

Agenda: March 2, 2006

To: Regional Transportation Commission
From: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Invitation to Attend Meetings of RTC Advisory Committees

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only

DISCUSSION

Two years ago, at one of the RTC's committee meetings, a suggestion was made to invite RTC Commissioners to periodically attend meetings of its advisory committees. Current RTC committees are: the Elderly and Disabled Technical Advisory Committee, the Bicycle Committee, the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee, the Transportation Funding Task Force, and the Traffic Operations System Oversight Committee. Towards this end, and to provide Commissioners with the committees' annual meeting calendars, schedules for these RTC advisory committees are provided in Attachment 1. A brief description of each committee's role is also provided below. *Please Note: Meetings may be subject to change so attendees are advised to verify meeting date, time, and location with the staff contact when planning to attend.*

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC)

(Staffed by Karena Pushnik – 460-3210 – kpushnik@sccrtc.org)

The E/D TAC is a group of transportation providers, social service agencies and members of the public who meet every two months to advise the RTC, SCMTD and Community Bridges on planning, funding and policy for specialized transportation services to serve the county's seniors and people with physical and/or economic disabilities. The committee also advises local jurisdictions and other local agencies on accessibility issues for transportation facilities and services.

Bicycle Committee

(Staffed by Cory Caletti – 460-3201 – ccaletti@sccrtc.org)

The Bike Committee is comprised of representatives from throughout the county and is charged with advising the RTC and its member agencies on bicycle-related activities. The committee meets monthly to review proposed bike projects, plans, funding applications and legislation; provide input on existing roadway/bikeway conditions affecting cycling; monitor bicycle hazards; approve applications for the RTC's Bike Secure Program; and coordinate with local jurisdictions and bicycle-related organizations to promote cycling projects and programs.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

(Staffed by Rachel Moriconi – 460-3203 – rmoriconi@sccrtc.org)

Made up of members from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies, the ITAC coordinates regional transportation capital improvement projects, programming of regional

transportation funds and transportation planning programs. In addition, members serve as a technical and planning forum for local jurisdictions, SCMTD, AMBAG, UCSC and the Transportation Management Associations (TMAs). The committee reviews staff recommendations for funding transportation projects through such funding programs as the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This forum enables consideration of technical and policy issues and makes recommendations to the Commission in these areas.

Transportation Funding Task Force (TFTF)

(Staffed by Karena Pushnik – 460-3210 – kpushnik@sccrtc.org)

Established by the Commission in September 2005, the Transportation Funding Task Force is a broad-based committee of over eighty entities and interest groups charged with developing a comprehensive transportation funding plan for Santa Cruz County. The first meeting of the TFTF will occur in late March. Inclusive neighborhood meetings are currently being scheduled in each of the five Supervisorial districts and will involve a broad range of community stakeholders in the discussion about transportation priorities in Santa Cruz County and paying for them.

Traffic Operations System (TOS) Oversight Committee

(Staffed by Grace Blakeslee – 460-3219 – gblakeslee@sccrtc.org)

The TOS Oversight Committee is comprised of staff from Caltrans Districts 4 and 5, California Highway Patrol personnel from the Santa Cruz and San Jose areas, personnel from local law enforcement, and staff from local jurisdictions and the RTC. The Committee meets twice a year in joint meetings with the Safe on 17 Task Force to discuss responses to incidents on the highways and usage of the information dissemination components on the highways.

SUMMARY

RTC Commissioners are invited to attend meetings of its advisory committees. Schedules for five RTC advisory committees – the Elderly and Disabled Technical Advisory Committee, the Bicycle Committee, the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee, the Transportation Funding Task Force, and the Traffic Operations System Oversight Committee – are provided in [Attachment 1](#).

[Attachment 1](#): Committee Meeting Schedules

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Attachment 1 – 2006 Advisory Committees' Meeting Schedules

Many but not all committee meetings are held at the RTC's offices at 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Please call to verify times and location.

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) – typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at 1:30 p.m.

April 11	October 10
June 13	December 12
August 8	

Bicycle Committee – typically meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July)

March 13	September 11
April 10	October 16
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11
August 14	

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) – typically meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. as needed (except July)

March 22	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21
August 17	

Transportation Funding Task Force – meeting dates, times and locations have not yet been finalized but are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Workshop Sequence	Supervisory District	Date	Time
First	District 2: Aptos/Mid-County	Early April	weeknight
Second	District 5: San Lorenzo Valley/Scotts Valley	Late April	weeknight
Third	District 4: South County	Mid May	Saturday am
Fourth	District 1: Live Oak/Mid-County	Late May	weeknight
Fifth	District 3: Santa Cruz/North Coast	Early June	weeknight

Transportation Oversight System (TOS) Committee – typically meets twice a year; contact project manager for exact location and dates

March 15, 2006 10 a.m. – San Jose
 Mid September – Santa Cruz