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## **Draft *Santa Cruz Branch Line Business Plan* To Be Released for Public Review August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Following a noticed closed session at its August 19, 2004, Transportation Policy Workshop meeting, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) announced that it will include the draft *Santa Cruz Branch Line Business Plan* on its regular September 2, 2004 meeting agenda as an information item, thereby making it available for public review. The September 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda packet, including the draft *Business Plan*, will be available on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>; the draft document will also be posted on the RTC's website and copies will be made available at the RTC offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, free of charge.

In order to allow adequate time for public review prior to public discussion of the draft *Business Plan*, a presentation by Systra Consulting is scheduled for the RTC's **September 16<sup>th</sup> Transportation Policy Workshop, to be held at 9 am in the County Government Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.** This meeting will be televised on Community TV. Systra developed the draft *Business Plan* under the direction of the law firm of Miller, Owen & Trost, property negotiator for the RTC.

Commissioners first received the administrative draft document at their August 5<sup>th</sup> closed session meeting and reviewed it over the past two weeks. At today's meeting, the RTC determined that the general public is best served by having the opportunity to review and provide comment on information contained in the draft *Business Plan*.

The draft *Business Plan* will serve as a guide for future public oversight and management

of the right of way and activities associated with the Santa Cruz Branch Line, and will be updated on an ongoing basis as new information becomes available. Unlike most RTC documents, this draft *Business Plan* is not a policy, programming, or environmental document to be formally adopted by the Commission.

Consistent with all public input received by the RTC, written or emailed public comments on the draft *Business Plan* may be submitted to the RTC at any time for their information. The opportunity for oral public comment on the draft document will be following the consultants' presentation at the Commission's September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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*Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged.*

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*The September 16th meeting will be televised live on Community TV and rebroadcast on Community TV and Charter Cable. Call stations for schedule.*