete the Environmental Impact Review document for recreational rail and to pursue Proposition 116 funds for acquisition of the rail corridor.

SCCRTC Budget and Workplan:

Both amendments to the fiscal year 2003-04 and the proposed fiscal year 2004-05 budgets were approved. Amendments to this year's budget are due to declining tax-based revenues and changes in work program emphases. Although the Joint Powers Authority/Highway Construction Authority (JPA/HCA) is now officially formed to direct work on the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project, the transition to JPA/HCA will not occur for approximately six months.

Highway 1 Status Report:

Work on the Highway 1 Widening/HOV environmental impact analysis is proceeding and two public meetings are scheduled for April 26 and 29. The Highway Construction Authority (Joint Powers Authority) is now officially formed and is working on taking over oversight of the environmental review duties. A draft of the Expenditure Plan for the November 2004 sales tax measure including the Highway 1 project and other projects is ready for community leader input.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, April 1, 9:00 am

Thursday, May 6, 9:00 am

Board of Supervisors Chambers

County of Santa Cruz,

701 Ocean Street, SCZ

Transportation Policy Workshop

Thursday, March 18, 9:00 am

Thursday, April 15, 9:00 am

Commission Offices,

1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Elderly/Disabled Transp. Advisory

Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, April 13, 1:30 pm
Commission Offices,
1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Bicycle Committee

Monday, March 8, 7:00 pm
Monday, April 12, 7:00 pm
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1523 Pacific Ave, SCZ

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 18, 1:30 pm
Thursday, April 15, 1:30 pm
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