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## ***Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission November 2, 2006 Meeting Highlights***

### ***Commission Budget Amendment Approved:***

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved a budget amendment for the 06-07 fiscal year (FY) to incorporate updated fund estimates, FY 05-06 carryovers, new projects or funds, updated revenue and cost estimates, and other necessary changes. The amended FY 06-07 budget includes additional operating and capital funds for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), a slight increase in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for local jurisdictions and specialized transportation, and full funding for the RTC's projects and programs. In addition, the agency's work program was amended.

### ***Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Contract Approved:***

The Regional Transportation Commission approved a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to complete negotiations and execute a sole source contract with Nolte Associates to work on the Project Approval/Environmental Documentation phase of the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project on Highway 1. This project will extend the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project to Soquel Avenue to improve operations and safety. Nolte Associates is the current consultant team working on the environmental analysis for the larger Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project between the City of Santa Cruz and Aptos.

### ***Legislative Strategist Contract Approved:***

The Regional Transportation Commission adopted a resolution authorizing execution of a contract with JEA and Associates to monitor transportation related legislative and administrative activity in Sacramento and to advocate for funding. This contract reinstates this service, which was eliminated in response to budget shortfalls in recent years, but now will be needed due to the high profile local projects in progress, continued significant transportation needs in the community, and potential for improved funding from the State.

### ***Funds for the Transit District Approved:***

A revised claim from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Transit District) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds was approved by the Commission. This provides an additional \$285,000 in TDA funds for operations and an additional \$2,914,190 in STA funds for capital projects for a fiscal year 06-07 total allocation of about \$10.9 million in TDA and STA funds for the Transit District. Operational performance measures were provided in an effort to provide more information on the services and performance of TDA claimants.

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

***Commission Meetings***

Thursday, December 7, 9:00 am  
Watsonville City Council Chambers  
250 Main Street, Watsonville

Thursday, January 11, 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

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

Thursday, November 16, 9:00 am  
Thursday, December 21, 9:00 am  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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

Thursday, November 9, 3:00 pm  
Thursday, December 14, 3:00 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Rail Acquisition Committee***

Monday, November 20, 2:00 pm (held if needed)  
Monday, December 11, 2:00 pm (held if needed)  
CAO Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

***Bicycle Committee***

Monday, November 13, 7:00 pm  
Monday, December 11, 7:00 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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

Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Interagency Technical Advisory Committee***

Thursday, November 16, 1:30 pm  
Thursday, December 21, 1:30 pm  
Commission Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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