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RAIL ACQUISITION COMMITTEE (RAC)

MONDAY, June 5, 2006

2:00 p.m.

CAO Conference Room, County Government Center
5th Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Committee Members Present

Jan Beautz
Gustavo Gonzalez
Mike Keogh

Ellen Pirie
Andy Schiffrin
Mark Stone

Staff Present

George Dondero
Luis Mendez

Others Present

Cliff Walters
Paul Chrisman

MINUTES

1. Introductions were made
2. Oral Communications: None
3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Luis Mendez distributed additional materials consisting of a draft scope of work for a general inspection of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line to be discussed under item #6 and the most recently approved timeline (April 2006) for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition project.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Draft Minutes of the May 22, 2006 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved (Keogh/Stone).
5. Coastal Conservancy Reimbursable Grant Agreement: Luis Mendez reported that improvements were made to the language in the agreement and briefly summarized the changes. He also reported that the Regional Transportation Commission approved entering into the agreement and that it is being prepared for execution.
6. General Inspection of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line and Financial Plan: Luis Mendez informed the Committee that the draft proposal already distributed was prepared and that verbal cost estimates indicate that the cost is likely to be about

\$40,000. HNTB Corporation is preparing a proposal and indicated that there is likely to be some funds remaining in the budget for the detailed structures assessment. These funds may be used for the general inspection. The draft financial plan included with the agenda shows \$30,000 shifted from the structures assessment line and \$10,000 from other lines to fund the general rail line inspection.

The Committee directed staff to provide HNTB's proposal at their June 21, 2006 meeting.

7. Rail Acquisition Project Timeline: Luis Mendez reported that the timeline needs some revisions because some work items are now delayed and will have an effect on the overall project timeline.

The Committee discussed the fact that the detailed structures assessment work is on schedule and whether the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a short line operator could be ready for release at the RTC's June 29th meeting. The Committee directed staff to include the revised draft RFP on the agenda for their June 21st meeting.

CLOSED SESSION (there was no closed session)

8. 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:	Price and Terms

OPEN SESSION

9. Next Meetings/Adjournment: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 21, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the CAO Conference Room in the County Government Center at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luis P. Mendez, Deputy Director