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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) March 5, 2009 Meeting Highlights**

### ***State Budget and Federal Economic Stimulus Updates delivered:***

Commissioners received a report that the California state budget includes severe cuts to transit and deferment of gas tax payments to local jurisdictions resulting in delayed or cancelled projects. In addition, if the state cannot sell sufficient bonds, several transportation projects including the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project, could become deferred or unfunded. On the federal side, Santa Cruz County will preliminarily receive \$5.8 million of the \$6.5 million programmed in anticipation of federal economic stimulus funds. The RTC is assertively pursuing additional shares of federal stimulus funds for the region.

### ***Freeway Service Patrol Award presented:***

The primary goal of the RTC-funded Freeway Service Patrol program is to reduce non-recurrent congestion caused by disabled vehicles, collisions and debris on Highways 1 and 17. The service also provides critical services to stranded motorists. Commission Chair Randy Johnson presented Walt Barrows of Ladd's Towing with a plaque for 10 years of outstanding service for the Freeway Service Patrol. During his 10 years, Mr. Barrows has provided assistance to over 5000 vehicles on Highways 1 and 17 as well as extra assistance to the California Highway Patrol and valuable service to the public.

### ***Safe on 17 10-Year Anniversary Event announced:***

Commissioners received an announcement that the 10-year anniversary of the Safe on 17 Program will be celebrated on Monday, April 6, 2009 from 9:30 am –noon at the Summit Roadhouse. The Safe on 17 Program is instrumental in improving safety in the Highway 17 corridor. In addition to the RTC, participants include the California Highway Patrols for both Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, Caltrans Districts 4 and 5, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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

#### Commission Meetings

Thursday, April 2, 2009 9:00 am  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz

#### Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) – Commission meetings

Thursday, April 16, 2009  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, April 9, 3:30 pm  
CAO Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, April 13 7:00 pm  
Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 14 10, 2009, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 16, 1:30 pm  
SCCRTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

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