

AGENDA: December 1, 2005

TO: Regional Transportation Commission/Rail Trail Authority
FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Acting Deputy Director
RE: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition Project – Coastal Conservancy
Reimbursable Grant

RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

At its March 2005 meeting, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved requesting a \$10 million reimbursable grant from the Coastal Conservancy for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition project. At its October, 2005 Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meeting, the RTC approved a repayment plan and restrictive covenants for that reimbursable grant request and directed staff to seek letters of support.

DISCUSSION

The Coastal Conservancy will consider the reimbursable grant at its December 8, 2005 meeting at the Pacifica City Hall. The Coastal Conservancy will mail the meeting agenda to everyone who lives or owns property adjacent to the rail line. The agenda will also be available on the Coastal Conservancy website at <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/Meetings/meetings.htm> beginning November 23, 2005.

Copies of forty-one letters and emails (Attachment 1) of support for the Coastal Conservancy reimbursable grant were received by RTC staff. Additional letters of support may have been sent to the Coastal Conservancy for which staff did not receive copies.

SUMMARY

The RTC requested a \$10 million reimbursable grant request from the Coastal Conservancy for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition project. The request will be considered by the Coastal Conservancy at its December 8, 2005 meeting.

Attachment 1: Letters of Support for the Coastal Conservancy Reimbursable Grant Request