Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

AGENDA

Thursday, January 9, 2014
9:00 a.m.

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Santa Cruz City Council Chambers
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Santa Cruz CA 95060

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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Ron Graves
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Lynn Robinson

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Article 8 Transportation Development Act Claims – only City and County representatives vote
Article 4 Transportation Development Act Claims, Policy Issues, and SAFE – all 12 members vote
1. Roll call

2. Oral communications

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CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

4. Approve draft minutes of the December 5, 2013 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

5. Accept draft minutes of the December 10, 2013 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

6. Approve 2014 Caltrans Planning Grant Applications (Resolution)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

7. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

No consent items
INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

8. Accept monthly meeting schedule
9. Accept correspondence log
10. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
   a. December 10, 2013 letter from Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors regarding short range transit plan comments
11. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
12. Accept information items - none

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Consider rescinding prior motion to elect chair and vice-chair for 2014 and newly elect chair and vice-chair for 2014 (George Dondero, Executive Director)
   a. Staff report
   b. December 19, 2013 letter from Commissioner Neal Coonerty
14. Commissioner reports – oral reports
15. Director’s report – oral report (George Dondero, Executive Director)
16. Caltrans report and consider action items
   a. District Director’s report
   b. Construction projects update
17. Presentation from City of Santa Cruz Public Works – oral report (Chris Schneiter, City of Santa Cruz Assistant Public Works Director)
18. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lane project update (Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner)
   a. Staff report
   b. Public feedback about completion of the project
19. Review of items to be discussed in closed session
CLOSED SESSION

20. Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation to be considered for two cases pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2).

21. Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation. Initiation of litigation to be considered for one case pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4).

OPEN SESSION

22. Report on closed session

23. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

   No agenda items this month

24. Next meetings

   The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville, CA.

   The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

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1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present:
Aileen Loe (ex-officio)       Dennis Norton
Don Lane                      Randy Johnson
Eduardo Montesino             Greg Caput
Neal Coonerty                 Zach Friend
Dave Reid (alt.)              Bruce McPherson
Dene Bustichi                 Ron Graves
Lynn Robinson

Staff present:
George Dondero                Luis Mendez
Jason Laning                  Yesenia Parra
Kim Shultz                    Rachel Moriconi
Tegan Speiser                 Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications - none

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

A handout for Item 18 and add-on pages for Item 22 were distributed.

Commissioner Johnson asked to pull Item 10 from the consent agenda. Item 10 was moved to the beginning of the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
(Johnson, Robinson) Unanimous
MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the November 7, 2013 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

5. Approved draft minutes of the November 21, 2013 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting

6. Accepted draft minutes of the November 18, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting

7. Accepted draft minutes of the November 21, 2013 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

8. Approved appointment of alternate member to Bicycle Committee

9. Approved development of a Draft Implementation Plan for the County-wide Bicycle Route Network Signage program

10. Accepted information item on implementation and private funding plan development for Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network – moved to regular agenda and became Item 16.1.

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

11. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

No consent items

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

12. Accepted monthly meeting schedule

13. Accepted correspondence log

14. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - none

15. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

16. Accepted information items
a. Memorandum from Transportation California and California Alliance for Jobs regarding Decision to Request the Attorney General of California draft "Title and Summary" for a new "California Road Repairs Act"

REGULAR AGENDA

16.1 Accept information item on implementation and private funding plan development for Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network – formerly Item 10 on consent agenda

Commissioners discussed Commissioner Friend’s request that RTC staff develop an implementation and private funding plan for the MBSST trail project, and possible legal requirements regarding volunteer work on trail segments.

Micah Posner, Santa Cruz City Councilmember, said that trails are being constructed across the country by some portion of volunteer labor and that the RTC should research this.

Brian Peoples, Aptos resident, said that much of the trail segment work will involve trestles, which will require high-level engineering.

Commissioner Graves moved and Commission Friend seconded to accept the information item. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Commissioner reports – oral reports

Commissioner Montesino invited everyone to attend the Train to Christmas Town ribbon-cutting event on Saturday, December 7th at 3:30pm in Watsonville.

18. Director’s report – oral report

Executive Director George Dondero presented his report, which was distributed as a handout.

Commissioners discussed the estimated total cost of backlogged transportation needs.

19. Election of 2014 RTC chair and vice-chair

According to the 2014 RTC Chair and Vice-Chair Election Committee’s recommendation, Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Norton seconded to elect Commissioner Montesino as Chair and Commissioner Friend as Vice Chair of the RTC. The motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Montesino switched seats with Commissioner Coonerty and became the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

20. Caltrans report and consider action items

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, said that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines. Caltrans will adopt final guidelines in March, and will then immediately issue a call for projects. She said that Caltrans is currently accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Transportation Planning Grant Programs, and has just released its Draft SHOPP Program.

21. Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lane project update

Senior Transportation Planner Kim Shultz presented his report. Bruce Shewchuk, RTC resident engineer, said that the project has reached substantial completion, with some small items remaining that are expected to be completed by the Christmas holiday.

Commissioner Norton thanked staff for having the new auxiliary lanes open for the Thanksgiving holiday.

22. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Adoption of the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Senior Transportation Planner Rachel Moriconi presented her report regarding the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Commissioners discussed: access issues relating to proposed Watsonville projects; the differences between staff’s recommendations and the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee’s (ITAC) recommendations; the process for determining staff’s recommendations; and a desire to find funding for segment 9 of the MBSST trail project.

At 10:02 a.m. Chair Montesino invited the public to provide comments.

Bob Culbertson, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, endorsed funding for the Lee Road to Walker Street MBSST trail segment in Watsonville, and encouraged the Commission to seek state funding for all of the bridges and trestles along the trail route.

Kem Akol, RTC Bicycle Committee, congratulated RTC staff on the MBSST project, and said that County District 1 should be considered a priority during the next funding cycle for MBSST trail segments. He described the Watsonville trail segment in staff’s recommendation as a bad investment.
**Brian Peoples**, Aptos resident, said that his letter regarding trail segment funding was included as a handout, and that a trail could be built from Manresa to Santa Cruz for only $5 million if the tracks are removed.

**Micah Posner**, Santa Cruz City Councilmember, thanked the Commission and RTC staff for their commitment to the MBSST project and approved of staff’s recommendation. He said he would like to work with the Commission to help raise private funds for building additional trail segments.

**Chris Schneiter**, Santa Cruz Department of Public Works, expressed appreciation for the RTC staff’s work, and said that a new San Lorenzo bridge for Highway 1 should be a high priority.

**Terry Corwin**, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, urged commissioners to approve staff’s recommendation.

**Reyna Ruiz**, Watsonville Youth City Council, thanked the Commission for its support for a Watsonville portion of the MBSST trail, and encouraged continued engagement with the youth.

**Amelia Conlen**, People Power, urged commissioners to move staff’s recommendation. She said that building the trail will increase biking and walking in the county, and expressed support for the Arana Gulch, Branciforte Creek Bridge, and bike education projects.

**David Casterson**, RTC Bicycle Committee, expressed support for staff’s recommendation to fund MBSST trail segments. He said that building a high profile segment in Santa Cruz will create a great first impression to encourage the building of other segments.

**Jim Van Houten**, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, urged support for staff’s recommendation to fund a trail segment in Watsonville, and described the segment as connecting a populated area to an area of incredible natural resources.

**Theresia Rogerson**, Community Traffic Safety Coalition, encouraged the Commission to approve Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Twin Lakes beach segment recommendations, and funding for the Arana Gulch path, Branciforte Creek Bridge, and bike safety education projects.

**Maura Noel**, Santa Cruz County Cycle Club, urged approval of staff’s recommendation for funding MBSST trail segments. She said that walking and cycling are becoming more dangerous in comparison to driving, and that the solution is to provide safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Ron Goodman**, Run by the Sea, encouraged the RTC to allow legal access for pedestrians and bicyclists to use the trail that runs adjacent to the rail line in the vicinity of Wilder Ranch.
Jack Nelson, Campaign for Sensible Transportation, expressed support for funding MBSST trail segments, but said he does not support funding for highway-widening projects. He also questioned staff’s recommendation to not fund the Branciforte Creek Bridge project.

Lowell Hurst, Watsonville City Councilmember, expressed support for the new auxiliary lanes constructed between Soquel and Morrissey, and for staff’s recommendations to fund MBSST trail segment construction in Watsonville. He also invited everyone to ride the Train to Christmas Town.

Daniel Dodge, Watsonville City Councilmember and alternate for the RTC, urged support for the Airport Boulevard Improvements, Mainline Routes Runtime Recalibration, and ParaCruz Van Replacement projects. He also expressed support for Highway 1 widening projects, and for having a serious discussion on bus rapid transit.

Dobie Jenkins, City of Watsonville planner, said he would like to shift $540,000 from trail segment 7 to the Lee Road portion of segment 18. He said that this would connect the rail trail between the heart of Watsonville and Lee Road.

Paul Schoellhamer, Santa Cruz Friends of the Rail and Trail, said that it’s important to initially build trail segments that will attract lots of public use, which will build popular public support for building other segments. He urged approval of staff’s recommendation.

Commissioners discussed issues related to the proposed San Lorenzo Bridge Widening project, and staff’s recommendation to fund the Planning, Programming and Monitoring project.

Commissioner Coonerty moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded to approve staff’s recommendations as modified according to the recommendations made by the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) to reduce the reserve of STIP funds for the Highway 1 41st to Soquel Auxiliary Lanes project from $2 million to $1.5 million, add $454,000 to the Highway 1 San Lorenzo River Bridge environmental review, and add $46,000 to the Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines intersection project. Some Commissioners expressed a desire to separate the motion into two different motions. Therefore, Commissioner Coonerty modified his motion, which was accepted by the seconder of the motion, Commissioner Robinson, to approve the staff recommendations to:

1. Program State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) funds in the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), as recommended by staff;
2. Make changes to previously programmed projects to reflect current project scopes, costs and schedules; and

3. Request that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) incorporate these funding actions into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), respectively.

The motion (Resolution 13-14) passed, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Reid, McPherson, Graves, and Robinson voting “aye,” and Commissioner Bustichi voting “no.”

Commissioner Coonerty then moved and Commissioner Caput seconded to amend Resolution 13-14 according to the recommendations made by the ITAC to reduce the reserve of STIP funds for the Highway 1 41st-Soquel Auxiliary Lanes from $2 million to $1.5 million, and add $500,000 for Highway 1 San Lorenzo River Bridge environmental review. The motion failed to pass, with Commissioners Johnson, Caput, and Coonerty voting “aye” and Commissioners Norton, Lane, Montesino, Friend, Reid, McPherson, Bustichi, Graves, and Robinson voting “no.”

Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to amend Resolution 13-14 to reduce funding for Planning, Programming and Monitoring from $470,000 to $170,000, add $295,000 for Highway 1 San Lorenzo River Bridge environmental review, and add $5,000 for ParaCruz Van Replacement. The motion failed to pass, with Commissioners Johnson, Caput, Coonerty, McPherson, and Bustichi voting “aye,” and Commissioners Norton, Lane, Montesino, Friend, Reid, Graves, and Robinson voting “no.”

23. 511 Traveler Information Service

Senior Transportation Planner Tegan Speiser presented her report.

Commissioners discussed planned phasing for real-time notification, differences in costs with other 511 programs, and whether the 511 program would be worth the cost.

Commissioner Coonerty moved and Commissioner Norton seconded to adopt the 511 Implementation Plan; authorize staff to develop and implement a web-based 511 traveler information service for Santa Cruz County as outlined in the 511 Implementation Plan; and direct staff to submit a final report to Caltrans completing the Monterey Bay Area 511 planning project grant. The motion passed (Resolution 14-14), with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Coonerty, Friend, Reid, Graves, and Robinson voting “aye,” and Commissioners Johnson, Montesino, Caput, McPherson, and Bustichi voting “no.”
24. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

*No agenda items this month*

25. Next meetings – adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Laning, Staff

Attendees:
Bryan Peoples  
Les White  
Bob Culbertson  
John Presleigh  
Bruce Shewchuck  
Murray Fontes  
Norma Conrad  
Reyna Ruiz  
Dobie Jenkins  
David Casterson  
Jack Nelson  
Theresia Rogerson  
Bob Lamonica  
Ron Goodman  
Micah Posner  
Kem Akol  
Chris Schneiter  
Terry Corwin  
Reyna Ruiz  
Amelia Conlen  
Jim Van Houten  
Maura Noel  
Lowell Hurst  
Daniel Dodge  
Paul Schoellhamer  
Aptos Resident  
Santa Cruz Metro  
Watsonville Wetlands Watch  
Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
City of Watsonville  
Watsonville Resident  
Watsonville Youth City Council  
City of Watsonville  
RTC Bicycle Committee  
Santa Cruz Resident  
Community Traffic Safety Coalition  
Resident  
Run by the Sea  
Santa Cruz City Council  
RTC Bicycle Committee  
Santa Cruz Department of Public Works  
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County  
Watsonville Youth City Council  
People Power  
Watsonville Wetlands Watch  
Santa Cruz County Cycle Club  
Watsonville City Council  
Watsonville City Council  
Santa Cruz Friends of the Rail and Trail
1. **Call to Order** at 1:37 pm

2. **Introductions** – Small group did not necessitate introductions.

   **Members Present:**
   - Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line
   - Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider
   - Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
   - John Daugherty, Metro Transit
   - Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
   - Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider Disabled
   - Patti Lou Shevlin, 1st District

   **Excused Absences:**
   - Sharon Barbour, 5th District
   - Debbi Brooks, Soc. Serv. Provider-Persons of Limited Mean
   - Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-Disabled (HOPE)

3. **Oral Communications**

   Veronica Elsea attended the first meeting of the Caltrans Accessibility Advisory Committee. The group will work on pedestrian issues such as: standardized detectable warnings such as truncated domes, sidewalk surfaces and video training for law enforcement. The group will meet 3 – 4 times per year.

   The following announcements were made:
   - The latest issue of Santa Cruz METRO’s Headways is available;
   - Weekend service to Waddell Creek and Big Basin State Park is postponed until March 2014;
   - Community Bridges is helping with enrollment for the Affordable Care Act and hired Raymon Cancino as the new Director beginning on January 2, 2014;
   - The RTC approved funding for three projects on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Train Network and provided comments on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Senior Housing Complex to be constructed at the site of the St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Santa Cruz.

4. **Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - None**
CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Elsea/Daugherty) - - to approve the consent agenda - - carries unanimously.

5. Approved minutes from October 22, 2013 meeting

6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Dec 2013

7. Received RTC Highlights through Nov 2013

8. Received E&D TAC Ad Hoc Committee Funding Input

9. Received Information Items
   a. San Mateo County Paratransit User Guide

10. Received Agency Updates
    a. Volunteer Center
       - FY 2013/2014 First Quarter Report
    b. Community Bridges serving as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
    c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
       - Nov 2013 ParaCruz Report
       - Nov 2013 Mobility Management Report
       - Past Metro Reports
    d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
    e. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Metro’s Short Range Transit Plan input by Pedestrian Safety Work Group

Veronica Elsea discussed the E&D TAC’s Pedestrian Safety Work Group subcommittee concerns about the Metro’s Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

Discussion included:
- Lack of a mission statement to balance the needs of both choice and transit dependent riders
- Local conditions versus industry standards
- Local data sources
- Changes to distance between bus stops without taking into consideration conditions such as terrain, origins/destinations, etc.
- Customer service considerations such as travel time, sitting/waiting time, and distance and walkable access to routes/stops

Action: The motion (Elsea/Shvelin) - - for the E&D TAC to send a letter to Metro requesting that the following be considered and incorporated into the Short Range Transit Plan before it goes out for public review and that METRO staff return to the next (February 2014) E&D TAC meeting:
- Request that a mission statement be included in the SRTP that would include a commitment to meet the needs of both people with and without other transportation choices
- Request that the SRTP be based on local conditions, not industry standards. If current and local data is available where people are currently getting on and off, would be helpful if it were analyzed, referenced and included in an appendix of the SRTP. If local and current data is unavailable, there is a concern about the basis for decisions about service parameters (route,
stops, etc.)
• Request that the changes proposed to the distance between bus stops include language that is a target, rather than a minimum; and that conditions – such as origins, destinations, populations and topography/hills – be taken into account.
• Assuming the goal is to increase ridership, customer service targets – such as total travel time, sitting/waiting time, distance and walkable access to routes/stop - should be included in the SRTP

-- carries with John Daugherty abstaining.

12. Review Results of Committee Member Survey

Karena Pushnik discussed the results of the E&D TAC survey saying that overall, the committee members seem to agree with the goals and purpose of the committee, timely receipt of meeting materials, preparation of the minutes, and meeting frequency.

Results indicate three main areas where there may be room for improvement:
• Committee representative respect, support, value
• Advance preparation and use of meeting time
• More feedback about the results of the committee’s advisory function

13. Receive Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Veronica Elsea provided an update of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group. The group discussed:
• Metro’s Short Range Transit Plan
• Motorist brochure being reviewed by RTC staff
• San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations
• FAQ’s in process

14. San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations

Hal Anjo discussed the San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations. He supplied members with a draft response to be considered.

Issues discussed:
• Importance of lighting on Highway 9 in the Boulder Creek area
• Bulbouts to reduce pedestrian crossing distances
• Better reflective marking for crosswalks
• Crosswalk beacons

Mr. Anjo will provide a draft report and submit the information for the February 2014 E&D TAC meeting.

15. Adjourn 3:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Judd, RTC Staff
TO: Regional Transportation Commission  
FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director  
RE: 2014 Caltrans Planning Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the submittal of applications to the Caltrans Partnership Planning and Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant programs for projects included on Attachment 2; and,

2. Direct staff to solicit letters of support from the partner agencies for these transportation planning grant applications.

BACKGROUND

The RTC has authorized the Executive Director to submit applications and enter into agreements to receive regional, state and federal transportation funds for projects, planning and programs. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has invited agencies to submit grant applications for planning studies to assess the feasibility and potentially guide the completion of transportation projects. Applications will be received under the Caltrans Partnership Planning and Caltrans Transit and Sustainable Communities Strategies grant programs. Caltrans will not be accepting applications for the Caltrans Environmental Justice nor the Caltrans Community Based Planning grant programs during this grant cycle.

DISCUSSION

To support implementation of unfunded mandates and planning efforts, staff has identified four possible planning projects (Attachment 2) eligible to receive planning funds under the Caltrans Planning Partnership and Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant programs. A new emphasis on sustainable communities is now included in both of these Caltrans grant programs. If awarded, planning grants can provide funding for staff work necessary to implement state and federal requirements and advance regional planning efforts.

The Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant program is intended to fund transportation planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance, in partnership with
other agencies that align with Sustainable Communities Strategy implementation. The maximum award per grant is $300,000. A 20% local match is required. RTC has previously received grants under this grant category.

The Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant is intended to fund studies on transit issues having statewide or multiregional significance to assist in reducing congestion. The maximum award per grant is $300,000. A local match of 11.47% is required. RTC has previously received grants under this category.

RTC staff has identified four possible planning projects to be submitted for planning grants based on local and statewide planning needs (Attachment 2). RTC staff expects only two of the four planning projects to be submitted based on input received from partner agencies and Caltrans, still forthcoming.

The deadline for these Caltrans planning grant programs is two months earlier than usual and the resolution is required naming the planning project to be submitted for funding. Therefore, staff recommends that the RTC approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to submit grant applications for the identified projects. As mentioned above, staff plans to submit funding applications for only two of the four identified projects.

SUMMARY

Caltrans has invited agencies to submit applications for its planning grant programs. Staff has identified four possible planning grant projects (Attachment 2) and expects to submit applications for two of those projects. Staff recommends that the RTC approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing submittal of the applications.

Attachments:
1. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Planning Grant Applications
2. Descriptions of Possible Planning Grant Projects
RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 9, 2014
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE
AGreements WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
CALTRANS PLANNING GRANTS FOR FY2014-15

WHEREAS the goal of the Sustainable Communities Strategy is to reduce vehicle miles
traveled through coordinated investments in land use and transportation;

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will implement transportation
improvements that are consistent with the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategy;

WHEREAS improvements to transit, bicycle and pedestrian networks are consistent with
the Sustainable Communities Strategy and reduce vehicle miles traveled;

WHEREAS, the RTC is eligible to receive Federal and State funding for certain
transportation planning efforts through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans);

WHEREAS, a Fund Transfer Agreement must be executed with Caltrans before such
funds can be claimed through the transportation planning grant programs;

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a resolution authorizing the agency administrator to enter
into an agreement with Caltrans to administer the transportation planning grant;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
(RTC):

1. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute and file
applications with Caltrans for grants from the Caltrans Partnership Planning for
Sustainable Communities and Transit for Sustainable Communities grant programs for
the following planning projects:

   a. New Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Improvements Partnership Model;
   b. Multimodal Network Quality and Active Transportation Plan;
   c. User Oriented Transit Plan; and
   d. First Mile – Last Mile Transit Improvements

2. If the RTC receives a grant award under these applications, the Executive Director, or
his or her designee, is further authorized to accept such funding, execute the necessary
agreements, and present the necessary Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget and work program
amendments to the RTC to appropriate such funding for and provide the required local
match for the requisite planning activities.
AYES: COMMISSIONERS
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Eduardo Montesino, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary
CALTRANS PLANNING STUDY GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION
2014

Caltrans Partnership Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant:

#1: New Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Improvements Partnership Model

This project is focused on developing a model for achieving efficiencies and cost-savings through partnerships, both public/public and public/private. This project would involve creating implementation and management tools and templates which leverage partnerships to construct and operate new non-motorized transportation facilities including:

- formulating construction and maintenance funding strategies and agreements to ensure coordination between different segments of facilities and oversight;
- establishing volunteer graffiti abatement and other adopt-a-trail programs to ensure that maintenance responsibilities are upheld through public private partnership; and,
- defining opportunities for and facilitating coordination with fiber optic and utilities or other revenue generating easements.

The project deliverable would serve as an example for other agencies trying to implement a network of multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trails and provide cost-effective tools for implementing the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network.

Partnership: Caltrans, City of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, City of Capitola, County of Santa Cruz, Rails to Trails Conservancy

#2: Multimodal Network Quality and Active Transportation Plan

This project would use an innovative approach called network Multimodal Network Quality (MMNQ) to measure the quality of the bicycle and pedestrian network throughout Santa Cruz County. Multimodal Network Quality scores bicycle and pedestrian facilities based on facility design, proximity to vehicles and nearby vehicle speeds. A MMNQ analysis will identify deficiencies in the bicycle and pedestrian network to support development of a list of priority projects to promote and incentivize bicycle and walking trips and reduce vehicle miles traveled consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Completing an MMNQ analysis would be the first step toward completing an Active Transportation Plan and support development of a Complete Streets Plan. The MMNQ framework has proven to be an effective and simplified alternative to multimodal level of service (MMLOS) analysis for use by agencies that cannot meet the extensive MMLOS data requirements.

Partner with: Caltrans, City of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, City of Capitola, City of Scotts Valley, County of Santa Cruz
Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant:

#1 User-Oriented Transit Plan

The project is to plan, develop and test an individualized marketing program which targets new transit users. The individualized marketing program focuses on unique and relevant offers to specific consumer segments to be conducted at both the workplace and neighborhood levels. This project involves creating a plan for providing customized and personal communications, reinforcement and encouragement for use of multi-passenger travel modes, especially transit.

The new model for attracting transit riders would bring “choice riders” to transit service on High Quality Transit Routes identified in Sustainable Communities Strategies and Short Range Transit Plans for Santa Cruz County, thereby reducing drive-alone trips and VMT to achieve both transportation and climate action goals. This project would provide off the shelf tools for implementing new cost-effective programs for medium sized regional agencies across California as they adapt to the changing environment created by SB 375.

Partnership: Caltrans, Santa Cruz Metro

#2: First Mile – Last Mile Transit Improvements

1st mile and last mile barriers are significant impediments to using transit. Improvements in pedestrian, bicycle, transit and other intermodal facilities, which address the issue commonly referred to as first mile-to get people from their origin to transit, last mile- to get people from transit to their destination, is the focus of this project. To increase transit ridership along High Quality Transit Corridors, the project would identify priority projects that remove the first and last mile barriers to transit stops. The 1st mile and last mile approach is a key strategy for increasing access to transit for both choice transit users and transportation disadvantaged dependent on transit.

This project would develop a transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation model specific to Santa Cruz County High Quality Transit Routes and Major Transit Stops as identified in the Sustainable Communities Strategies, Short Range Transit Plans and future bus rapid transit routes. The transportation model would be designed to be sensitive to local conditions and sensitive to impacts of bicycle and pedestrian improvements on travel behavior. The new transportation model would be ground truthed and through extensive public input. The absence of an effective multimodal model inhibits the region’s multimodal network and sustainability planning.

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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE  

January 2014  
Through  
March 2014  

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee. 
Please visit our website for meeting agendas and locations:  
www.sccrtc.org/meetings/  

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City of Capitola-Council Chambers-420 Capitola Ave-Capitola, CA  
City of Santa Cruz-Council Chambers-809 Center St-Santa Cruz, CA  
City of Scotts Valley-Council Chamber-1 Civic Center Dr-Scotts Valley, CA  
City of Watsonville-Council Chambers-275 Main St Ste 400-Watsonville, CA  

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December 10, 2013

Daniel Dodge, Chair
Board of Directors
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
110 Vernon St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Short Range Transit Plan Comments

Dear Board of Directors and Chair Dodge:

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro), and other service providers on transportation needs for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At their December 10 meeting, the E&D TAC approved the following action:

Send a letter to the Metro requesting that the following be considered and incorporated into the Short Range Transit Plan, preferably before it goes out for public review.

A. Request that a mission statement be included in the SRTP that would include a commitment to meet the needs of both people with and people without other transportation choices.
B. Request that the SRTP be based on local conditions, not industry standards. If current and local data is available about where people are currently getting on and off, would be helpful if it were analyzed, referenced and included in an appendix of the SRTP. If local and current data is unavailable, there is a concern about the basis for decisions about service parameters (route, stops, etc).
C. Request that the changes proposed to the distance between bus stops include language that it is a target, rather than a minimum; and that conditions -- such as origins, destinations, population and topography/hills -- be taken into account.
D. Assuming the goal is to increase ridership, customer service targets -- such as total travel time, sitting/waiting time, distance and walkable access to routes/stop -- should be included in the SRTP.

The E&D TAC requests that Metro staff attend the next meeting -- scheduled for 1:30 pm on February 11, 2014 -- to discuss the issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Molesky, Chair
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

cc: Les White, General Manager
Erich Friedrich, Metro Planner
Claire Fliesler, Metro Planner
From: C. Scott [mailto:cinderz753@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 3:36 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Support for Watsonville Trails projects

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage you all to vote in favor of funding to support the Watsonville Rail Trail - Lee Rd. project at you December 5th, 2013 meeting.

I have had weekly contact with trail users over the past six years who enjoy Watsonville's city trail system. Through both guided interpretive walks and visitors to our Wetland Nature Center I see and hear the enthusiasm of trail users from our local Watsonville community, residents from all around the Monterey Bay area, as well as visitors from as far as Sacramento, Napa, and the greater San Francisco Bay area.

The most common comments I receive, (besides how beautiful and enjoyable the trails are,) are hopes for greater connectivity between the segments of trails. The missing critical links are what is needed for those using the trails for transportation, as well as recreational use. So many people view our 20 -30 year Master Trails Plan map and are thrilled at the possibility of more connectivity within the City, as well as being able to ride on a connected trail system through the tri-county area.

Funding the Watsonville Rail Trail - Lee Rd. project, as well as other critical link trail projects, is what is needed to attract more residents and visitors to use and enjoy our beautiful coastal area by way of the trails. Please fund these greatly anticipated trail segments!

Sincerely,

Cindy Scott
City of Watsonville Educator
144 Pioneer Rd.
Watsonville, Ca. 95076
831.722.3740

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Dear Ms. Scott,

Thank you for your comments. Following a public hearing, the RTC approved $14 million for 26 projects at its meeting on December 5, 2013. This included funds for the Lee Road segment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) in Watsonville. The complete list of projects approved for funds is available online at: http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/project-funding/.

Due to the time needed to assemble handouts for the RTC board meeting, the deadline for written comments was 2pm on December 4. Since your comment was received after the 2pm deadline, your comments will be forwarded to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) as part of the January 9 board packet.

Thank you,

Cathy Judd, Administrative Assistant
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue | Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Main Office 831.460.3200 | Watsonville 831.768.8012

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From: Carltaylr@aol.com [mailto:Carltaylr@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 6:46 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Re: RTC: $14 million approved for local transportation projects

I really enjoy this update email. thanks so much for keeping the public informed in a very Positive Way
Carl Taylor

In a message dated 12/5/2013 4:49:42 P.M. Pacific Standard Time, info@sccrtc.org writes:

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

$14 million approved for local transportation projects

Hello Carl Taylor –

Thank you for the kind words about the RTC’s outreach and eNews. It’s wonderful to hear that the information is positive and useful.

For more detail about other RTC transportation projects, please visit our website (and please do let me know if you don’t find what you’re looking for).

Thanks again and have a great weekend!

Karena Pushnik, Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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I note that repair of the road washout on North Rodeo Gulch is not on the list of approved projects. Does that mean it will be delayed yet again or will it be funded through some other mechanism?

Time and time again, the residents of North Rodeo Gulch have been told by our supervisor, John Leopold, and employees of the Public Works Department that our road "will be repaired next year" and time and time again, it doesn't happen. If storms happen to wash out what remains of the road at the current washout, the safety of North Rodeo Gulch residents will be severely compromised since any emergency vehicles attempting to access North Rodeo Gulch north of Lupin Drive will have to make a substantial detour to access the road from the other end.

On Thu, Dec 5, 2013 at 3:53 PM, Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org> wrote:

$14 million approved for local transportation projects

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Mr. Haworth:

Thank you for your interest in transportation projects. Your email regarding repairs to North Rodeo Gulch was received and will be made available to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

We understand that County Public Works staff has responded to you directly that the North Rodeo Gulch storm damage repair project is being funded through the County’s insurance, rather than the RTC. It is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2014. The list of County road projects under design is online at: http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/roaddesign.htm.

Projects considered by the RTC this funding cycle were based on applications submitted by projects sponsors. The County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department meets with the Board of Supervisors to determine which projects to propose for funds through the RTC. For information about the 33 projects submitted by project sponsors, the evaluation criteria, and the selection process, please see item 22 starting on page 122 in the December 5 RTC packet: http://www.sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/2013-12-05-rtc-agenda-packet.pdf.

A list of projects previously approved by the RTC for funding is online at: http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/approved-projects/.

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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From: Patricia Matejcek [mailto:pmatejcek831@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 4:34 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Re: Item 22 -- Commission packets for RTC Agenda 12.5.12

Thank you, Cathy, for acknowledging my letter to the RTC. I was pleased to read in the daily paper of the Lee Road project approval.

I regret that I assumed that the agency would operate like the Coastal Commission and distribute late-arriving comments to Commissioners prior to the meeting. Perhaps the deadline for distribution could be included with agenda information on the web page?

Regards,

Patricia Matejcek

12/12/13

Ms. Matejcek: Adding the deadline for comments to the RTC agendas and website is a great suggestion!

The 2pm deadline for written comments for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) was referenced in the public notices posted on the website, in newspapers, in the news release, as well as on page 5 of the staff report, but we will add information on the comment deadline to future board agendas. (Notably the typical deadline for written comments on RTC agenda items is noon the day prior to the meeting; for the RTIP we extended it to 2pm.)

Involving the public in the RTC's transportation planning and programming activities has been a longstanding priority of the RTC. Thank you for your participation and input.

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
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Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 2:34 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Item 22 -- Commission packets for RTC Agenda 12.5.12

Chair Coonertiy and Commissioners:

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) is a long-anticipated and much-reeded recreation and commute resource that will greatly enhance the lives of residents and visitors while reducing our carbon footprint. The reality of a safe and convenient way for all to access schools, parks, beaches, businesses and neighborhoods on foot and by bike is tantalizingly close and generating much excitement.

In this funding cycle, I strongly urge your support for the Lee Road segment in Watsonville, the Westside Santa Cruz segment and bicycle lanes for the Twin Lakes Beachfront project as they provide the most utility for the greatest number of Santa Cruz County residents and visitors.

I oppose any further funding for the Broadway Brommer project. Next year will finally bring the mandated, fully funded but often-delayed seismic-retrofit of the Murray Street bridge over the Santa Cruz harbor, a project that
will include widening to accommodate bike lanes and sidewalks for pedestrians. This route is the present Pacific Coast Bike Route and appears on page 4-42 as the future harbor crossing for the MBSST. It is only this alignment that will effectively connect with the Twin Lakes Beachfront project.

Broadway-Brommer does not have a functional role in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, nor is it functional as a commute route. The MBUAPCD has stated that Broadway-Brommer will have no beneficial effect on CO2 emissions. Because construction of the proposed bridges cannot start until 2014, if construction were to proceed it would coincide with the work on the Murray Street bridge. The resulting redundancy will leave only occasional recreational riders on Broadway-Brommer. So, originally estimated to cost $2.5 million, the lowest bid for Broadway-Brommer is nearly $5 million with final costs, because of "contingencies", undoubtedly even higher.

The costs of Broadway Brommer far exceed its recreational and commute value. Given its low utility, this is not good value for scarce public dollars.

I urge you to re-allocate the $150,000 now recommended by RTC staff for this project to the Mar Vista overcrossing, to County Public Works for sidewalk extensions and crosswalk striping, to Santa Cruz Metro for expanded bus service in south county or bus stop maintenance or any of a number of useful projects that would benefit more residents and visitors through increased safety and mobility as they move around the county without utilizing a car.

Thank you for your attention.

Patricia Matejcek Freedom

On Tue, Dec 10, 2013 at 12:55 PM, <info@sccrtc.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Matejcek,

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Thank you,

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TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director  
RE: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) consider Commissioner Neal Coonerty’s recommendations to:

1. Rescind the prior motion to elect Commissioner Eduardo Montesino Chair and Commissioner Zach Friend Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014; and

2. If the prior motion is rescinded, elect Commissioner Eduardo Montesino Chair and Commissioner John Leopold Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014.

BACKGROUND

At its December 5, 2013 meeting, the RTC elected Commissioner Eduardo Montesino Chair and Commissioner Zach Friend Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014.

DISCUSSION

On December 19, 2013, the RTC received the attached letter (Attachment 1) from the RTC’s 2013 Chair, Commissioner Neal Coonerty, recommending Commissioner John Leopold RTC Vice-chair for 2014. Commissioner Zach Friend is willing to support this action. Therefore, Commissioner Coonerty recommends that the RTC rescind the prior motion to elect Commissioner Eduardo Montesino Chair and Commissioner Zach Friend Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014; and if the prior motion is rescinded, elect Commissioner Eduardo Montesino Chair and Commissioner John Leopold Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014.

SUMMARY

Per the attached letter from Commissioner Coonerty, staff recommends that the RTC consider Commissioner Coonerty’s recommendation to rescind the election of Commissioner Zach Friend as RTC Vice-chair for 2014 and if rescinded, elect Commissioner John Leopold Vice-chair of the RTC for 2014.

Attachments:
1. December 19, 2013 letter from Commissioner Neal Coonerty

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December 19, 2013

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: APPOINTMENT OF 2014 VICE CHAIR

Dear Members of the Commission:

I want to apologize to the Commission for an oversight that occurred at the last Commission meeting. Commissioner Leopold was unable to attend that meeting and, due to a miscommunication, his desire to be appointed as Vice Chair of the Commission was not brought up and Commissioner Friend was appointed.

Commissioner Leopold has seniority on the Commission and Supervisor Friend is willing to support his appointment as Vice Chair in 2014. Two members of the nominating committee also support this correction, although one member does not.

In the interests of fairness, I recommend that the Commission rescind its decision to appoint Commissioner Friend as Vice Chair of the Commission in 2014 and, instead, appoint Commissioner Leopold.

Sincerely,

NEAL COONERTY, Supervisor
Third District

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NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans recently released its 2013 Version 3 of the Main Street, California: A Guide for Improving Community and Transportation Vitality. This document incorporates livability and sustainability principles into main street projects and helps balance the need for an efficient multi-modal transportation facility with local needs for a community’s main street. More information is available at:
  http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/pland/Arch/msinstreet/

- The California Transportation Commission recently released its 2013 Preliminary Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines. This document describes the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for developing, adopting and managing this program. It is a working group product with representatives from Caltrans, government agencies’ and active transportation stakeholders with expertise in pedestrian and bicycle issues, including the Safe Routes to School programs. More information is available at:
  http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm

- This winter, Caltrans is using a new, innovative tow plow on Interstate 80’s rugged Donner Pass. The tow plow swings out from behind a traditional plow to clear snow from two lanes of traffic. It also applies a brine solution to prevent black ice from forming before or after a storm. For California’s motorists, Caltrans’ new Quick Map app shows up-to-the-minute chain control information. More information is available at:
  http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/

- Caltrans encourages motorists to do their part in keeping roadways clear and drivers’ safe. When major storms are forecast, they should visit the Caltrans website for the latest traveler information. They should also plan to stay off the roadways during inclement weather conditions and, when travel is necessary, carry an emergency kit with such items as water, food, flashlight, blankets, road flares, and a battery-operated radio.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Caltrans is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Transportation Planning Grant Programs. A total of $5.3 million will be awarded for the following: Partnership Planning for Sustainable Transportation ($2.5 million), Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities ($1.8 million), and Transit Planning for Rural Communities ($1 million). These programs support multi-modal transportation systems improving mobility and accessibility for all users. This grant cycle will not offer awards for the Community-Based Transportation Planning and Environmental Justice programs for this fiscal year only. The one-year hiatus is to review and re-evaluate the grant program objectives’ and improve delivery as well.

Applications are due to Caltrans 10 a.m. Monday, February 3, 2014. The applications, guidebook and more information are available at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html

Please Submit Maintenance Service Requests at the Following Link: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/
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<td>Construct Viaduct, Upgrade guardrail</td>
<td>Summer 2012 – June 14 2013 with 1 year plant establishment</td>
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<td>Spring 2013- Spring 2015</td>
<td>$2 Million</td>
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<td>Caltrans</td>
<td>Steve DiGrazia (BR)</td>
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**AGENDA:** January 9, 2014

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner  
**RE:** Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Receive the monthly report on construction activities for the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project; and,

2. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the agreement with the City of Santa Cruz increasing the contract value by $14,880 to implement a 2 year maintenance program to ensure the establishment of mitigation planting in response to the removal of mature heritage trees, for a total of $51,380.

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**BACKGROUND**

On January 5, 2012, the RTC authorized a construction contract for work to begin on the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor on February 3, 2012, following receipt of performance bonds and insurance certificates.

**DISCUSSION**

RTC Resident Engineer, Bruce Shewchuk, will present an oral report on activities leading to the completion of the project anticipated by the end of December. As of this writing, major work items are all completed and activity is focused on punch list items identified by Caltrans and RTC’s construction management consultant.

**Mitigation Planting**

One such final work item involves mitigation planting in compliance with the City of Santa Cruz’s Heritage Tree Ordinance. In the course of constructing the sound wall immediately east of the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing on Oak Way, 5 mature heritage trees on private property were severely damaged and had to be removed for safety reasons. This work was conducted with the concurrence of the affected property owner and the City’s Arborist.
Mitigation planting and certification of plant establishment over a two year period is a requirement of the city’s ordinance. This work includes monitoring the health of the plants over the plant establishment period including irrigation as necessary to maintain soil moisture, and replacement of any tree or shrub that is not performing well.

The planting of the mitigation trees and shrubs will be conducted by the landscaping subcontractor via a change order with the contractor. However, the 2-year maintenance and plant establishment work is best conducted by another party to avoid the management and overhead expense assessed by the project’s prime contractor. Accordingly, the RTC’s arborist, James Allen, and staff prepared a scope of services for the plant establishment work, including the replacement of the mitigation plants that are not healthy.

In the course of considering this scope of services, staff approached the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department. The Department has expertise and knowledge of qualified vendors that can do this work, and will ultimately certify compliance with the heritage tree ordinance. City staff reviewed the scope of work and verified the estimated cost to perform these duties and agreed to serve as project manager. Through the course of the Auxiliary Lanes project the RTC has contracted with the City for traffic control measures, including crossing guards at the Highway 1 Morrissey Boulevard Interchange during the period that the new La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing was under construction.

Based on the success of this relationship, staff recommends the RTC authorize the Executive Director to amend the agreement with the City of Santa Cruz increasing the contract value by $14,880 to implement a 2 year maintenance program to ensure the establishment of mitigation planting in response to the removal of mature heritage trees, for a total of $51,380.

Project Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of the project is planned for Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:00 am to be held on the La Fonda Avenue Bridge. Congressman Sam Farr and Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins are scheduled to speak at the event. The event is geared toward the media, funding partners, school officials, and other transportation entities. RTC staff is working with the city of Santa Cruz on an event permit, including closure of the bridge to automobile traffic for a few hours during this non-peak period, and notification to neighbors and nearby schools.

In addition to completion of an operational improvement on Highway 1 to help shorten the bottleneck and smooth traffic flow by providing auxiliary lanes, the Ribbon Cutting event is an opportunity to highlight the positive aspects of the project that came about due to the RTC’s role as Construction Managers. The RTC worked with neighbors and two local schools to communicate project activities and minimize impacts. Lasting project features include the new La Fonda Avenue Bridge with sidewalks and bike lanes in both directions, an improved bicycle/pedestrian path between Park Way and La Fonda Avenue, and new
sidewalks near DeLaveaga Elementary School. As noted in one of the last project eNews updates, the RTC was able “to provide the best possible interface with the community to communicate project impacts and help develop locally appropriate solutions. We feel that we were successful in this role and appreciate the community’s support.” Attached is some of the most recent feedback received from the public (Attachment 1).

**Construction Financial Status**

As of this writing, no new contract change orders (CCOs) have been approved through this reporting period. As of this writing, the final costs for the supplemental drainage behind retaining wall #3 are not yet known, however, it appears the cost will be considerably less than the lump sum estimate of $960,700 offered by the contractor. As reported last month, the Ad-Hoc CCO Committee authorized up to $700,000 for this work; however, only $600,000 in CCOs has been approved to date.

The cost of all CCO’s approved to date is $1,154,126. As previously reported, funding for 3 of these CCO’s, in the amount of $108,000, is provided in the project’s supplemental budget for the Traffic Management Program and does not count against the contract contingency of $993,864. The drawdown of the remaining construction related CCO’s is $1,046,126 leaving a deficit in the construction balance of $52,262. There are sufficient extra funds in the “Supplemental construction activity” budget line of the project to cover this cost.

Through 22 months of construction activity, the approved progress payments total $9,816,889.44 or approximately 98% of the approved construction budget. The progress payment for the current period is still under review by the resident construction engineer and will be reported at the next meeting.

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* covered by “Supplemental construction activity” budget line

Additional CCO’s are anticipated in the coming weeks, including: lighting modifications for the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing; maintaining the freeway and construction operations including graffiti abatement; and excavation of deteriorated highway sections prior to final paving.

The RTC approved a set of policies for contract change orders prior to the start of construction and established a contract change orders ad-hoc committee currently comprised of four commissioners. The ad-hoc committee has met twice to authorize approval of the CCO allowing work to begin on the supplemental drainage system.
behind the northbound retaining wall and it may be necessary to convene the committee in the event there are additional CCO’s greater than $100,000.

SUMMARY

All major work items are completed and activity is focused on punch list items identified by Caltrans and RTC’s construction management consultant with completion anticipated by the end of December. One final work item includes compliance with the City of Santa Cruz’s Heritage Tree Ordinance in response to the removal of mature heritage trees during the construction of the sound walls immediately east of the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing. The planting of mitigation trees and shrubs will be completed by the project’s landscaping subcontractor. Staff proposes to contract with the City of Santa Cruz for the required 2 year plant establishment period to comply with the City’s Heritage Tree Ordinance.

Attachments:

1. Public Feedback about completion of the project

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From: Therese Johannesson [mailto:theresemomsong@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 4:15 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission
Subject: Re: RTC: Hwy 1 Soquel/Morrissey Aux - Project Wrapping Up

Thanks for a beautiful job well done. I'm impressed with the landscaping. Hope all involved have happy holidays!
The Johannesson Family

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Dear Johannesson Family –

Your compliments on the completion of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project are very much appreciated!
I'll share your kudos with the rest of the construction team, as well as the Regional Transportation Commissioners.

All the best to you in 2014!

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Great job! We live one block from the bridge & were a little worried about the length of the project, but it was fine. Great to have the bridge back. Don't forget to pull the signs on La Fonda, still quite a few!
E. Magen

Dear E. Magen –

Your complements on the completion of the Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project are very much appreciated!
I’ll share your kudos with the rest of the construction team, as well as the Regional Transportation Commissioners.

Also, thank you for the reminder about the signs on La Fonda; we’ll check it out.

All the best to you in 2014!

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