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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission November 6, 2008 Meeting Highlights

Bicycle Friendly Business Awards presented:

Three local businesses received Bicycle Friendly Business Awards from the League of American Bicyclists for their commitment to promoting bicycling at the work place. Watsonville's California Giant Berry Farms received a bronze award as did the Santa Cruz based Seaside Company. Ecology Action received a silver award.

Highway 1 Projects update delivered:

Progress has been made in resolving design issues for the Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane project. The *Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment* for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project was released by Caltrans on October 13, 2008. An Open House/Public Hearing was held on October 29, 2008. Comments on the environmental document are due to Caltrans by November 14, 2008.

City of Watsonville Roads Improvement Projects highlighted:

The City of Watsonville has recently completed several road improvement projects including the Struve Slough Bridge, Harkins Slough Bridge and additional trails in the wetlands rehabilitation project. To date 6.9 miles of trails have been completed with another 1.9 miles scheduled to be built. Future projects include a roundabout at Main St/Freedom Blvd. Commissioners congratulated the City's transportation project achievements including wetlands rehabilitation and the beautification of the slough areas.

Transportation Ballot Initiative results announced:

Commissioners were informed of the results of statewide transportation sales tax measures. Initiatives passed in Santa Barbara County, Los Angeles County, Imperial County and Sonoma/Marin Counties. Measures failed in Monterey and Stanislaus Counties with Santa Clara County too close to call.

Regional blueprint planning addressed:

Representatives from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) described their agency's development of a plan that integrates transportation planning with plans for future housing, land use, environmental resources, infrastructure and public services. This approach to regional planning is part of a statewide effort to address climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by connecting land use and transportation planning.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, December 4, 9:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers –
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) - Commission meetings

Thursday, November 20, 9:00 am

Thursday, December 18, 2008

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Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

December 11, 3:30 pm

CAO Conference Room

701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, November 17, 7:00 pm

City of Capitola, Community Room – **NOTE LOCATION**

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 1:30 pm

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Rail Acquisition Committee

Monday, December 8, 3:00 pm

County Administrative Office Conference Room

701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 20, 1:30 pm

Thursday, December 18, 2008

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