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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission February 2, 2006 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Project:

Caltrans briefed the Regional Transportation Commission on the status of the project noting that five construction bids were received and that tree work began to avoid the bird nesting period. Although the lowest construction bid is higher than the engineer's cost estimate due to the current price of steel, concrete, fuel and other materials, Caltrans is cautiously confident that funds to bridge the gap will be secured from the California Transportation Commission. The RTC approved the plan to expend Caltrans allocated funds to augment existing transportation demand management funds during the three-year project to encourage use of carpool, vanpool and transit alternatives.

Statewide Infrastructure Bond Measure:

The Regional Transportation Commission unanimously approved a plan to reiterate to the Governor, our local legislators and Caltrans that any additional transportation funds resulting from an statewide infrastructure bond measure be distributed equitably to regions and that each region retain the authority to allocate funds to their highest priority projects consistent with the current State Transportation Improvement Program process. However, in the event that a statewide infrastructure bond measure focuses on earmarked projects, the RTC approved a list of its highest priority projects to be included. The current versions of statewide bond project lists do not include a single project in Santa Cruz County.

Transportation Funding Task Force:

The Commission received a status report on appointments to the Task Force and the workshops, scheduled to begin in April 2006. The RTC approved all eight applicants seeking appointments to the land use developer, auto driver and commuter-at-large positions. In addition, the Commission approved the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's recommendations to add new seats representing the transportation needs of disabled individuals. The Commission also approved adding a commuter-at-large position from the Watsonville area.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, March 2, 9:00 am
Thursday, April 6, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Government Center
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop-Commission meetings

Thursday, February 16, 9:00 am
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Commission Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, February 13, 7:00 pm
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Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 14, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, April 11, 1:30 pm
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Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 16, 1:30 pm
Thursday, March 16, 1:30 pm
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Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged.

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