

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line ROW Acquisition Project
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January

- RTC considers timeline and updated financial plan for the rail line acquisition
- RTC considers *Business Plan* alternative project description for revised draft environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed recreational rail service
- Union Pacific provides right of entry agreement
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and title review work begin
- Appraisal work continues
- The Rail Line Acquisition Project Development Team (PDT) has its first meeting

February

- RTC considers AB3090 amendment request, AB3090 loan request to the Coastal Conservancy, concepts for a Proposition 116 application and concepts for Request for Proposals (RFP) for a shortline operator
- Revised draft EIR for the proposed recreational rail service is released
- Field testing and sampling for the Phase II ESA completed
- Lease investigation and independent structures assessment work begins

March

- RTC considers draft Proposition 116 application, a draft Purchase Agreement, insurance information and a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a shortline operator
- RTC holds public hearing on revised draft EIR
- Appraisal documents, preliminary title report, independent structures assessment, lease investigation and Phase II ESA report are completed
- AB3090 amendment request is submitted to the CTC
- Coastal Conservancy initiates review of AB3090 loan request

April

- RTC considers appraisal documents, Phase II ESA, independent structures assessment, lease investigation, and preliminary title reports
- RTC holds public hearing to consider final Purchase Agreement
- California Transportation Commission (CTC) initiates review of AB3090 Amendment request
- Caltrans reviews appraisals and Phase II ESA for approval to purchase right of way
- Federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) application is filed
- Proposals for shortline operators are received
- Public comment period on revised draft EIR for proposed recreational rail service ends

May

- Proposition 116 application is submitted
- Coastal Conservancy rules on AB3090 loan approval
- Responses to comments and final revised EIR for recreational rail service are completed
- Interviews for shortline operator are held

June

- RTC considers certifying the final EIR for the recreational rail service
- RTC selects shortline operator
- Loan funding agreements with the Coastal Conservancy are established
- STB issues ruling on RTC application

July

- CTC considers approval of AB3090 amendment request and Proposition 116 application
- Hazardous materials, property, liability and title insurance quotes are obtained
- Business Plan is updated

August

- RTC considers refined Business Plan
- RTC holds public hearing to make final decision on the acquisition Funding agreements with Caltrans for Proposition 116 funds and AB3090 loan are completed
- RTC enters escrow period for purchase of Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
- Shortline operator transition period begins

September

- RTC closes escrow for purchase of Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
- Insurances are secured
- Shortline operator prepares to take over freight service from UP

October

- RTC owns Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
- RTC selected shortline operator begins providing freight service