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Public Invited to Provide Input on Transportation Project Nominations for State and Federal Funding

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2010 to solicit community input on proposals to direct funding to four regionally-significant projects and to amend scope, schedule and other information on several projects previously awarded funds by the RTC. Proposals for these transportation projects are part of the *Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* which is the region's request to the California Transportation Commission for *State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)* funds. While the RTC will be identifying projects to receive funds at the hearing, the availability of the funds could be impacted by the State's budget problems.

The hearing will be preceded by a staff presentation on the proposal during the RTC's meeting at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

Projects proposed to receive new STIP funds include: a bicycle/pedestrian multi-use path from Broadway to Brommer Streets through Arana Gulch which connects the City of Santa Cruz and unincorporated area of Live Oak; the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes project from Soquel Avenue to Morrissey Boulevard; environmental review of the Highway 1 High Occupancy Vehicles Lanes project, and state and federally-mandated planning, programming, and project monitoring activities.

Additional information on the proposed amendments to the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*, including information on the projects under consideration for new funds and the related staff report, are available for review at the Regional Transportation Commission's website: www.sccrtc.org/rtip.html or during business hours at the Commission's office at 1523 Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz.

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged by the SCCRTC. Written comments submitted to rmoriconi@sccrtc.org or fax 831-460-3215 by 12:00 pm January 13, 2010 will be included in the materials provided to the RTC for consideration. For more information, call the RTC at 831-460-3200 or visit www.sccrtc.org.