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## ***Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission September 7, 2006 Meeting Highlights***

### ***Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle and Auxiliary Lane Project Update:***

The Regional Transportation Commission received a quarterly update about progress on environmental analysis and preliminary design for the Highway 1 HOV Lane project between Santa Cruz and Aptos and the Highway 1 Soquel to Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. Included in the presentation was preliminary traffic operations information for the existing, no-build and build alternatives. Three open houses are scheduled to provide public access to this information on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Aptos, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Watsonville and September 27<sup>th</sup> in Santa Cruz. Please call the SCCRTC at 831/460-3200 for more information.

### ***Federal Legislative Update Provided:***

Washington DC Assistant Carolyn Chaney provided the Regional Transportation Commission information about transportation from the federal perspective. Ms. Chaney specifically highlighted the status of the federal transportation budget including local implications of the recently approved SAFETEA-LU law, new transportation initiatives proposed to meet future needs, and the fact that federal gas tax revenues continue to fall below the projections used for programming.

### ***Agency Autonomy Moving Forward:***

The Regional Transportation Commission approved the purchase of insurance policies, provision of CalPERS health benefits, and elements of the new RTC Policies and Procedures Manual such as the Human Resource Policies, Employer/Employee Relations Resolution, and Administrative/Fiscal Policies. These mirror liability protections, policies and procedures as well as employee benefits and protections currently employed by the RTC under the County of Santa Cruz, but adapted for a new smaller agency.

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

### ***Commission Meetings***

Thursday, October 5, 9:00 am  
Thursday, November 2, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

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

Thursday, September 21, 9:00 am  
Thursday, October 19, 9:00 am  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee***

Thursday, September 14, 3:00 pm  
Thursday, October 12, 3:00 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Rail Acquisition Committee***

Monday, October 9, 2:00 pm (scheduled as needed)  
CAO Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

***Bicycle Committee***

Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm  
Monday, October 9, 7:00 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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

Tuesday, October 10, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Interagency Technical Advisory Committee***

Thursday, September 21, 1:30 pm  
Thursday, October 19, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

**Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC web site at [www.sccrtc.org](http://www.sccrtc.org) or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult [www.comunitytv.org](http://www.comunitytv.org) or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.**

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