

AGENDA: February 15, 2007

TO: Regional Transportation Commission - Transportation Policy Workshop

FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director

RE: WELCOME NEW AND REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONERS AND STATE  
COMMISSION COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that individual Commissioners inform the Commission Chair or Executive Director by February 28<sup>th</sup> of your preferences regarding serving on the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and/or the Rail Acquisition Committee (RAC).

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## **DISCUSSION**

### Welcome New and Reappointed Commissioners

Attachment 1 is the 2007 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission roster. Two new Commissioners have joined the Commission in the past few months. Commissioner Neal Coonerty participated in his first RTC meeting in January after being elected County Supervisor for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. Along with the reappointments of Commissioners Marcela Tavantzis and Pat Spence, Dene Bustichi's appointment from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz Metro) was switched from alternate to regular member. City of Capitola Council Member and Vice Mayor Kirby Nicol was appointed by the City of Capitola to replace Commissioner Dennis Norton. In addition, two new alternates for Santa Cruz Metro and a new alternate for the City of Capitola have been appointed as noted in the attached roster. Please inform staff of any corrections to the roster.

In 2006, there were no new Commissioners; therefore, no group orientation was held. There are only three new members this year two of which have previously served as alternates on the RTC. Instead of holding a general orientation session, staff will meet with new members and alternates individually or in small groups.

### Preferences for Committee Appointments

As established in the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Commissioner appointments to Committees are made annually at the March Commission meeting by the Chair with concurrence of the Commission. There are two standing RTC committees which involve

Commissioner appointments; the Budget and Administration/Personnel (B&A/P) Committee and the Rail Acquisition Committee (RAC).

The B&A/P Committee serves to review and monitor issues relating to the budget, work program and other administrative functions and makes recommendations to the RTC. The B&A/P Committee also reviews personnel matters and conducts an annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director. The current members of the B&A/P Committee are: Commissioners Beautz, Campos, Rivas, Pirie, Stone, and Coonerty. According to the RTC Rules and Regulations the membership for the B&A/P Committee is the Chair and three Commissioners. Due to the autonomy project, there was more interest in the work of the Committee and the RTC appointed two additional members.

The function of the RAC is to review all matters relating to acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line and make recommendations to the RTC. The current members of the Rail Acquisition Committee (RAC) are: Commissioner Beautz, Campos, Pirie, Stone, and Coonerty. The RAC began with six members. The membership was increased to seven and it is currently at five.

Individual Commissioners who wish to serve on the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and/or the Rail Acquisition Committee in 2007 should inform Commission Chair Campos or the Executive Director of your preferences by Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. This includes Commissioners who are currently appointed to the committee, since all Commissioner appointments are up for renewal or new reappointment in March.

## **SUMMARY**

Individual Commissioners should inform the Chair or Executive Director of your interest in continuing to serve on or being newly appointed to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and/or the Rail/Acquisition Committee. The appointments will be made by the Chair at the March Commission meeting.

Attachment 1: Updated 2007 Commission Roster