



*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
September 1, 2005 Meeting Highlights*

***State Funding Allocation Plan:***

The Regional Transportation Commission approved the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation to state its intention to program 80% of anticipated state Regional Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds on regionally significant projects and 20% to local jurisdictions allocated based on population with consideration to ensure sufficient funds to allow a minimum project to be developed. It is anticipated that approximately \$20 million may be available in this funding cycle, but will most likely only be accessible in fiscal years 2009-2011. The RTC also requested the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to earmark 25% of the cost of the Highway Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project from their share of Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) funds.

***Transportation Funding Task Force:***

The RTC formally approved the formation of a broad-based 70 member (plus 10 ex-officio members) task force to develop a plan of transportation projects and funding mechanisms acceptable for the community given the shortage of local, state and federal funds. Meetings of the Task Force will begin in early 2006. Applications will be solicited for positions appointed by the RTC. Extensive public participation will be encouraged through meetings held in every supervisorial district.

***Rail Right of Way Acquisition:***

The RTC received a status report on additional Structures Assessment information for the Santa Cruz Branch Line Acquisition project. A recommendation about the additional analysis and costs will be provided at a future RTC meeting.

**Upcoming SCCRTC and Committee Meetings (please call 831/460-3200 to confirm):**

Commission Meetings

Thursday, October 6, 9:00 am  
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers  
One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley

Thursday, November 3, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop-Commission meetings

Thursday, September 15, 9:00 am  
Thursday, October 20, 9:00 am  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm

Monday, October 10, 7:00 pm

Commission Offices

1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 pm

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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 15, 1:30 pm

Thursday, October 20, 1:30 pm

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SCCRTC meetings are broadcast by Community TV of Santa Cruz  
(<http://www.communitytv.org/>).

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