

AGENDA: October 4, 2007

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director
RE: Draft Regional Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2008

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the proposed 2008 meeting schedule for the Commission’s regular meetings and Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meetings.

BACKGROUND

Every year the RTC approves the schedule of RTC and Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meetings for the following year. Generally the RTC meetings of each calendar year have taken place once at every one of the cities in the county and the remaining seven meetings have taken place at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers. This meant that eight meetings were held in the City of Santa Cruz, two about five miles from the City of Santa Cruz (Capitola and Scotts Valley) and one in Watsonville (about 18 miles from downtown Santa Cruz). In order to provide a greater opportunity for those who live and work in the City of Watsonville to participate in RTC meetings, the RTC approved having two meetings in Watsonville during 2007.

DISCUSSION

Attachment 1 is a letter from Commissioner Antonio Rivas inviting the RTC to hold more RTC meetings during 2008 in the City of Watsonville and take advantage of the new Watsonville Civic Center facilities and amenities. Holding a third meeting in Watsonville will further improve the possibility for people who live and work in Watsonville and its vicinity to participate in RTC meetings. With three meetings held in the City of Watsonville there would be 6 meetings in the City of Santa Cruz and two meetings about five miles from the City of Santa Cruz. The proposed RTC meeting schedule for 2008 is as follows:

Regular meetings:

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
January 10	Santa Cruz City Council Chambers (proposed one week later than is typical due to Christmas and New Year’s holidays)
February 7	Watsonville City Council Chambers
March 6	County Board of Supervisors Chambers

April 3	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
May 1	Capitola City Council Chambers
June 5	Watsonville City Council Chambers
July	No Meeting
August 7	Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
September 4	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
October 2	Watsonville City Council Chambers
November 6	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
December 4	County Board of Supervisors Chambers

The Commission does not meet in July. Meetings start at 9:00 am.

SCCRTC Transportation Policy Workshop meetings:

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
January 24	Commission Offices
February 21	Commission Offices
March 20	Commission Offices
April 17	Commission Offices
May 15	Commission Offices
June 19	Commission Offices
July	No Meeting
August 21	Commission Offices
September 18	Commission Offices
October 16	Commission Offices
November 20	Commission Offices
December 18	Commission Offices

All Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meetings are held at the Commission offices in the City of Santa Cruz, unless other arrangements are made. Transportation Policy Workshop meetings are tentative until confirmed at the prior regular Commission meeting. Meetings start at 9:00 am. To provide further opportunity for people who live or work in the southern part of the County to participate, the RTC could also hold a TPW meeting in the City of Watsonville.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends approval of the proposed meeting dates and venues for the Commission's regular and Transportation Policy Workshop meetings in 2008.

Attachment 1: Letter of September 14, 2007 from Commissioner Rivas Inviting the RTC to Hold More Meetings in Watsonville

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