

INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ITAC)

NOTES

Thursday, March 17, 2005
1:30 p.m.

City of Watsonville – A&B Conference Room
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

David Fairchild, MBUAPCD
Tom Hiltner, SCMTD (and SCMTD proxy)
Keith Hinrichsen, Caltrans District 5
David Koch, City of Watsonville Public Works
Bill Williamson, County Public Works and Planning Proxy
Maria Esther Rodriguez, City of Watsonville Community Development Proxy

STAFF PRESENT

Grace Blakeslee
Rachel Moriconi

OTHERS PRESENT

Donn Miyahara, Caltrans Local Assistance

NO QUORUM: 9 member agencies of the ITAC must be represented in order to achieve a quorum, but members in attendance only represented 8 ITAC member agencies. Due to the lack of a quorum, no decisions were made at this meeting and all decision items will be carried over to the next meeting.

1. **Introductions** -- Introductions were made.
2. **Oral Communications** – Rachel Moriconi reported that the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange program “Call for Projects” was mailed out earlier in the week. She also announced that the Commission is holding a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Recreational Rail project at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2005 at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers. Ms. Moriconi also distributed Caltrans’ updated “Main Streets: Flexibility in Design and Operations” booklet.
3. **Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents -** Agencies in attendance provided updates on their projects.
4. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda** – None.
5. **Minutes of the February 17, 2005 meeting** – Carried over to next meeting for approval.

6. **Received Highlights from the March 2005 Commission Meeting**
7. **Received Flyer on “Free Context Sensitive Solutions Training” with Caltrans**
8. **Presentation on Caltrans’ Gateway Monument Demonstration Program** – Keith Hinrichsen provided an overview of Caltrans’ new Gateway Monument Demonstration Program and showed examples of gateway projects that have been erected outside of the Caltrans Right-of-Way in the past. *As clarified after the meeting, prior to this demonstration program, Caltrans did not allow any stand-alone monuments within their right-of-way.*
9. **The Draft 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** – Attendees were asked to provide comments from their agencies by the April 1, 2005 deadline. Keith Hinrichsen provided some of his initial comments on the document.
10. **Presentation on the City of Watsonville’s Roundabout Feasibility Study** - Maria Esther Rodriguez shared information and drawings from the City’s recently completed Roundabout Feasibility Study for the Freedom Boulevard/Main Street intersection. Attendees discussed safety and operational challenges and benefits related to roundabouts.
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the ITAC is scheduled for April 21, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

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