

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of February 15, 2007  
on the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A TRANSPORTATION,  
COMMUNITY, AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION (TCSP) FOR FUNDING OF THE  
SANTA CRUZ BRANCH RAIL LINE ACQUISITION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) decided to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Rail Line) right-of-way (ROW) to ensure the continuation of freight rail service and preserve the ROW for potential future transportation uses;

WHEREAS, the SCCRTC has been in negotiations with Union Pacific (UP) since 2001 to acquire the Rail Line;

WHEREAS, the SCCRTC entered into a letter of intent with UP to acquire the Rail Line for \$19 million and is currently working to complete all of the necessary due diligence;

WHEREAS, due diligence on the structures of the Rail Line revealed the need for repair up to a potential cost of about \$4 million and the an inspection of the track and roadbed is yet to be completed;

WHEREAS, the financial plan for Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition project includes sufficient funds to acquire the Rail Line and to make some repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will be necessary to make all of the necessary repairs and improvements to ensure reliable freight service, minimize long term maintenance costs and have the possibility of additional future transportation uses on the Rail Line ROW;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to submit a funding application to the Federal Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition Project and to obtain support for the application.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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Tony Campos, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

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