Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Adoption of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network Master Plan:
The RTC held a public hearing and then adopted the Final Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan, which identifies a 50 mile network of bicycle and pedestrian trails, including a trail within the 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch rail line corridor adjacent to the railroad tracks. The Commission also certified the Final Environmental Impact Report on the Master Plan and adopted a Mitigation and Monitoring Report Program. Once updated per RTC’s directions for minor changes, the adopted Final Master Plan and certified FEIR will be distributed to partnering agencies, to Commissioners and libraries, and will be available on the RTC website.

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project Update:
Traffic is now flowing on the new southbound auxiliary lane which was paved along with the two existing north and southbound through lanes in October. Installation of the supplemental drainage behind retaining wall #3 was completed and the shoring removed, while work continues on forming and pouring of a concrete ditch at the base of the soundwalls and at the top of the retaining wall on the northbound side of the highway. Installation of irrigation lines and landscaping continues on the northbound side of the highway. Construction crews will be working 6-day weeks to meet the target of opening the northbound auxiliary lane by Thanksgiving, November 28th, and all construction activity should be completed on the project by the end of December.

Highway 17 Retaining Wall Project Traffic Impacts November 16-18:
Caltrans announced that there will be daytime traffic delays the weekend of November 16-18 while crews work on a ½ mile retaining wall near the summit of Highway 17. One lane in each direction will remain open at all times and speeds will be reduced. Electronic message boards, Freeway Service Patrol and the CHP will be present to assist with traffic control. Motorists can expect up to 30-minute delays.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:
Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas are posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.
Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2013, 9:00 am
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)
Thursday, November 21, 2013, 9:00 am
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee
Thursday, November 14, 2013, 3:00 pm
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee
Monday, November 18, 2013, 6:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 21, 2013, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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