



*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
phone (831) 460-3200 ~ fax (831) 460-3215
email: info@scrtc.org; website: www.scrtc.org*

*CONTACT: (831) 460-3200: George Dondero, Executive Director
Karena Pushnik, Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator*

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) January 8, 2009 Meeting Highlights

Highway 1 Projects reports delivered:

Commissioners received a report stating that the landscaping for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project would begin in May 2009, ahead of schedule due to early completion of construction. Commissioners were informed that an a draft of the final environmental document for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project, including responses to the comments from the public, is scheduled to be submitted to Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration next month. The RTC approved a consultant contract with Nolte Associates to complete the final design engineering phase of the Auxiliary Lanes project. Commissioners were also told that the draft environmental document for the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project is scheduled for public release in Summer 2009.

City of Santa Cruz Transportation Projects highlighted:

The City of Santa Cruz has recently completed several transportation improvement projects using funding secured for the region from the Regional Transportation Commission including the Beach St bikeway, Laurel St safety improvements, new lighting and undergrounding of utilities on Mission St, Soquel Avenue bike lanes and safety improvements at the Soquel Avenue/Capitola Road intersection. Future projects include the Arana Gulch bike and pedestrian path, roundabouts in the beach area, Highway 1/9 improvements, Mission St alternate routes and the Murray St bridge retrofit. Most of the projects need additional funding.

State Budget and Federal Economic Stimulus package update provided:

Commissioners received an update on the proposed economic stimulus package. Local jurisdictions and RTC advisory committees will be asked to prioritize ready-to-go projects under a variety of funding scenarios and timelines. The RTC will work closely with local jurisdictions, Caltrans and other project sponsors in order to maximize stimulus funding directed to the Santa Cruz County area.

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

Commission Meetings

Thursday, February 5, 2009 9:00 am
City of Watsonville
275 Main St., Watsonville CA

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) – Commission meetings

No TPW for January 2009
Thursday, February 19, 2009
SCCRTC Offices

1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 12, 3:30 pm
CAO Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, January 12, 7:00 pm
Monday, February 9, 7:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 15, 1:30 pm
Thursday, February 19, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices
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 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.