



*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
October 6, 2005 Meeting Highlights*

Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Project:

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) expressed gratitude to Caltrans, the City of Santa Cruz, utility companies and all other partners for their heroic efforts to finalize the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project resulting in release of construction funding for the project by the California Transportation Commission. The project – which will add an additional lane in each direction on Highway 1 between Highway 17 and Morrissey/La Fonda -- is expected to begin construction in Spring 2006.

Transportation Funding Task Force:

The RTC authorized staff to apply for a Caltrans Planning – Environmental Justice grant to help fund the Transportation Funding Task Force. Special efforts will be made to reach out to low-income, minority, Native American and under-represented communities.

Rail Right of Way Acquisition:

The RTC approved additional funding to complete maps of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way (ROW). The maps are to be used for planning purposes and were compiled from various sources of data including the County Assessor's parcel information, aerial photographs, Union Pacific Railroad's Valuation maps and the Preliminary Title Report for the Santa Cruz Branch Line. Additional work is needed to help reconcile the discrepancies among the various data layers.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, November 3, 9:00 am
Thursday, December 1, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Government Center
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop-Commission meetings

Thursday, October 20, 9:00 am
Thursday, November 17, 9:00 am
Commission Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, October 10, 7:00 pm
Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm
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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 pm

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Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 20, 1:30 pm

Thursday, November 17, 1:30 pm

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