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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission September 6, 2007 Meeting Highlights

Unmet Specialized Transportation and Transit Needs Hearing Held:

Residents addressed the Regional Transportation Commission regarding known unmet specialized transportation and transit needs throughout Santa Cruz County. The Commission adopted the list of unmet needs (<http://www.scrtc.org/packet/2007/0709/0709-18b.pdf>) and directed staff to forward the list to transportation service providers and local jurisdictions so that they may address these needs now or as additional funding becomes available.

Update on Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle and Auxiliary Lanes Provided:

Consultants announced that the administrative draft of the environmental document for the Highway 1 HOV lane project is complete and that it is circulating with review agencies. The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment is on schedule to be available for public review in the Spring of 2008. Work on the environmental document for the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project is progressing with the aim of reducing the gap between the time between construction on the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes and the Auxiliary Lanes projects. A newsletter on both Highway 1 projects will be printed and distributed shortly.

Mission Street - Highway 1 Safety Improvement Needs Discussed:

The RTC discussed the need for safety improvements along Mission Street – Highway 1 and encouraged the City of Santa Cruz and Caltrans to collaborate on all potential improvements to enhance safety along Mission Street for everyone especially bicyclists and pedestrians. The RTC also requests that the CHP consider a safety program for Mission Street and that the City of Santa Cruz consider enhancements to bicycle routes parallel to Mission Street. In addition, the RTC approved continuing efforts to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line for potential construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path adjacent to the rail line.

Update on FY 07-08 State Budget Provided and Support for Legislation Approved:

The RTC received a summary of the signed FY 2007-08 State budget, highlighting the diversion of transportation funds to the general budget and the feasibility of allocating State Transportation Improvement Program funds to all of the projects currently programmed in FY 07/08. In addition, the RTC voted to support Assembly Bill 478 to require night illumination for bicyclists and Assembly Bill 1581 to require that traffic signals detect motorcycles and bicycles.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, October 4, 9:00 am
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor, Santa Cruz

Thursday, November 1, 9:00 am
Watsonville City Council Chambers
250 Main Street, Watsonville

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) - Commission meetings

Thursday, September 20, 9:00 am
Thursday, October 18, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 13, 3:30 pm
Thursday, October 11, 3:30 pm
CAO Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Rail Acquisition Committee

Monday, September 24, 2:00 pm (if needed)
Location TBD

Bicycle Committee

~~Monday, September 10, 7:00 pm~~ (meeting cancelled)
Monday, October 15, 7:00 pm (**Note Special Date and Location**)
City of Capitola Community Room
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 9, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, December 11, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

~~Thursday, September 20, 1:30 pm~~ (meeting cancelled)
Thursday, October 18, 1:30 pm
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Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC web site at 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 or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.

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