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## ***Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission May 1, 2008 Meeting Highlights***

***City of Capitola Public Works Report received:*** The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received a presentation from Steve Jesberg, Director of Public Works for the City of Capitola, about projects planned and under construction in Capitola using funding secured by the Regional Transportation Commission. Also highlighted were the upcoming changes to the Capitola Summer Shuttle that will include not only service between the parking area near Bay Avenue and Highway 1 and Capitola Village, but also a new loop to the 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue shopping areas.

***Federal Legislative Update presented:***

Carolyn Chaney, Washington DC Legislative Assistant, outlined current federal funding challenges as well as those that lay ahead for transportation projects and programs. Ms. Cheney highlighted tracking efforts with: the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU), the poor status of the Highway Trust Fund, proposals to suspend the federal gas tax, annual federal budget and appropriations, AMTRAK funding, climate changes legislation and actions, and other issues identified in the RTC's 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda. The RTC agreed to send a letter to federal legislators opposing a suspension in federal gas taxes over the summer months due to the estimated impact to the State of California of almost \$665 million in revenues and the elimination of 20,000 jobs statewide.

***Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes and Auxiliary Lanes project status report received:***

Consultants working on the design and environmental analysis for both the Highway 1 projects presented a status report highlighting project development, design, coordination, environmental and public outreach issues. The draft Environmental Impact Report for the Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project is scheduled to be available for public review from August to September 2008 and the environmental document for the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project is scheduled to be available in late 2008.

***Amendments to the fiscal year 2007-08 and 2008-09 Budgets Approved:***

Due to the economic downturn, sales tax receipts for this fiscal year are approximately 4.5% lower than projected. The previously adopted budget for next fiscal year is based on the current fiscal year, thereby necessitating a reduced revenue estimate. This decreased revenue estimate translates into less funding available for all entities receiving Transportation Development Act funds generated through sales taxes. Based on recommendations from the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee, TDA revenues will be reduced for the Regional Transportation Commission, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Community Bridges, Volunteer Center and all five local jurisdictions.

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

***Commission Meetings***

Thursday, June 5, 9:00 am  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor, Santa Cruz

Thursday, August 7, 9:00 am  
City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers  
One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley

***Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) - Commission meetings***

Thursday, May 15, 9:00 am  
Thursday, June 19, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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

Thursday, May 22, 3:30 pm  
Thursday, June 12, 3:30 pm  
CAO Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

***Bicycle Committee***

Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm  
Monday, June 9, 7:00 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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

Tuesday, May 13, 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 10, 1:30 pm  
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1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

***Rail Acquisition Committee***

Monday, June 9, 2:00 pm  
County Redevelopment Agency Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

***Interagency Technical Advisory Committee***

Thursday, May 15, 2008 1:30 pm  
Thursday, June 19, 1:30 pm  
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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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