

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of September 4, 2008  
on the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO  
AGREEMENTS WITH RENAISSANCE RAIL GROUP AND EGAN CONSULTING GROUP  
FOR FREIGHT RAILROAD CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has reached an agreement in principle with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) to purchase the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line) for \$14.2 million;

WHEREAS the RTC plans to maintain freight service on the Branch Line through an agreement with a shortline operator; and

WHEREAS the RTC plans to fully analyze the freight operation on the Branch Line, produce a comprehensive business and management plan and negotiate with UP all terms and conditions related to the establishment of a viable shortline operation on the Branch Line;

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

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with Renaissance Rail Group and Egan Consulting Group for a maximum amount of \$25,000 per agreement for freight railroad consulting services including production of a final request for proposals for shortline freight rail service, review of shortline proposals and operators, analysis of current and future freight service, production of a comprehensive freight business and management plan, communication with shippers and shortline operators, and negotiations with Union Pacific related to the freight service;
2. The fiscal year (FY) 08-09 budget is hereby amended to carryover funds from the FY 07-08 Rail/Trail Authority budget as follows:
  - a. \$20,000 for business plan update,
  - b. \$43,000 for shortline RFP, selection, negotiations and contracts, and
  - c. \$53,768 for technical assistance for rail service negotiations.
3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the agreements with Renaissance Rail Group and Egan Consulting Group as long as the amendments are consistent with the adopted RTC budget.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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Tony Campos, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution:            SCCRTC Fiscal  
                             Renaissance Rail Group  
                             Egan Consulting Group

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