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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Invited to Provide Input on Proposed Transportation Projects

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 7, 2008 to solicit community input on the transportation projects proposed to receive approximately \$5.5 million in projected new state and federal transportation funds over the next five years. The funds are designated for projects through 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. During the public hearing, the RTC will also consider scope, schedule and various other amendments to projects previously awarded transportation funds.

These *STIP* funds are below the projections established in the *Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*. *STIP* funds are affected by the State's budget problems and may not be available as projected. After taking into account all projected transportation funds, including the *STIP* funds, the *Regional Transportation Plan* identified a \$2 billion funding gap between transportation needs and anticipated transportation revenues over the next 25 years.

Projects proposed to receive approximately \$5.5 million in projected new *STIP* funds include: roadway repairs and improvements on local streets and roads, a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over San Lorenzo River near Highway 1, environmental review of the Highway 1 HOV Lanes project, continuation of free tow truck service on Highways 1 and 17, and programs that provide

information and direct services to the public to encourage the use of alternative transportation modes. The complete list of projects proposed for funding is attached to this news release. Several factors, including future State and Federal Budgets, could impact when the funds are released to these projects.

The public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. during the Regional Transportation Commission's meeting at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street in Watsonville. The hearing will be preceded by a staff presentation on the proposal.

Additional information on the proposed amendments to the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*, including information on the projects under consideration for \$5.5 million and the related staff report, will be 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.

For more information, call SCCRTC at 831-460-3200 or visit www.sccrtc.org.

The meeting will be televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.comunitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.

Attachment: Projects Proposed for New Funding

Attachment
**Projects Proposed for \$5.5 Million in the
Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
February 2008**

Local Jurisdictions' Projects

Implementing Agency	Project*	Staff Rec.
Capitola	38 th Avenue Rehabilitation & sidewalks	\$135,000
Santa Cruz City	San Lorenzo River Bike/Ped Bridge	367,000
Scotts Valley	Bean Creek Road Rehabilitation	135,000
Watsonville	Freedom Boulevard Rehabilitation	327,000
County of SC	Carlton Road Overlay Project	854,000
County of SC	Corralitos Road Turn Lane at Bradley Elementary School	500,000
County of SC	Varni Road Overlay and Drainage	980,000
TOTAL LOCAL PROJECTS		\$3,298,000

Regional Projects

Implementing Agency	Project	Staff Rec.
RTC	Hwy 1 HOV Environmental Review	\$1,375,000
RTC	Freeway Service Patrol	500,000
RTC	Rideshare Program	300,000
TOTAL REGIONAL PROJECTS		\$2,175,000

*Additional information on these projects is available online at www.sccrtc.org/rtip.html.

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