



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

***Legislative Update from State Assemblyman Laird:***

State Assemblyman John Laird provided an oral report to the Regional Transportation Commission on state legislative and budget issues. Transportation funding in the context of the state's other budget priorities was discussed. Assemblyman Laird informed the Commission that state revenues for this fiscal year and next fiscal year may exceed forecasts by \$3 billion in each year. This means that there may be sufficient state funds for Proposition 42 in the next fiscal year. Assemblyman Laird added that an infrastructure bond measure, which would likely dedicate some funding for transportation, is being crafted by the legislature.

***Highway 1 Projects:***

Caltrans provided information about the pros and cons of initiating the required tree removal from Caltrans right-of-way along Carbonera and Branciforte Creeks in advance of awarding the main construction contract to avoid interfering with the nesting patterns of migratory birds. The issue will be discussed further at both the Project Development Team meeting and a future Regional Transportation Commission meeting. The Commission also approved expenditures up to \$5,000 for a newsletter for the Highway 1/HOV project.

***State Transportation Improvement Funds (STIP):***

The Regional Transportation Commission approved release of the draft plan outlining how the projected \$20 million in STIP funds would be programmed. Approximately 80% of the projected STIP funds would go to regionally significant projects and 20% to local jurisdictions for their priority projects. A public hearing will be held on the evening of January 5<sup>th</sup> to receive public input on the project lists prior to approval of the final lists by the RTC.

***Election of Chair and Vice Chair:***

The Regional Transportation Commission elected Commissioner Ellen Pirie, the current Chair, for another term and Commissioner Tony Campos as Vice Chair.

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

***Commission Meetings***

Thursday, January 5, 9:00 am (1)  
Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm (2)  
Thursday, February 2, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

***Transportation Policy Workshop-Commission meetings***

Thursday, December 15, 9:00 am (3)  
Thursday, November 17, 9:00 am  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Bicycle Committee***

Monday, December 12, 7:00 pm  
Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee***

Tuesday, February 14, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Interagency Technical Advisory Committee***

Thursday, January 19, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Caltrans Public Open House***

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm (4)  
Scotts Valley High School  
555 Glenwood Dr, Scotts Valley

Notes:

1. The morning meeting may be cancelled to combine with the evening public hearing the same day.
2. Evening public hearing on the STIP funding. Agenda may be expanded to include items normally on the regular morning meeting agenda.
3. This meeting may be cancelled.
4. Evening public open house hosted by Caltrans to discuss the Highway 17 Glenwood project improvements.

**For more information, visit the SCCRTC web site at [www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org) or call 460-3200. Some SCCRTC meetings are broadcast by Community TV of Santa Cruz (<http://www.communitytv.org/>).**

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