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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission August 7, 2008 Meeting Highlights**

### ***New Purchase Agreement for Rail Line Reached:***

The Regional Transportation Commission announced an agreement in principal with Union Pacific to purchase the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line for \$14.3 million. The new price requires that the RTC use some of the funding available for this project to make improvements to the Branch Line. The RTC will continue to negotiate other terms and conditions as the due diligence work is completed. Detailed information concerning the proposed acquisition will be made available to the public 30 days before the RTC's final decision to purchase the Branch Line, which is anticipated to occur by the end of this calendar year, if practicable.

### ***Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan RFP Released:***

Approval was granted for the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting consultant assistance with developing a Master Plan for a multi-use recreational, interpretive and transportation pathway network for bicycles and pedestrians that will span the coast of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Santa Cruz County. This trail network project will consolidate the Rail Trail, Coastal Trail and other trail efforts into a comprehensive blueprint to pursue construction of trail segments with available funds. Monterey County also has a Master Trail Plan.

### ***State Budget and State/Federal Legislation Status Report:***

The RTC received up-to-the-minute information about the current status of the state budget and the potential impact to local transportation projects should transportation funds be diverted to the general fund. In addition, the RTC received information about the status of priority legislation and positions adopted by other entities on the bills.

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

#### Commission Meetings

Thursday, September 4, 9:00 am  
Watsonville City Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Watsonville

Thursday, October 2, 9:00 am  
Santa Cruz County Board Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) - Commission meetings

Thursday, August 21, 9:00 am  
Thursday, September 18, 9:00 am  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

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

Bicycle Committee

Monday, August 11, 7:00 pm  
Monday, September 8, 7:00 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 12, 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 14, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Rail Acquisition Committee

Monday, September 8, 3:00 pm  
County Redevelopment Agency Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 18, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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