

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
AND  
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

**MINUTES**

**Thursday,  
June 3, 2004  
9:00 a.m.**

**Board of Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz CA 95060**

1. Roll Call

Members Present:	Jan Beautz	Dennis Norton
	Mike Keogh	Emily Reilly
	Scott Kennedy	Pat Spence
	Randy Johnson	Ellen Pirie
	Mardi Wormhoudt	Donna Ziel
	Rich Krumholz (Alt. ex officio)	
Staff Present	Pat Dellin	Cory Irimes
	Kim Shultz	Karena Pushnik
	Rachel Moriconi	Gini Pineda
	Luis Mendez	Tegan Speiser

2. Oral Communications

**Dave Eselius** expressed concern that support for the Highway 1 widening is flagging and strongly suggested that the Commission should more actively put forward its position in favor of the project.

**Michael Park** said that one reason why streets in the County are in such poor condition is due to people being diverted to arterials because Highway 1 is often clogged.

3. Additions or Deletions to Consent and Regular Agendas

Deputy Director Pat Dellin noted replacements for pages 5-5 and 5-6 of the Transportation Policy Workshop minutes for May 20, 2004. Ms. Dellin also noted a typo on page 11-1 and changed the years covered in the Triennial Performance Audit to read "fiscal years 00-01, 01-02, 02-03 (three years ending June 30, 2003)."

Commissioner Spence asked that Item 28 be moved up on the agenda to follow Item 24.

Commissioner Wormhoudt said that there was no mention that the Environmental Impact Report described in Item 6 was available on the Commission website. Deputy Director Dellin said that there is a policy to put all documents on the website as soon as possible and that when the draft EIR had been completed it would be posted.

Commissioner Pirie asked to pull Items 6 and 9 from the Consent Agenda. Chair Beautz designated them as Items 28.1 and 28.2 respectively.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (as amended) (Wormhoudt/Reilly)

4. Approved Minutes of May 6, 2004 Regular SCCRTC Meeting
5. Approved Minutes of May 20, 2004 Transportation Policy Workshop Meeting

POLICY

No Consent Items

PROJECTS and PLANNING

6. Approve Staff Recommendations Regarding Cooperative Agreement and Consultant Selection for Environmental Impact Report for the Regional Transportation Plan - Moved to regular Agenda as Item 28.1
7. Accepted Bicycle Committee Annual Report

COMMISSION BUDGET and EXPENDITURES

8. Approved Staff Recommendation Regarding Contract for Final Phase of Website Redesign and Implementation (Resolution 40-04)
9. Approve Staff Recommendations Regarding Amendment to the FY03-04 SCCRTC Budget and Amendments to Contracts with the Highway 1 and Expenditure Plan On-Call Consultants to Extend the Terms and Increase the Expenditure Limits - Moved to regular Agenda as Item 28.2
- 9a. Approved Staff Recommendations Regarding Public Agency Sponsorship of the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association's AB2766 Grant Application for an Expanded Emergency Ride Home Program (Resolution 41-04)

## ADMINISTRATION

10. Approved Addendum to Lease for Office Space for the Commission Offices
11. Accepted Triennial Performance of the SCCRTC's Operations and Forward to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee for Responses to Recommendations

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

12. Accepted Draft Minutes of the Expenditure Plan Subcommittee Meeting of May 3, 2004
13. Accepted Draft Minutes of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of May 20, 2004
14. Accepted Draft Minutes of the Bicycle Committee Meeting of May 10, 2004
15. Accepted Draft Minutes of the Paratransit Task Force Meeting of May 19, 2004

## INFORMATION/OTHER

16. Accepted Monthly Meeting Schedule
17. Accepted SCCRTC Staff Comment Letters on Draft Environmental Documents and Plans Prepared by Other Agencies
  - a. Quarterly Report
18. Accepted Letters from SCCRTC Committees and Staff to Other Agencies on Policy Issues
  - a. Letter from Bicycle Committee to Watsonville Mayor Judy Doering-Nielsen Regarding Bike Path to Pajaro Valley High School
  - b. Letter from Bicycle Committee to Caltrans Regarding Wilder Bicycle Path Signs
19. Accepted Miscellaneous Written Comments from the Public on SCCRTC Projects and Transportation Issues
20. Accepted Handouts from Previous Regional Transportation Commission Meeting - None
21. Accepted Information Items
  - a. Letter from Department of Transportation Regarding

## Coast Hotel Notice of Preparation

SERVING AS THE SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

No Items

**REGULAR AGENDA**

22. Commissioner Reports - None

23. Director's Report

Deputy Director Pat Dellin said that most of her report concerned the status of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and would be discussed under that item.

24. Caltrans Report

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, said that the report was correct as written and that he would answer any questions.

Commission Alternate Ziel and Commissioner Kennedy arrived.

25. FY 04-05 Transportation Development Act Claim from the City of Santa Cruz on Behalf of the Volunteer Center

Deputy Director Dellin said that the claim was consistent with the approved budget and recommended approval.

Commissioner Wormhoudt moved and Commissioner Reilly seconded to approve the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommendations that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the claim for \$524,460 in FY 2004-05 Transportation Development Act funds from the City of Santa Cruz on behalf of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency operated under the umbrella of Community Bridges.

The motion (Resolution 42-04) passed unanimously.

26. FY 04-05 Transportation Development Act Claim from the City of Santa Cruz on Behalf of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency

Deputy Director Dellin said that the claim was consistent with the approved budget and recommended approval.

**Link Spooner**, Community Bridges, spoke on behalf of the Lift Line program saying the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding provides rides for the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency which is striving to fill unmet

transportation needs. He said that Lift Line is fiscally healthier than last year due to cuts to services, positions and benefits but noted that Worker's Compensation and fuel costs have increased. Mr. Spooner said that Community Bridges is participating in the Paratransit Coordination Task Force.

Commissioner Wormhoudt moved and Commissioner Norton seconded to approve the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommendations that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the claim for \$524,460 in FY 2004-05 Transportation Development Act funds from the City of Santa Cruz on behalf of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency operated under the umbrella of Community Bridges.

The motion (Resolution 43-04) passed unanimously.

27. Status Report on Highway 1 Projects

Deputy Director Pat Dellin said that Nolte Associates, the consultants preparing the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Project, would present their quarterly progress report and introduced Nolte Associates consultant Chris Metzger.

Mr. Metzger said that the architectural field work was completed and that archeological field work was 95% complete. He said that completion of the mapping of biological resources is expected to be complete by the end of the month and that the collector distributor system between 41<sup>st</sup> and Bay/Porter has been refined and presented to the City of Capitola for comment.

Mr. Metzger said that traffic modeling forms the basis for the purpose and need of the project and that release of the updated AMBAG model, originally expected for November 2003, continued to experience delays and was now scheduled for August 2004.

Mr. Metzger referred to a handout describing the public outreach process stating that between 150 to 160 people had attended the two informational meetings and that they had received over 30 written comments in response to mail and email notices. He said that the comments are sorted by whether or not they fit into the scope of the purpose and need of the project. If the comments meet the criteria, they are categorized as either engineering, environmental or community specific. If they do not meet the criteria, they are referred to the Commission as policy comments.

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, asked if the auxiliary

lanes are part of the overall widening or stand alone projects. Mr. Metzger replied that they are stand alone utility projects.

Commissioner Beautz thanked Mr. Metzger for a good report.

**Dave Eselius** said that on the San Tomas Expressway in Santa Clara County, access and egress to the HOV lanes are on the shoulder side and would like to see the advantages and disadvantages of this application in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Mr. Eselius also asked that a review of pavement surfaces that can be applied to the road to attenuate sound be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report and specifically mentioned rubberized asphalt.

Mr. Metzger said that rubberized asphalt, which has old tires mixed into the asphalt, is shown to reduce noise in the 5 decibel range initially and that testing is still being done to see if it is effective over the long range.

Mr. Krumholz noted that open graded rubberized asphalt is being considered as an application for this project and that open graded asphalt allowed for quicker water drainage.

Deputy Director Dellin repeated that the delay in the AMBAG model is problematic and encouraged members of the AMBAG board to be cognizant of the need to complete the model.

Commissioner Wormhoudt made a motion to accept the status report. Commissioner Pirie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

28. Report on California Transportation Commission Hearings on the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (carried over from May 20, 2004 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting)

This item was taken out of order after Item 24.

Deputy Director Pat Dellin said staff has been working actively with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the SCMTD to correct the original CTC summary of the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which failed to accurately reflect or represent the proposals included by the Regional Transportation Commission in the 2004 RTIP and submitted by the SCCRTC to the CTC, both of which included \$7.8 million for the MetroBase project.

Ms. Dellin said the CTC will decide on the 2004 STIP at its meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. She said that if the CTC doesn't include all of the SCCRTC's RTIP projects in the STIP, staff

would return to the Commission with options, including the possible option of temporarily deprogramming some later year RTIP projects to make room for the MetroBase and/or the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project.

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi noted that the CTC summary contained several errors that staff was working with the CTC to correct.

Commissioners discussed the best strategies to get the CTC to correct their errors.

Commissioner Keogh said that in the absence of a corrected summary, it was imperative to have staff and board leadership at the meeting in August. He asked that the issue of the 2004 STIP be brought back to every Regional Transportation Commission meeting for updates.

Commissioner Wormhoudt made a motion to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Accept this update on the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);
2. Accept information on Commission staff work in response to Commission direction on the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP);
3. Direct staff to continue to work with California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff to correct the summary of SCCRTC's 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and to obtain STIP funding for the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project and the MetroBase project;
4. Direct staff to continue to work with local legislators, CTC staff, Caltrans, and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) on STIP or other options to complete the funding package for implementation of the MetroBase project and the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project ; and
5. Direct staff to return to the August 19, 2004 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting with a report on the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) action on the 2004 STIP and recommendations if the CTC does not include MetroBase in the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program or Highway 1/17 in the early years of the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program,

with the addition that staff bring monthly reports on the item to each meeting until the matter is resolved.

Commissioner Reilly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

28.1 Approve Staff Recommendations Regarding Cooperative Agreement and Consultant Selection for Environmental Impact Report for the Regional Transportation Plan - Formerly Item 6 on the Consent Agenda

Commissioners discussed the agreement which splits the cost for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in equal thirds even though Monterey County is so much bigger.

In response to a question from Commissioner Pirie, Deputy Director Pat Dellin said that the work that goes into the document preparation is determined more by the number of projects each agency is planning rather than simply the population. She said that sharing the costs saves money and time because the SCCRTC would not only have to pay for its own EIR but would also have to review each of the EIRs for the other agencies involved.

Commissioner Pirie moved and Commissioner Reilly seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve the attached Cooperative Agreement for the development of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) covering the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/ or the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC);
2. Approve the interview panel's recommendation to contract with the consulting firm Lamphier-Gregory to prepare the EIR; and,
3. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$29,790 to pay the one-third SCCRTC share of the EIR.

The motion passed unanimously.

28.2 Approve Staff Recommendations Regarding Amendment to the FY03-04 SCCRTC Budget and Amendments to Contracts with the Highway 1 and Expenditure Plan On-Call Consultants to Extend the Terms and Increase the Expenditure Limits - Formerly Item 9 on the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Pirie expressed concern about the proposal to transfer \$15,000 from the FY03-04 budget allocation for public information to pay for the services of on-call consultants before a public information program was developed.

Deputy Director Pat Dellin noted that there is \$50,000 allocated to the Expenditure Plan Public Information budget

and that fact sheets and public information expenses have been being paid for from the regular budget. Ms. Dellin said that on-call consultant Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, provided staff support to develop the Expenditure Plan and that her contract needed to be extended through June 30, 2004. She said that Ms. Goodwin includes public information tasks in the scope of her work.

Ms. Dellin noted that the Expenditure Plan Subcommittee was going to recommend not conducting another poll, which would put \$20,000 back into the public information budget.

Commissioner Pirie asked that the contract amendment for Dale Dennis, dba Project Management Delivery Group, be put over for discussion at the next Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) so that more detail could be provided regarding what work has been done, what has been paid for, etc. Deputy Director Dellin said she would be happy to do it.

Commissioner Pirie moved to continue the item to the August Transportation Policy Workshop meeting.

Deputy Director Dellin said that would be feasible with the Dale Dennis contract but that Eileen Goodwin's contract did not have sufficient funding to retain her services through the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Pirie amended the motion to transfer \$5,000 to Apex Strategies and to continue the rest of the item to the June TPW. Commissioner Norton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session was cancelled.

29. Conference with Real Property Negotiator for Acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller, Owen & Trost

Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Union Pacific

Under Negotiation: All terms

**OPEN SESSION**

30. Next Meetings/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

A public hearing on the Draft Expenditure Plan is scheduled for Thursday June 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., with an Open House from 7:00 to 7:30p.m., at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

A public hearing on the Draft EIR for the Recreational Rail Project is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060.

The next regular SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gini Pineda, Staff

**ATTENDEES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Charles Sanchez	Caltrans
Sandra Coley	PVMTA
Bill Comfort	
Paul Elerick	CFST
Piet Canin	TMA
Les White	SCMTD
Link Spooner	Consolidated Transportation
Services Agency	
Michael Park	
Jim Conklin	Business Council
Sam Storey	Community Bridges
Andrew Horne	SCCARED
Bob Scott	SCCRTC Consultant
Ilene Hooten	Community Bridges