AGENDA
Thursday, January 15, 2015
9:00 a.m.

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City of Capitola                           Dennis Norton
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City of Watsonville                       Eduardo Montesino
County of Santa Cruz                      Greg Caput
County of Santa Cruz                      Ryan Coonerty
County of Santa Cruz                      Zach Friend
County of Santa Cruz                      John Leopold
County of Santa Cruz                      Bruce McPherson
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  Dene Bustichi
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  Daniel Dodge
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  Lynn Robinson

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1. Roll call

2. Oral communications

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CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

4. Approve draft minutes of the December 4, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

5. Approve draft minutes of the December 4, 2014 Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

6. Accept draft minutes of the December 4, 2014 Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting

7. Accept draft minutes of the November 20, 2014 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee meeting

8. Accept draft minutes of the December 8, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

9. Approve City of Santa Cruz FY 14-15 Article 8 Transportation Development Act Claim for $25,000 for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements (Resolution)
10. Approve designating FY2015 Proposition 1B Transit Security funds to Santa Cruz METRO (Resolution)

**BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

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

**ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

No consent items

**INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS**

12. Accept monthly meeting schedule

13. Accept correspondence log

14. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies – None

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

16. Accept information items
   

**REGULAR AGENDA**

17. Commissioner reports – oral reports

18. Director’s report – oral report  
   *(Luis Mendez, Deputy Director)*

19. Caltrans report and consider action items - oral report
   
   a. Highway 9 Pollution Source Control Fact Sheet

20. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Applications  
   *(Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner)*
   
   a. Staff Report  
   b. Resolution  
   c. Traditional Section 5310 Project Rating Worksheet  
   d. Expanded Section 5310 Application Summary  
   e. MPO/RTPA Section 5310 Certification and Assurances
21. Federal Lands Access Program grant submission for a North Coast section of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network 
   (Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner)
   
   a. Staff Report
   b. FHWA Federal Lands Access Program Resolution
   c. California Coastal Conservancy Resolution
   d. Summary of Project with Map of Project Area

22. Next meetings

   The next RTC meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the
   Santa Cruz City Council 809 Center St., Santa Cruz CA
   
   The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for
   Thursday, February 19, 2015 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 9:03 a.m.

Members present:
Tim Gubbins (ex-officio)  Don Lane
Dennis Norton  Eduardo Montesino
Greg Caput  Neal Coonerty
Zach Friend  Bruce McPherson
Daniel Dodge  Lynn Robinson
Randy Johnson  Dene Bustichi
John Leopold

Staff present:
George Dondero  Luis Mendez
Grace Blakeslee  Yesenia Parra
Rachel Moriconi  Ginger Dykaar
Karena Pushnick  Maggie Bardacke
Amy Naranjo

2. Oral communications

Jack Nelson, resident of Santa Cruz County, relayed that an article from the December issue of Scientific American magazine discussed how the polar jet stream is heating the arctic at a faster pace than the rest of the planet. He stated that the Citizens’ Climate Lobby, endorses raising the price of gasoline to reflect the true cost of fossil fuels. The goal being to encourage creative approaches to move around without a vehicle in order to reduce the demand to widen Highway 1 and save money by lessening the cost of highway maintenance.
3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

A handout for Item 18 was distributed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Lane, Leopold, Robinson, McPherson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Dodge, Bustichi, Norton, and Johnson voting “aye.”

**MINUTES**

4. Approved draft minutes of the November 6, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

5. Approved draft minutes of the November 6, 2014 Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) meeting

6. Accept draft minutes of the November 13, 2014 Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting

**POLICY ITEMS**

No consent items

**PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

No consent items

**BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

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

**ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

8. Approved contract for RTC office lease

**INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS**

9. Accepted monthly meeting schedule

10. Accepted correspondence log

11. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - None
12. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

13. Accepted information items
   a. Letter from California Legislature to express concern regarding the proposal from the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and Air Resources Board (ARB) to identify “disadvantages communities” and the benefits allocated to these communities from Cap and Trade program revenues
   b. Letter from the California Intercity Passenger Rail (CIPR) Leadership Coalition regarding the draft guidelines for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

**REGULAR AGENDA**

14. Commissioner reports- oral reports- *none*

15. Director’s report – oral report

   Executive Director George Dondero updated the Commission on the Passenger Rail Service Study. He noted that the project is ongoing and the consultants are still analyzing data in coordination with RTC staff. Staff work is underway and further details will be brought to the January or February meeting. He noted that the RTC is currently being audited by Caltrans to determine the overhead charges on grants awarded to the RTC. A report of the results is expected late March to early April. He also recommended the Commission view an online video titled “Just Your Average Sidewalk” (Agenda Item 15a).

16. Appoint 2015 RTC Chair and Vice Chair

   Commissioner *Dodge arrived*

   Commissioner Montesino appointed John Leopold as Chair and Commissioner Don Lane as Vice Chair. Commissioner Montesino moved and Commissioner Dodge seconded a motion to approve the appointments. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Lane, Robinson, McPherson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Dodge, Leopold, Norton, Johnson, Bustichi voting “aye.”

   Commissioner *Leopold continued the meeting as Chair*

17. Caltrans report and consider action items

   Tim Gubbins, Caltrans, presented his District Director’s report. He reminded everyone to drive carefully in rainy weather; reported that the Highway 152
pavement overlay project was postponed due to weather; gave an update on the crosswalks and parking on Highway 9 in Boulder Creek; said that pavement work at the rail crossing on Highway 129 is funded by Iowa Pacific and should begin shortly; and announced that Steve Price, Caltrans District 5 Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, is retiring after working 23 years with the district.

Commissioners discussed how to reduce drivers’ speed on state highways; appreciation of Caltrans for the work done on the Highway 9 corridor, projects in South County, for providing tips for driving in rainy weather, and waiving fees for a street parade in Watsonville.

18. Project Updates from County of Santa Cruz Public Works – oral presentation

Steve Wiesner, Assistant Director of Public Works, gave a presentation on projects funded by the RTC in unincorporated areas of the County including Nelson Road, Seacliff State Park, Aptos Village, Twin Lakes, Casserly Bridge, Smith Road, Highway 17, East Cliff Drive, and Freedom Boulevard. He suggested that Commissioners and the public view a 60 Minutes episode on gas taxes and said that the County is looking at local taxes that could provide more funding to support work to improve local roads. He thanked his staff, Public Works Director John Presleigh, and expressed appreciation for RTC Commissioners and staff.

Commissioners discussed the excellent work the County has done through cooperation with schools, jurisdictions, and the State; expressed appreciation for the maintenance projects that have been completed and all the county is doing with the little funding available; and the completion of the County’s first green bike lane in Soquel.

19. Mural for Railroad Bridge Abutment in Capitola

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded the staff recommendation to approve the painting of a mural on the western abutment wall of the railroad bridge over Wharf Road in Capitola depicting beach goers traveling to Capitola Village surrounded by begonia flowers. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Lane, Robinson, McPherson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Dodge, Leopold, Norton, Johnson, Bustichi voting "aye."

20. Unified Corridors Plan (UCP)

Senior Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the need and cost for consultants to produce county-wide transportation modeling tools; the importance of partnering with Metro;
the importance of considering what is ahead to assure tools will be applicable in future, for example SB 743; the technical knowledge required to create modeling tools and the differences between the expertise of a consultant and RTC staff; and the fact that having good modeling tools is a foundation for good transportation planning.

**Jack Nelson,** County Resident, said that he saw the UCP modeling tool as a way to ask a better question in order to get a better answer; noted that there are other county corridors used by cyclists; that past models were not very good at predicting future travel; and the importance of community input.

**Heather Adamson,** Principal Planner with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), stated that AMBAG hires consultants to work with staff to build very specialized transportation modeling tools and that it is common for counties to develop sub-regional models as the regional models do not have the sensitivity at the local level. The data from their tools are used when applying for grants and funding as well as SB375 requirements.

Commissioner Norton moved and Commissioner Montesino seconded the staff recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Santa Cruz for development of countywide transportation modeling tools. The motion passed **(Resolution 9-15)** with Commissioner Lane, McPherson, Friend, Coonerty, Caput, Montesino, Dodge, Robinson, Norton and Leopold voting “aye” and Commissioners Bustichi and Johnson voting “no.”

Commissioner Friend departed the meeting.

21. Santa Cruz Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed California Coastal Commission permits; the construction’s project management company; the project’s completion schedule and cost; and the ad-hoc committee membership and procedures.

Commissioner Leopold will appoint an ad-hoc committee for the Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation project’s contract change orders.

Commissioner Robinson moved and Commissioner Norton seconded to:

1. Approve temporary borrowing from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange fund to pay invoices associated with the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation project.

The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Robinson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Bustichi, Dodge, Johnson, McPherson, and Leopold voting “aye.”
22. Adjourned to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies at 10:57 am.

23. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz City Council 809 Center St., Santa Cruz CA
The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

Attendees

Heather Adamson         AMBAG
Brooke Miller           County Counsel
Steve Wiesner           County Dept. of Public Works
Jack Nelson             Resident
John Presleigh          County Dept. of Public Works
Gine Johnson            Commissioner McPherson’s office
Minutes

Thursday, December 4, 2014

County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA

The meeting convened at 10:57 a.m. immediately following the completion of the regular RTC meeting.

Members present:
Tim Gubbins (ex-officio)      Don Lane
Dennis Norton               Eduardo Montesino
Greg Caput                  Neal Coonerty
Dene Bustichi               Bruce McPherson
Daniel Dodge                Lynn Robinson
Randy Johnson               Zach Friend
John Leopold

Staff present:
George Dondero             Luis Mendez
Amy Naranjo               Yesenia Parra
Maggie Bardacke           Ginger Dykaar

1. Oral communications - *none*

2. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - *none*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*No consent items.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

3. Call Box Program Evaluation & Reduction
Deputy Director Luis Mendez stated that the call boxes are funded under the SAFE program from a $1.00 vehicle registration fee. These funds are required to be used for a call box program and other motorist aid.

Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Friend entered the meeting.

Commissioners discussed appreciation for the report; the criteria that were used to determine the call box removal; the cost savings from eliminating call boxes; 4G versus 3G service; and other means for providing motorist aid.

Commissioner Montesino moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded the staff recommendation to:

a. Approve elimination of up to 50 call boxes from the Santa Cruz County SAFE call box system; and
b. Upgrade all call box cell radios for the call boxes that remain in service from 2G technology to 3G on the AT&T network.

The motion was approved unanimously with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Robinson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Bustichi, Dodge, Johnson, McPherson, Friend and Leopold voting “aye”.

4. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer
SPECIAL MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Santa Cruz County Council Chambers
701 Ocean St, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA

Members Present
Commissioner Montesino                Commissioner Friend
Commissioner Leopold                    Commissioner Coonerty
Commissioner McPherson                 Commissioner Caput

RTC Staff
George Dondero                         Yesenia Parra

Meeting called to order at 11:17 am.

1. Introductions - none

2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda - none

3. Oral communications - none

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent agenda items

REGULAR AGENDA

No regular agenda items

4. Review of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:18 am.

CLOSED SESSION

5. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

Commission Negotiators: George Dondero and Yesenia Parra
Bargaining Units: Mid-Management Unit and General Representation Unit

6. Reconvene to open session and report on closed session

The meeting reconvened to public session at 11:26 am and there was no report on the closed session item

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the County of Santa Cruz CAO’s office, 701 Ocean St., 5th Floor

Respectfully Submitted,

Yesenia Parra
Administrative Services Officer
1. **Call to Order:** Chair Schneiter called the meeting to order.

2. **Introductions:** Self introductions were made.

3. **Oral Communications:** Rachel Moriconi shared information about the Moss Landing Sea Level Rise Technical Advisory Committee meeting on January 12, 2015. Tegan Speiser shared business cards which people can use to report bicycle or pedestrian hazards. Karena Pushnik shared the brochure: "What Pedestrians and Motorists Want Each Other To Know" which was prepared by the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's (E&D TAC) Pedestrian Safety Workgroup. She requested that members make the brochure available at their agencies and offices.

4. **Additions/ Changes to consent and regular agenda:** Handouts for items 9 and 12 were distributed during those items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Fontes moved and Schneiter seconded approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Buika, Chen, McClendon, Schneiter and Wiesner voting “yes”.

5. Approved minutes of the October 16, 2014 ITAC meeting.
6. Received Federal and State memoranda and frequently asked questions regarding design flexibility for multimodal projects.

7. Received letter to Congress from national organizations regarding federal transportation funding.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents - Verbal updates from project sponsors

County of Santa Cruz: Russell Chen reported that storm damage repair projects continue on Branciforte Drive, Nelson Road, North Rodeo Gulch, Vienna Drive, East Zayante Road, and three spots along Highland Road. Steve Wiesner reported that the roundabout in Rio Del Mar is 60% complete; most of the County's pavement management projects are complete for the year; the County's first green bicycle lanes were painted in Soquel Village.

City of Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter reported that the Laurel Street pavement rehabilitation project is nearing completion and was expanded to include dashed boxes in potential bicycle, pedestrian, and automobile conflict zones from Mission Street/Highway 1 to Front Street/San Lorenzo River Bridge area. He noted that the cost for the dashed boxes is approximately $100,000. To utilize this same treatment citywide would cost approximately $10 million.

The City of Santa Cruz is soliciting proposals for environmental and design work on Segment 7 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (Santa Cruz Wharf to Natural Bridges Drive) with a focus on reducing costs and environmental impacts. City Council is receiving a check for $40,000 from private donors for the project at its meeting.

Construction continues on the roundabout at the Wharf and the pathway to the San Lorenzo Trestle bridge. Construction is nearly complete on the Arana Gulch/Broadway-Brommer bicycle/pedestrian path.

AMBAG: Eliza Yu reported that AMBAG is updating the federally-mandated Public Participation Plan and will be seeking committee input early next year, with adoption scheduled for the April AMBAG board meeting.

Caltrans: Kelly McClendon reported that Caltrans has been working with the County to add high visibility pedestrian signage and modify parking on Highway 9 through Boulder Creek.

RTC: RTC staff reported that construction continues on the La Selva railroad bridge; the passenger rail study consultants are working on preliminary ridership, cost and revenue estimates; the RTC has approved a new mural along the rail line in Aptos. The RTC recently received reports on using volunteer labor and private funding for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST). Staff will be working with local jurisdictions on design guidelines for the trail.
9. **Received update on pursuing new local revenue to implement the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

Karena Pushnik reported that the RTC and community groups have been discussing options to address some of the backlog of transportation needs in the region and to implement the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including a sales tax or other funding measure for the 2016 ballot. The committee discussed ways to communicate: what is being done with very limited funds; that existing state, federal, and local revenues are severely insufficient; and what could be done if more funding is available. Optimally, this communication would dovetail with efforts already underway. It was recognized that the City of Santa Cruz has been able to do a significant amount of work because of its local tax measure and that they regularly communicate project updates with the community and council. Committee members suggested that the expenditure plan should minimize use of jargon and be kept simple.

10. **Received Update on Cruz511 Project**

Tegan Speiser provided an overview of the planned 511 traveler information system for Santa Cruz County, which will provide a central, online place for residents and visitors to go for transportation resources and information. The site’s homepage will feature a real-time traffic map that includes traffic speeds, traffic camera images, changeable sign messages, incidents and closures on highways and major arterials. The site will integrate information from various existing resources on traffic conditions, construction projects, walking, bicycling, carpooling and riding the bus. This includes Google's multi-modal trip planner for planning transit, bike and walking trips. The site, scheduled to launch in early 2015, also includes traveler alerts, CHP incident reports and could eventually list local road closures, alternate roads and information during extraordinary events with first responder/911 center links.

Committee members suggested ways in which the new Cruz511 service could be used to communicate information about local partner agencies’ projects and services including route options to popular destinations and information on planned and recently completed projects.

11. **Provided input on Caltrans Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan**

Rachel Moriconi and Kelly McClendon provided an overview and fact sheet for the California Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) which is currently being updated by Caltrans. The document is used to identify and prioritize interregional transportation projects with an emphasis on improving movement of goods and people between regions. ITAC members noted that Highway 1 and Highway 17 are essential for interregional travel during emergencies and strongly recommended that they continue to be identified as High Emphasis Routes. In addition to interregional projects in Santa Cruz County identified in the staff report, committee members recommended Caltrans include the following in the plan: the Highway 1 High Emphasis Route be extended from Highway 17 to Highway 9 in order to connect to the City of Santa Cruz; the Interregional Road System boundaries for Route 9 be extended to Route 1; Route 9 be identified as an
interregional route for bicyclist; vanpools traveling over Highway 17 to connect students to UCSC be identified in the plan; and MST bus service between Santa Cruz and Monterey. It was also recommended that a technology component also be added to the ITSP.

12. **Received overview of project implementation process**

Heidi Borders from Caltrans Local Assistance provided an overview of the implementation process for state and federally-funded transportation projects. This included the programming, allocation, and invoicing process for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects. She emphasized that the deadline for requesting ATP and STIP funds for projects programmed in FY14/15 is April 27, 2015.

13. **Officer Elections**

The Committee unanimously approved a motion (Buika/Fontes) electing Steve Wiesner as the new Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) chair. The Committee unanimously approved a motion (Wiesner/Buika) electing Murray Fontes as the new vice chair. Voting yes on these motions were Buika, Chen, Fontes, McClendon, Schneiter, Wiesner, and Yu. There were no “no” votes.

Rachel Moriconi presented a certificate of appreciation to Chris Schneiter for his service as chair since 2011.

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi*
1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

**Members Present:**
- Kem Akol, District 1
- David Casterson, District 2, Chair
- Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
- Peter Scott, District 3
- Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
- Amelia Conlen, District 4
- Rick Hyman, District 5
- Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
- Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
- Leo Jed, CTSC, Vice-Chair
- Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

**Staff:**
- Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
- Rachel Moriconi, RTC staff

**Guests:**
- Theresia Rogerson, Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC)
- Maggie Bardacke, Resident and RTC staff
- Steve All, Citizen of the State of California

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**
- Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
- Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
- Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
- Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
- Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
- Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
- Andy Ward, City of Capitola
- Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**
- District 4 and 5 – Alternates
- City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti noted that the next meeting date is listed incorrectly in the agenda and that it should be Feb 9th, 2015. She also reminded members that the Brown Act dictates that a number of members constituting a quorum may not meet outside the publicly noticed Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings to discuss committee related business.

4. Oral communications – None
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Scott/Conlen) to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Fieberling, Kostelec, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Accepted draft minutes of the October 20, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting

7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports

8. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster

9. Accepted Draft 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting schedule and tentative agenda items

10. Approved recommendation to the RTC to approve a Transportation Development Act Claim from the City of Santa Cruz for bikeway maintenance

11. Accepted update on the Passenger Rail Study

12. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding Arana Gulch multi-use path improvements

**REGULAR AGENDA**

13. RTC-Funded Project List – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report and the process for input into RTC-funded projects. Members requested information on the status of a number of projects and noted that it would be helpful to receive designs plans for certain projects from local jurisdictions. Steve All, member of the public, inquired into the status of the RTC’s Bike Route Signage Program and spoke about the CycleNet bike route numbering protocol he developed.

14. Draft “Guidelines to Protect the Safety of Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Disabled Travelers During Road Construction” - Theresia Rogerson, CTSC staff, provided an overview of the road construction guidelines that is distributed to local jurisdictions and their contractors. Members provided feedback for minor improvements for the current draft update.

15. Graham Hill Road: Current conditions and safety improvement recommendations – A presentation was provided by Bicycle Advisory Committee alternate Will Menchine. After some discussion, a motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to send a letter to Commissioners Coonerty and McPherson, as well as City and County Public Works staff, requesting investigation of installing a bike lane in the uphill direction from Ocean Street to Michael Lane and placing “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signage in the downhill direction. The motion passed with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Fieberling, Kostelec, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

16. Member updates related to Committee functions – Amelia Conlen reminded members that they instructed staff to bring the RTC-funded project list for their review twice a year and that Bicycle Advisory Committee members had agreed to check in with their appointing Commissioners periodically regarding active projects and long term bicycle related goals. Kem Akol announced
an upcoming Arana Gulch Multi-Use Trail Ribbon Cutting event. Leo Jed announced a bicycle history exhibit being held in San Jose and expressed concerns about the new green bike lanes in Soquel Village. He and Amelia Conlen volunteered to reach out to County Public Works staff to discuss the project and better understand the County’s design considerations. Daniel Kostelec discussed the limited bike and pedestrian facilities to access the new bicycle pump track on McGregor Drive near New Brighton State Park. He indicated that he would re-engage City of Capitola Public Works staff to discuss possible improvements.

17. Adjourned: 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2015, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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To: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
From: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner  
Re: City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Request

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve by resolution the City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Claim for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements for $25,000.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) was established by the State Legislature in 1971. The TDA provides one of the major funding sources for public, specialized, bicycle and pedestrian transportation in California.

Each year the Regional Transportation Commission allocates Article 8 TDA funds for bikeway and pedestrian projects to local jurisdictions according to the RTC Rules & Regulations using a population formula. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next.

As stated in the Rules and Regulations, a TDA Article 8 claim from local jurisdictions shall include a description of the project adequate for review by the RTC and its advisory committees; justification for the project including a statement regarding its consistency and relationship with the Regional Transportation Plan; estimated cost of the project including other funding sources; and a statement agreeing to maintain the funded project in the condition outlined in the submitted plans for a period of 20 years.

Allocation requests with pedestrian components must be reviewed by the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and requests for bicycle facilities must be reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee prior to consideration by the RTC. According to the RTC Rules and Regulations, only Commissioners representing the County and the Cities are eligible to vote on Article 8 allocation requests.

DISCUSSION

The City of Santa Cruz submitted a FY 14-15 allocation request and claim form (Exhibits A-B) for $25,000 for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements which provides annual re-striping of the city’s 30 miles of bikeways, maintenance of bikeways, and minor improvements. The City of Santa Cruz has sufficient funds...
in the unallocated budget for this claim.

At their December meeting, the Bicycle Committee reviewed the claim and recommended that the RTC approve the City’s allocation request.

Both the Bicycle Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the RTC approve by resolution the City of Santa Cruz’s TDA claim (Attachment 1).

SUMMARY

The City of Santa Cruz submitted a TDA Article 8 allocation request for $25,000 for bicycle striping and minor improvements. The City has sufficient funds in the unallocated budget for this claim. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

Attachment 1: Resolution

Exhibits:

A. Article 8 TDA Allocation Request Letter from the City of Santa Cruz
B. City of Santa Cruz Allocation Claim Form for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements, and Bicycle Parking Program

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 15, 2015
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING $25,000 IN ARTICLE 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS TO THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR BIKEWAY STRIPING AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz submitted a FY 14-15 claim for $25,000 for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements and has sufficient unallocated Article 8 TDA revenues;

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Committee has reviewed the TDA project funding request pertaining to their charge and recommend approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and the claimant agrees to maintain funded projects for a period of 20 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. Hereby allocates $25,000 to the City of Santa Cruz for Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements to the city’s 30 miles of bikeways.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

____________________________
John Leopold, Chair

ATTEST:

____________________________
George Dondero, Secretary

Exhibit A-B: TDA Article 8 Allocation Request Letter from the City of Santa Cruz and Claim Form
December 1, 2014

Mr. George Dondero  
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
1523 Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: City of Santa Cruz – FY 2014-15 TDA Article 8 Allocation Request

Dear Mr. Dondero:

Please accept this letter as a FY 2014-2015 TDA Article 8 allocation request for the following project:

1. Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements ($25,000): This project provides for the annual re-striping of the City’s 30 miles of bikeways, maintenance of bikeways and minor bikeway improvements. This project is entirely supported with TDA funds.

The City’s remaining unallocated balance will be used to match grant applications, under funded projects, and future bikeway striping and parking projects.

As with all City claims, the City will commit to maintain any facilities provided with these funds for 20 years and will prepare all necessary environmental review for these projects. All of the projects above are consistent with the City Bicycle Transportation and Pedestrian Plans, and the RTP.

Please call me at 420-5422 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Christophe J. Schneiter  
Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachments: Claim Forms (1)  
cc: Transportation Coordinator (CS)  
Finance Department (EC)
Transportation Development Act (TDA) – Local Transportation Funds
CLAIM FORM
for Bike/Ped Projects
Submit a separate form for each project.

If you have any questions about this claim form or would like an electronic copy of the form,
please contact the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission at 460-3200.

Project Information
1. Project Title: Bikeway Striping and Minor Improvements
2. Implementing Agency: City of Santa Cruz
3. Sponsoring Agency (if different) – must be a TDA Eligible Claimant:
4. TDA funding requested this claim: $25,000
5. Fiscal Year (FY) for which funds are claimed: FY 14 / 15
6. General purpose for which the claim is made, identified by the article and section of the Act which
authorizes such claims (ex. Article 8 Bicycle project): Article 8 Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Facility
7. Contact Person/Project Manager: James Burr
   Telephone Number: 831-420-5426
   E-mail: jburr@cityofsantacruz.com
   Secondary Contact (in event primary not available): Rich Smith
   Telephone Number: 831-420-5522
   E-mail: rsmith@cityofsantacruz.com
8. Project/Program Description/Scope (use additional pages, if needed, to provide details such as work
   elements/tasks): Annual re-striping of the City's 30 miles of bikeways and minor
   bikeway improvements.
9. Number of people to be served/anticipated number of users of project/program:
10. Project Location/Limits (attach a map and/or photos if available/applicable, include street names):
    Those streets most in need will be striped.
11. Justification for the project. (Why is this project needed? Primary goal/purpose of the project;
    problem to be addressed; project benefits; importance to the community)
    Traffic safety
12. Consistency and relationship with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – please reference Project
    or Policy number:
    2014 RTP Sustainability Policies p. 4-3, see attachment.
13. Measures of performance, success or completion to be used to evaluate project/program:
    Traffic safety
14. Impact(s) of project on other modes of travel, if any (ex. parking to be removed):

15. Project Cost/Budget, including other funding sources, and Schedule: (complete “10a” OR “10b”)

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$TDA requested
Source 2:
Source 3:
Source 4:

*Please describe what is included in “Other”:

16b. Non-Capital Projects – Cost/Schedule: List any tasks and amount per task for which TDA will be used. Can be substituted with alternate budget format.

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16. Preferred Method and Schedule for TDA fund distribution, consistent with the RTC Rules and Regulations (a. 90% prior to completion/10% upon completion; or b. 100% after completion):

17. Proposed schedule of regular progress reports:

18. TDA Eligibility:

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<td>A. Has the project/program been approved by the claimant’s governing body? Attach resolution to claim. (If &quot;NO,&quot; provide the approximate date approval is anticipated.)</td>
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<td>or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency for the next 20 years? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name: )</td>
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<td>D. Has the project already been reviewed by the RTC Bicycle Committee and/or Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee? (If &quot;NO,&quot; project will be reviewed prior to RTC approval).</td>
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<td>E. For &quot;bikeways,&quot; does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov">http://www.dot.ca.gov</a>).</td>
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**Documentation to Include with Your Claim:**

**All Claims**
- A letter of transmittal to SCCRTC addressed to the Executive Director that attests to the accuracy of the claim and all its accompanying documentation.
- Resolution indicating TDA eligible claimants’ roles and responsibilities and commitment to maintain facilities as indicated in the submitted plans for a period of 20 years.

**Article 3 & 8 Bicycle/Pedestrian Claims**
- Evidence of environmental review for capital projects

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**Transportation System Management:** Implement Transportation System Management (TSM) programs and projects on major roadways across Santa Cruz County that increase the efficiency of the existing transportation system.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X
- **Planet:** X

**Transportation Demand Management:** Expand demand management programs that decrease the number of vehicle miles traveled and result in mode shift.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X
- **Planet:** X

**Transportation Infrastructure:**

1. Improve multimodal access to and within key destinations.
2. Ensure network connectivity by closing gaps in the bicycle, pedestrian and transit networks.
3. Design system to reduce the potential for conflict between bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles.

- **People:** X X X X
- **Prosperity:** X
- **Planet:** X

**Land Use:** Support land use decisions that locate new facilities close to existing services, particularly those that service transportation disadvantaged populations.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X
- **Planet:** X

**Safety:**

1. Prioritize funding for safety projects and programs that will reduce fatal or injury collisions.
2. Encourage projects that improve safety for youth, vulnerable users and transportation disadvantaged.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X

**Emergency Services:** Support projects that provide access to emergency services.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X

**Cost Effectiveness & System Maintenance:** Maintain and operate the existing transportation system cost-effectively and in a manner that adapts the current transportation system to maximize existing investments.

- **People:** X
- **Prosperity:** X

**Coordination:** Improve coordination between agencies in a manner improves efficiencies, and reduces duplication (e.g. paratransit and transit; road repairs; signal synchronization; TDM programs).

- **People:** X
RESOLUTION NO. NS-28,798

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz, that the budget of the City of Santa Cruz for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, as proposed in that certain document entitled "City of Santa Cruz Proposed Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2015," on file with the City Clerk, is hereby adopted for FY 2015, effective July 1, 2014, with the amendments and addenda thereto as determined by the City Council and detailed in the attached Exhibits:

(1) Exhibit A – FY 2015 Summary of Budget Changes
(2) Exhibit B – Community Programs Listing
(3) Exhibit C – Summary of Projected Revenues and Other Financing Sources
(4) Exhibit D – Summary of Projected Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is authorized to create additional appropriations in order to provide for necessary commitments carried over from the prior fiscal year, including contract and purchase order encumbrances and unexpended project balances, so long as there is a sufficient fund balance to finance these commitments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bryant, Terrazas, Comstock, Mathews, Posner; Vice Mayor Lane; Mayor Robinson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: [Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
City Clerk Administrator
## Public Works

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### Clean Rivers, Oceans, & Beaches Fund

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For more information regarding the projects listed above, please refer to the Capital Improvement Program section of this document.
AGENDA: January 15, 2015

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: FY2015 Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds for Santa Cruz METRO

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) designating the RTC’s share of FY14/15 Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) funds to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO), approving Santa Cruz METRO’s proposed projects, authorizing staff to submit applications for the funds on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO, and authorizing staff to execute any agreements necessary to receive and pass-through funds to Santa Cruz METRO.

BACKGROUND

On November 7, 2006 California voters approved Proposition 1B, authorizing $19.9 billion in bonds for a variety of transportation programs. $600 million of the Proposition 1B funds were designated for the California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds) to be distributed to transit agencies (Section 99314) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (Section 99313), using the same formula used to allocate State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. As required by state guidelines, applications to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) for these projects must be submitted through, and approved by, county transportation commissions (SCCRTC).

Proposition 1B Transit Security funds can be used on a wide range of capital transit projects that provide increased protection against a security or safety threat, or that increase the capacity of transit operators to prepare disaster-response transportation systems that can move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the aftermath of a disaster. The funds can be used on planning, engineering, construction management, architectural, and other design work, environmental impact reports and assessments, required mitigation expenses, appraisals, legal expenses, site acquisitions, and necessary easements, construction, and acquisition. Management and administration (M&A) costs are not allowable expenses for Proposition 1B Transit Security funds.

As part of the annual State Budget, the legislature determines how much funding to appropriate to Proposition 1B programs. In FY14/15, the State Controller’s Office
allocated $212,337 to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and $228,168 to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) for a Santa Cruz County total of $440,505 in Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) funds. This is the same amount as last year.

Since inception of this Proposition 1B program, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has designated its share of Proposition 1B Transit Security funds to Santa Cruz METRO for public transit security projects.

**DISCUSSION**

Santa Cruz METRO requests (Attachment 2) that the RTC designate its FY14/15 funds ($212,337) for Santa Cruz METRO transit security projects as it has done with past shares. Santa Cruz METRO proposes to use this year’s funds to continue build-out of its “Comprehensive Security and Surveillance System”, which continues installation of video surveillance and security lighting at all METRO facilities.

**Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve a resolution (Attachment 1) designating the RTC’s share of Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO); authorizing staff to submit applications for the funds on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES); and authorizing staff to execute any agreements necessary to receive and pass funds through to Santa Cruz METRO.**

**SUMMARY**

Proposition 1B included $1 billion in bonds for transit security projects. Staff recommends that the Commission designate the RTC’s share of funds to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

**Attachments:**
1. Resolution Designating Prop. 1B Transit Security Funds to Santa Cruz METRO
2. Request Letter from Santa Cruz METRO

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 15, 2015
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION
AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR
PROPOSITION 1B CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS
FOR SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) and its enabling legislation in California Government Code Section 8879.23 designated $600 million in Proposition 1B bond funds for the California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP); and

WHEREAS, the CTSGP funds are available to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and transit operators eligible to receive State Transit Assistance funds pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314 of the Public Utility Code (PUC); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO) are the eligible recipients of CTSGP funds in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz METRO requests that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission designate its allocation of FY2015 CTSGP funds to Santa Cruz METRO; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz METRO proposes to use the region’s entire allocation of FY2015 CTSGP funds for security enhancement projects that are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and in conformance with the CTSGP Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, applications to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for FY2015 CTSGP funds must be approved by and submitted through the RTPA; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

1. The FY15 allocation of Santa Cruz County’s formula share of Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program funds for Grant # 6761-002 are hereby programmed to Santa Cruz METRO for projects that increase protection from security or safety threats against public transit riders, stations, facilities and equipment;

2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit an application for FY15 CTSGP funds to the Cal OES on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO;
3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission any actions and agreements necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for Santa Cruz METRO as provided by the Cal OES from the FY15 CTSGP funds.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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John Leopold, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

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December 9, 2014

Mr. George Dondero, Executive Director
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA  95060-3911

RE: Authorize an Application for FY15 California Transit Security Grant Program Funds

Dear George:

This purpose of this letter is to request that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopt a resolution to submit an application on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for FY15 California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) funds. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) established $600 million for the CTSGP within the California Transit Assistance Fund. Each year, the State Controller’s Office allocates CTSGP funds to eligible agencies for transit security projects. The RTC must adopt a new resolution each year for the ongoing program and submit the application on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO for the CTSGP funding allocation to Santa Cruz County.

In accordance with Government Code Section 8879.58, the State Controller’s Office allocated FY15 CTSGP funds to the RTC and to Santa Cruz METRO in the same proportion that STA funds are allocated under Public Utilities Code 99313 and 99314. Accordingly, the RTC will receive $212,337 and Santa Cruz METRO will receive $228,168 for a total of $440,505 in FY15 CTSGP funds, the same amount as last year. Santa Cruz METRO requests that the RTC designate its FY15 funds for Santa Cruz METRO transit security projects as it had done in each of the previous six years, FY08 – FY14.

The Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors will consider a resolution on 1/15/15 to authorize the General Manager to submit an application from Santa Cruz METRO for the FY15 CTSGP funds. Santa Cruz METRO requests that the RTC designate its allocation of FY15 CTSGP funds to Santa Cruz METRO and authorize an application on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) contingent upon Santa Cruz METRO’s Board adopting its resolution on 1/9/15.
Santa Cruz METRO will use the FY15 CTSGP funds to continue build-out of its Comprehensive Security and Surveillance System which includes an interoperable radio system and installation of video surveillance and security lighting at all METRO facilities. The following table shows the single project proposed by Santa Cruz METRO for FY15 CTSGP funds:

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If the RTC concurs with the proposed transit security projects using FY15 CTSGP funds, please provide a resolution authorizing the allocation of RTC’s funds to Santa Cruz METRO and an application through the RTC to the Cal OES. I would appreciate the RTC’s consideration of Santa Cruz METRO’s request at its January 2015 meeting. If approved, Santa Cruz METRO will then prepare an application for the RTC to submit to Cal-OES in accordance with the FY 2014-15 Program Guidelines.

Please call me if you have any questions about this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alex Clifford
CEO/General Manager
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# Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

## THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

**January 2015**

**Through March 2015**

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee.

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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

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Dear Mark Wegrich -

The Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian bridge is included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Plan. Unfortunately, this project cannot move forward until the environmental analysis for the highway is complete. Because many state and federal regulatory agencies must review this document, the timing for completion of the document is not under local control. The draft EIR is now expected to be released for public review mid-2015.

Here is the link to the fact sheet for this project, which was last updated in 2012: http://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/201204-fact-sheet-Hwy1-ped-bridge.pdf
This fact sheet will be updated when there is a firm date for the release of the environmental document.

Regarding projects in your area, here are a few sources of information that may be of interest to you:

- 2014 Regional Transportation Plan - Chapter 6 (http://www.sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Chapter-6-Trans-Investments-FULL.pdf) includes maps of priority programmed (funds designated) and planned projects in the region through the year 2035. Please see the project list and map on webpages 18-19 for the Capitola/Soquel/Aptos area. These transportation projects are funded with a variety of sources, with Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) discretionary funds making up less than 10% of the funds available.

- Information on current projects approved for funds by the RTC are listed in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) - available online at: http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/approved-projects/

- Projects approved for funds by the RTC in the most recent years are at: 2014 Approved Projects and 2013 Approved Projects

Thank you.

Karena Pushnik, Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Santa Cruz Office (main) 831.460.3210 | Watsonville 831.768.8012
1523 Pacific Avenue | Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: Bill [mailto:william.delaney@gmail.com]
To: Karena Pushnik
Subject: La Selva Bridge

According to the November issue of Aptos Life, the bridge will include a separate structure for the rail-trail. Would you please confirm or deny that?

Thanks!

Bill

Karena Pushnik <kpushnik@sccrtc.org> wrote:

Hi Bill –
No, the La Selva Bridge will not include a separate structure for the trail.
Thank you for requesting clarification.

Karena Pushnik
RTC | 831.460.3210

From: Bill [mailto:william.delaney@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 7:57 AM
To: Karena Pushnik
Subject: Re: La Selva Bridge

How about the width? Will it be wide enough to accommodate a trail too?

From: Karena Pushnik
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 1:21 PM
To: 'Bill'
Subject: FW: La Selva Bridge

Hi Bill Delaney –

The La Selva Bridge is in Segment 15 of Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan (available here online, please see Section 4, web pages 83-88). The Master Plan identifies four options for the trail at that location:

1) An independent bike/pedestrian bridge structure on the inland side of the existing rail trestle with a landing near the south bridge abutment, crossing over the existing trail to the beach and landing to the inland side of the existing public parking lot;
2) A hybrid retrofit of the existing trestle superstructure with a bike/pedestrian crossing which utilizes the existing rail bridge for some of the lateral support of the new retrofit but not completely supporting the retrofit with the new rail bridge structure;
3) Inclusion of a bike/pedestrian crossing as part of a future rail trestle replacement [note: this option is now moot]; or
4) Use of existing on-street facilities until a new rail trestle is designed and implemented.

Two segments are currently moving forward toward construction, one in the City of Watsonville and the other in the City of Santa Cruz. Other segments will be constructed as funds become available. When Segment 15 moves forward, the implementing entity may select one of the La Selva Bridge options or phase in options. For planning and cost estimation purposes, the Master Plan includes a 300-foot span pre-engineered bike/pedestrian bridge at La Selva.

Thank you.

Karena Pushnik
RTC | 831.460.3210
From: Jeff and Linda Young [mailto:lindazebari@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 5:26 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Santa Cruz Trail

I want a trail, not a train! I currently have to drive to Monterey to use that bike trail.

Linda Zebari

11/25/14

From: Karena Pushnik
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 3:46 PM
To: lindazebari@sbcglobal.net
Subject: FW: Santa Cruz Trail-Zebari,Linda

Linda Zebari –

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From: Jessica Evans [mailto:jesseevansfiddler@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2014 12:23 PM

To: info@scrtc.org

Subject: Rail Trail

Hi,

My name is Jessica Evans and I am a homeowner and mother in the city of Santa Cruz. I am writing to ask you to please expedite building on the rail/trail corridor. While I am a supporter of rail and believe that in the long term an active passenger rail service could benefit Santa Cruz County, especially if it connects to a high speed rail project from the Bay Area to Los Angeles, in the near term I am concerned that planning and seeking funding for the rail line will result in significant delays to building a trail network. I firmly believe that trail building along the rail corridor should happen first, and immediately, moving as rapidly as possible and not waiting for rail service plans to come to fruition.

The trail will provide immediate and substantial benefits in terms of tourism, health of the community, safety for the community, decreases in automobile trips and increases in bicycle commuting.

I urge you to work on expediting rail building. I especially urge you to de-couple trail building from the passenger rail process. Approval and funding of trail building should in no way be dependent on approval and funding of passenger rail service.

Respectfully,
Jessica Evans
921 Seaside Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
831-423-6468

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  *Specifically regarding your comments, please note that the trail project is "de-coupled" from any future rail service and the City of Santa Cruz's segment (from Natural Bridges to the Wharf) is moving forward. The City of Santa Cruz, who is taking the lead on construction, is issuing an RFQ to begin preliminary design, permitting and environmental clearance with the hope that this particular trail segment will be constructed by 2017.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Bryant [mailto:michaeljamesbryant@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2014 6:49 PM
To: info@scrcrct.org
Cc: justinabryant@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Rail Trail

Dear Committee,

As a long time resident of Rio del Mar, my wife and I support a trail in place of the train. Residents and visitors will use a trail that runs between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. A train is not a viable solution and will cost tax payers millions in not only repairs, but annual subsidies. Many communities have successfully converted rail lines to trails, making them more active communities. We need this trail sooner than later to give our kids safe options to walk, run and ride.

Sincerely,

Michael and Justina Bryant
513 Summer Ave
Aptos, CA 95003
(831) 227-6565

Sent from my iPhone

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Despite Falling Gas Prices, Amtrak California Sets Ridership Records

SACRAMENTO – Over one of the busiest travel periods of the year, Californians rode trains in unprecedented numbers this Thanksgiving, despite gas prices dipping to their lowest level in six years. November ridership and revenue reports for Amtrak California are in and boast impressive gains. The Pacific Surfliner, the 2nd busiest intercity rail corridor in the nation, set records for the highest ridership and revenue in over a decade. The San Joaquin, the 5th busiest corridor in the nation that travels from both Sacramento and San Francisco to Bakersfield, had the second highest ridership and revenue in over a decade.

“Intercity passenger rail is an important component of a sustainable, multimodal transportation system for today and the future,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “More and more Californians are increasingly seeing train travel as a smart option.”

Traditionally, declining gas prices have had a negative impact on ridership. Not this year. Gas prices for the Thanksgiving holiday this year were just over $3.00 a gallon, down nearly 15% from last year, but ridership and revenue were up on all Amtrak California routes.

Amtrak Thanksgiving Period Ridership, 2014 vs 2013

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Social media reports attribute the increased holiday ridership to a trend toward leisurely travel. Sophisticated and tech savvy travelers are taking advantage of the free Wi-Fi on the trains and spending their travel time either catching up on work or relaxing with their electronic devices and enjoying beautiful views. The traveling public may also be starting to recognize the environmental benefit to train travel. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, per passenger mile, rail generates about half the carbon dioxide emission of an automobile.

With Christmas and New Years fast approaching, now is the time to book your trip so you can enjoy more leisurely holiday travel. Check up to two bags and carry on up to two additional bags for free, which provides extra space for holiday cheer.

About Amtrak California: Under the Amtrak California banner, Caltrans funds three of the five busiest intercity passenger rail routes in the Amtrak system: the Pacific Surfliner® corridor (ranked second), the Capitol Corridor® (ranked third), and the San Joaquin® corridor (ranked fifth). Caltrans manages both the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin corridors. The Capitol Corridor, although funded by Caltrans, is managed by the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority. Visit us at www.amtrakcalifornia.com; join us on Facebook at Facebook.com/AmtrakCalifornia or follow us on Twitter at Twitter.com/Amtrak_CA

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**Project Proposal**

This Storm Water Mitigation Tier IV (Pollution Source Control) project proposes specific remediation measures at four locations along State Route 9 in Santa Cruz County between Paradise Park and Big Basin.

**Project Description**

The purpose of the project is to minimize the amount of sediment that is being deposited in the San Lorenzo River, which is the main receiving water body for State Route 9. The measures include construction of a retaining wall combined with a viaduct structure to stabilize a storm damaged slope at Location 1 (PM 3.76), replacing storm damaged drainage pipes at Location 2 (PM 10.72) and Location 3 (PM 12.22), and paving a storm damaged maintenance turnaround at Location 4 (PM 18.71).

**Project Funding**

The project is being funded through the Storm Water Mitigation Program which is part of the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP). The current estimated cost of construction is $1,800,000.

**Construction Schedule**

The construction contract has been awarded and work is scheduled to begin in February 2015. Construction is expected to take 9-12 months to complete, weather permitting.
**Location 1**

The highway will be fully closed for approximately 5 months for construction of the retaining wall and viaduct due to limited access for staging and equipment. A signed detour route directing traffic to Mount Hermon Road and Highway 17 will be provided. If feasible, specifications may include options for reversing one lane traffic control. Construction at this location is scheduled for spring 2015, and may begin as early as February 2015 depending on weather conditions.

**Locations 2 & 3**

The work at these locations will be performed under one lane reversing traffic control. Lane closures will be allowed outside normal commute hours.

**Location 4**

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**District Contact:**
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Project Manager
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(805) 549-3386

**Public Information Office:**
http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/
(805) 549-3318
AGENDA: January 15, 2015

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner
RE: Section 5310 Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. Certify the Traditional Section 5310 grant application score (Attachment 1, Exhibit A) determined by the Local Review Committee and approved by the E&D TAC;
2. Confirm receipt of Expanded Section 5310 grant applications (Attachment 1, Exhibit B); and,
3. Certify that Section 5310 grant applications received by RTC meet applicable federal statutory and program regulations (Attachment 1, Exhibit C).

BACKGROUND

Funding under the Section 5310 grant program is distributed for the purpose of providing capital and operating grants for projects that meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Section 5310 grant program was revised in 2014 to incorporate the project types of the repealed New Freedom program into the Section 5310 Program. The Section 5310 vehicle projects and related equipment are now called Traditional 5310 Projects and comprise 55% of the available funding statewide and the former New Freedom projects are called Expanded 5310 Projects and comprise 45% of available funding statewide. This grant is administered by Caltrans and allocated on a statewide competitive basis for all areas defined as small urban and rural, including Santa Cruz. $13 million is available for small urban and rural areas under the Section 5310 Program two year Federal Fiscal Year 2013/2014 apportionments to be available to project applicants in Fall 2015. Historically, Section 5310 funds have been a major source of funding for new paratransit vehicles and equipment to facilitate specialized transportation services in Santa Cruz County.

DISCUSSION

Caltrans administers Section 5310 funds and allocates funds on a competitive, rather than formula basis. Regional Transportation Planning agencies receive Section 5310 applications prior to their submittal to Caltrans. This grant cycle, four Section 5310 grant applications were received from eligible applicants. One application was received under the category of Traditional Section 5310 Projects.
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**Traditional Section 5310 Program**

Traditional Section 5310 grant funding is available for capital projects including accessible vehicles and communication and computer equipment. Eligible applicants for Traditional Section 5310 grant funding include private non-for-profit and public agencies, where no private non-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service.

One grant application for Traditional Section 5310 grant funding was received from Community Bridges requesting two paratransit minivans to replace vehicles in poor condition serving the same-day and out-of-county medical rides, meal sites, and Elderday transportation programs (Attachment 1, Exhibit A).

Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are required to receive and score Traditional Section 5310 applications and certify that Traditional Section 5310 applications meet applicable federal statutory and program regulations. A Local Review Committee was established by the E&D TAC to score Traditional Section 5310 applications and was comprised of representatives from the Seniors Council, Commission on Disabilities, staff from Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and the Regional Transportation Commission. Scoring criteria for Traditional Section 5310 grant applications is established by Caltrans and measures the proposed project’s ability to: provide efficient and effective transit services; address the Monterey Bay Area Public Transit & Human Services Plan findings; and demonstrate the need for the proposed transportation service. The Local Review Committee suggested a provisional score for the Tradition Section 5310 application from Community Bridges if the application was strengthened. As in the past, the applicant had an opportunity to amend their application based on the initial review by the Local Review Committee. RTC staff received the revised application and confirmed that all of the amendments were included. At the January 6 meeting, the E&D TAC concurred with the Local Review Committee score.

**Expanded Section 5310 Program**

Expanded Section 5310 grant funding is available for capital and operating projects that support service expansion. Eligible capital costs include accessible vehicles, and communication and computer equipment. Eligible operating costs include expansion of paratransit service beyond the requirements of ADA, enhancement of services, new or expansion of volunteer driver programs and development of mobility management centers. Eligible applicants for Expanded Section 5310 grant funding include private non-for-profit and public agencies. Three grant applications requesting Expanded Section 5310 grant funds were received (Attachment 1, Exhibit B).

- Santa Cruz Metro is requesting funding for four paratransit vehicles, including two small buses and two medium buses, to expand the paratransit fleet serving senior and disabled individuals from 41 to 45 vehicles.
• Camping Unlimited is requesting funding for three different transportation services. Two of the proposed projects would facilitate interregional transportation services to disabled individuals from Novato, Vallejo, East Bay Area, Bay Area Peninsula and Monterey to the Camping Unlimited recreational facility in Boulder Creek. One of the proposed projects would provide transportation services to Monterey Bay Area recreational opportunities from Camping Unlimited recreational facility in Boulder Creek.

• Community Bridges is requesting funding to provide same day transportation services to low income disabled individuals traveling to medical appointments in Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara Counties.

Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are required to provide a list of Expanded Section 5310 applications receive and certify that Expanded Section 5310 applications meet applicable federal statutory and program regulations. The Local Review Committee also reviewed the Expanded Section 5310 grant applications to ensure completeness and provide input to applicants. The applicants had an opportunity to amend their applications based on the initial review by the Local Review Committee. Caltrans will score the Expanded Section 5310 grant applications based on the applicant’s ability to: address Section 5310 program goals; provide a well defined implementation plan; inform the target population of the proposed project; measure and track program effectiveness; and, coordinated with Santa Cruz County’s emergency planning efforts. At the January 6 meeting, the E&D TAC received a list of the Expanded Section 5310 grant applications submitted to RTC.

The E&D TAC and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission, by resolution (Attachment 1), certify the score for the Traditional Section 5310 grant application, confirm receipt of Expanded Section 5310 grant applications, and certify that Section 5310 applications meet applicable federal statutory and program regulations. Included in Attachment 1 are exhibits required by Caltrans including Regional Priority List for Traditional Section 5310 grant applications (Exhibit A), a list of Expanded Section 5310 grant applications received (Exhibit B), and the Section 5310 (16) Certification and Assurance (Exhibit C) certifying that all program applications meet applicable federal statutory and program regulations.

Next Steps

RTC staff will submit to Caltrans by February 2, 2015 all Section 5310 grant applications received along with RTC’s resolution (Attachment 1) and supporting materials (Attachment 1, Exhibit A to C). Caltrans will review and verify scores submitted by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and rank the projects submitted statewide in order of the highest scored projects. Caltrans will recommend that the California Transportation Commission approve funding for those projects that scored the highest statewide and are within available funds. There will be an appeals process and the final scores will be formally adopted by the California Transportation Commission in June 2015.
SUMMARY

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Attachments:

1. Resolution certifying score for the Traditional Section 5310 grant application, confirming receipt of Expanded Section 5310 grant applications, and certifying applications meet federal statutory and program regulations
   • Exhibit A: Traditional Section 5310—Project Rating Worksheet
   • Exhibit B: Expanded Section 5310—Project Applications Summary
   • Exhibit C: MPO/RTPA Section 5310 Certification and Assurances
RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 15, 2015
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY’S
SCORE FOR THE TRADITIONAL SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATION,
CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF EXPANDED SECTION 5310 GRANT
APPLICATIONS & CERTIFYING APPLICATIONS MEET FEDERAL
STATUTORY AND PROGRAM REGULATIONS

WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Commission serves as the Regional
Transportation Planning Agency for Santa Cruz County;

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meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with
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WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Commission is charged with scoring
local applications for the Traditional Section 5310 projects for
specialized transportation;

WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Commission is charged with receiving
the Expanded Section 5310 projects for specialized transportation;

WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Commission is charged with certifying
that Section 5310 grant applications meet applicable federal statutory
and program regulations;

WHEREAS one application was received for consideration under the
Traditional Section 5310 Program from the Consolidated
Transportation Services Agency/Community Bridges for vehicles and
mobile data computers related to the provision of specialized
transportation services;
WHEREAS three applications were received for consideration under the Expanded Section 5310 Program from Santa Cruz Metro, Camping Unlimited and Consolidated Transportation Services Agency/Community Bridges for vehicles and operations related to the provision of specialized transportation services;

WHEREAS the Local Review Committee met on December 11, 2014 to review Section 5310 applications and score the Traditional Section 5310 grant application, the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee met on January 6, 2015 to review their recommendation, and the Commission held their regularly noticed meeting on January 15, 2015 to certify the score for Traditional Section 5310 application and receive a list of Expanded Section 5310 applications;

WHEREAS the projects are consistent with the most current adopted Regional Transportation Plan (2014);

WHEREAS the applicants have met all requirements and conditions of 49 U.S.C. 5310 and are eligible for Section 5310 funds; and,

WHEREAS Section 5310 grant applications and RTC certifications are due to Caltrans February 2, 2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. The Traditional Section 5310 application score provided by the Local Review Committee and recommended by the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee are hereby adopted (Exhibit A).

2. The Traditional Section 5310 project in Exhibit A shall be forwarded to Caltrans to be included by the Statewide Review Committee into the Statewide Prioritized List for Traditional Section 5310 Projects.

3. The Expanded Section 5310 projects in Exhibit B shall be forwarded to Caltrans to be considered by the Statewide Review Committee for inclusion in the Statewide Prioritized List for Expanded Section 5310 Projects.

4. The Regional Transportation Planning agency Certification and Assurance in Exhibit C shall be forwarded to Caltrans assuring that the projects meet the requirements and conditions of 49 U.S.C, that the recommendations were included in the region’s public participation process and that, by this resolution, the projects are consistent with the local Regional Transportation Plan.
AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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John Leopold, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

Exhibit A: Traditional Section 5310 Project Rating Worksheet
Exhibit B: Expanded Section 5310 Applications Summary
Exhibit C: MPO/RTPA Section 5310 Certification and Assurances

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**SECTION 5310**  
Traditional Project Application  
Project Rating Worksheet – Regional Priority List

**Regional Transportation Planning Agency:**  Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

**Applicant:** Community Bridges/Consolidated Transportation Services Agency

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**TOTAL** $131,978

* Funding requested would be used to replace paratransit vehicles in poor condition which serve seniors and disabled individuals utilizing Community Bridges Lift Line’s same-day and out-of-county medical rides, meal sites, and Elderday transportation programs.

** Includes cost of computers support, management and shipping

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## SECTION 5310
### Expanded Project Applications Summary

**Regional Transportation Planning Agency:** Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

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<td>Santa Cruz Metro</td>
<td>Vehicles: Four paratransit vehicles, including two small buses and two medium buses, to expand the paratransit fleet from 41 to 45 vehicles and provide door-to-door paratransit service to seniors and disabled individuals.</td>
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<td>Community Bridges</td>
<td>Services: Provide free, door-to-door, and same day paratransit services from homes and designated locations to medical appointments in Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara Counties.</td>
<td>January 2016-December 2016</td>
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*Will request second year of funding if approved by approved by Caltrans.*

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MPO/RTPA SECTION 5310
CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission certifies and assures that the requirements and conditions of 49 U.S.C. 5310 have been met by all applicants recommended for funding.

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission certifies by resolution, that the projects recommended for funding are consistent with the local area’s most current Regional Transportation Plan. In an urbanized area, the projects recommended for funding will also be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission certifies that prior to finalizing the Regional Priority List, applicants have been notified of their regional score and provided information about the appeal process.

Certifying Representative:

Name: George Dondero
Title: Executive Director

Signature: Date: January 15, 2015
AGENDA: January 15, 2015

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Ginger Dykaar and Cory Caletti, Transportation Planners

RE: Federal Lands Grant Application to Construct Portions of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) to pursue a California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant with matching funds from the California Coastal Conservancy and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to construct a northern segment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) that improves access to three federal lands: California Coastal National Monument, Coast Dairies, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

BACKGROUND

At its November 2013 meeting, the RTC adopted a master plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network and certified the final environmental impact report. The award-winning master plan defines the “coastal rail trail,” a proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail adjacent to the 32-mile Santa Cruz branch rail line right-of-way, as the spine of a broader network of trails that will provide connections to activity centers, coastal access points, and other key destinations. The master plan was amended slightly in February 10, 2014.

In December, 2013 the RTC allocated $5.3M to the MBSST to construct the following two rail trail projects: 1) City of Santa Cruz rail trail from Natural Bridges to Pacific Ave ($4,060,000) and 2) City of Watsonville rail trail from Lee Road east to slough trail connection ($1,040,0000). Progress is being made on the two projects with construction of the rail trail segments estimated for 2016-2017. Implementation of more rail trail projects is contingent on securing additional funding.

The Federal Transportation Act, MAP-21, included funding for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). The purpose of the FLAP is to provide funds for roadways, bridges, trails, and transit systems that are located on, are adjacent to, or provide access to federal lands. The emphasis of the program is on projects that provide access to high-use recreation sites or are economic generators. In November, 2014 Caltrans and the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Central Federal Lands Highway Division issued a call for projects for $50 - $75 million anticipated to be
DISCUSSION

RTC staff, in coordination with the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), proposes to request approximately $5.5 million from the California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) out of a total project cost of approximately $9.5 million. Grant funds would be used to design and construct 4.6 miles of paved trails and 1.5 miles of unpaved spur trails for part of Segment 5 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network - from Wilder Ranch to the Coast Dairies property near Laguna Rd (Attachment 3). This segment qualifies for this grant program since it will provide access to the BLM's California Coastal National Monument, BLM's Coast Dairies property and NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. These federal lands include stunning beaches, exposed reefs and pinnacles, coastal hills, and redwood forests. The MBSST Master Plan was used for this grant application as a baseline for determining the amount of funds needed to complete this section of the trail.

Staff recommends the RTC approve the attached resolutions (Attachment 1 and 2) to pursue FLAP grant and matching funds and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary agreements. The resolutions include clauses required by the FLAP grant program and Coastal Conservancy.

Next Steps

RTC staff will submit the application by the January 30, 2015 deadline. Applications will be reviewed and ranked by representatives of Caltrans, the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), and FHWA’s Federal Lands Highway Division. The RTC will likely be notified in March or April if the MBSST project has made the short list. If the project is short-listed, federal agency staff will then work with RTC staff to refine the project scope. This task may involve a site visit by members of the review committee and the RTC is required to provide up to $10,000 to fund such an on-site visit. Final awards are expected to be announced by May or June.

In the event that full funding is not awarded to the project, RTC staff will work with the grantor to scale the scope of the project to match available funding.

Matching Funds

Both the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and the California Coastal Conservancy have been extremely supportive of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project over the many years of its development. The goals of the California Coastal Conservancy are to expand the system of coastal public access ways, open-space areas, parks and inland trails that connect to the California coast; as well as to develop the California Coastal Trail as a major recreational amenity, tourist attraction, and alternative transportation system. These goals align directly with the goals of the MBSST. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County’s dedication to protecting, caring and providing access to natural lands also align with MBSST.
goals. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has committed a very generous match of $3 million in funds to the proposed FLAP grant project. The Coastal Conservancy is planning to partner on the project with $950,000 in matching funds. These funds provide a match of over 40%, well above the 11.47% required match.

Grant Application Support
Submittal of the grant application will be bolstered by support from many individuals, groups, and members of the community through letters of support. Additionally, two individuals went above and beyond to support the project. Videos to accompany the grant application were recommended in the guidelines and therefore, Santa Cruz County residents Eric Thiermann of The Impact Media Group and Paul Schoellhamer spent countless volunteer hours filming and producing an outstanding professional video in support of the project. The video will be available on the RTC’s MBSST project web page: http://sccrtc.org/projects/multimodal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/

SUMMARY
The Federal Highway Administration has issued a call for projects for the Federal Lands Access Program that will provide access to federal lands. RTC staff recommends pursuing these funds for a segment of the MBSST Network along the north coast that will provide access to three federal lands: California Coastal National Monument, Coast Dairies, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. There is significant community interest in constructing this segment of the MBSST and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and the California Coastal Conservancy plan to contribute matching funds. Staff recommends the RTC approve the attached resolutions to pursue FLAP grant funds and matching funds from the Coastal Conservancy.

Attachments:
1. FHWA Federal Lands Access Program Resolution
2. California Coastal Conservancy Resolution
3. Summary of Project with Map of Project Area

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 15, 2015
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING AND
EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FOR
FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP) FUNDS AND WITH PARTNER AGENCIES AND NON-
PROFITS FOR MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the RTC is eligible to receive federal and state funding for construction of
transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Federal Lands Access Program is to improve transportation
facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands;

WHEREAS, the planned Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) is a
bicycle and pedestrian trail that will promote sustainable transportation and provide an
alternative to motor vehicle travel;

WHEREAS, a MBSST segment along the north coast of Santa Cruz County would provide
access to three federal lands: California Coastal National Monuments, Coast Dairies and the
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary;

WHEREAS, FLAP requires a resolution authorizing the agency administrator to enter into
an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to administer the grant;

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Conservancy and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
have both agreed to provide matching funds;

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 submit a grant
application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Federal Lands Access
Program;

2. If the RTC is awarded the grant, the Executive Director, or his or her designee, is
authorized to complete negotiations, execute necessary agreements with FHWA and any
other entities as necessary to receive such funds and to execute amendments to the
agreement as necessary;

3. Matching funds from the California Coastal Conservancy that are identified in the
application will be made available for this project by June 2015. Matching funds from the
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County will be made available by January 2016, unless urgent
needs dictate otherwise. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, is authorized to
enter into agreements with the California Coastal Conservancy, the Land Trust of Santa
Cruz County and other partnering agencies and non-profit organizations as needed to
implement the project, arrange for maintenance of the facility and receive matching
funds;
4. If the RTC receives a grant award under this application, the RTC certifies that the RTC board will ensure maintenance of the proposed segment of the MBSST Network for a period of 20 years or the life of the constructed facility, whichever is greater;

5. If the RTC is short-listed to receive a grant award under this application, the Executive Director, or his or her designee, is further authorized to execute a maximum of $10,000 Reimbursable Agreement within 15 days of short-list notification for the completion of project scoping by FHWA Central Federal Lands.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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John Leopold, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary
RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of January 15, 2015
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR FUNDS FOR THE MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL NETWORK

WHEREAS, the RTC is eligible to receive federal and state funding for construction of transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the California Coastal Conservancy is to expand the system of coastal public accessways, open-space areas, parks and inland trails that connect to the coast;

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the California Coastal Conservancy is to develop the California Coastal Trail as a major recreational amenity, tourist attraction, and alternative transportation system;

WHEREAS, the planned Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) is a bicycle and pedestrian trail that would promote sustainable transportation and provide an alternative to motor vehicle travel;

WHEREAS, the MBSST Network will serve as the California Coastal Trail throughout Santa Cruz County;

WHEREAS, a MBSST segment along the north coast of Santa Cruz County would provide access to three federal lands along the coast: California Coastal National Monuments, Coast Dairies and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary;

WHEREAS, Coastal Conservancy requires a resolution authorizing the agency administrator to enter into an agreement with Coastal Conservancy to administer the grant;

WHEREAS, the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has also agreed to provide matching funds to the Federal Highway Administration’s Federal Land Access Program grant if awarded;

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 submit a grant application with the California Coastal Conservancy;

2. If the RTC is awarded the grant, the Executive Director, or his or her designee, is authorized to complete negotiations, execute necessary agreements with the California Coastal Conservancy and any other entities as necessary to receive such funds and to execute amendments to the agreement as necessary;

3. If the RTC receives a grant award from the Coastal Conservancy under this application, the RTC certifies that the RTC board will ensure maintenance of the proposed segment of the MBSST Network for a period of 20 years.
AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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John Leopold, Chair

ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary
Federal Land Access Program Proposed Project Summary
Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
(Northern Reach, Portion of Segment 5)

Project Description: The project proposed for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant is to design and construct approximately 6.1 miles of new multi-use bicycle/pedestrian/equestrian trails along the North Coast of Santa Cruz County from Wilder Ranch State Park parking area to Hwy 1 at Laguna Rd (Figure 1). The project includes paved trails within the rail line right-of-way (4.6 miles) and natural surface spurs (1.5 miles).

Total Project Cost: $9.5 M ($5.5 M proposed from FLAP, $3 M matching from Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and $950,000 matching from California Coastal Conservancy)

Background: The proposed project is part of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) which is a two county project to develop a bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the entire coastline of the Monterey Bay and beyond. The MBSST has been championed by Congressman Sam Farr to foster appreciation for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. A Master Plan was finalized in 2014 for the Santa Cruz County portion of the trail – a 50 mile network of planned multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trails spanning the length of Santa Cruz County. The 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line will serve as the rail trail spine of the MBSST Network with 18 miles of spur trails. The MBSST Network serves as the California Coastal Trail in Santa Cruz County. Over $5 million has already been allocated for construction of two sections of the rail trail.

Additional Project Information: This proposed trail project will provide linkages to the existing Wilder Ranch trail, the MBSST on the west side of the City of Santa Cruz that will be constructed along the rail line in the next few years (Santa Cruz Wharf to Natural Bridges Drive) and the existing spur trails to access the coast and beaches. If this project is funded, a separated, paved bicycle/pedestrian trail will run approximately 9 miles from the San Lorenzo River in the City of Santa Cruz up the north coast to Hwy 1 at Laguna Rd.

These trails will provide access to three Federal Lands in Santa Cruz County: California Coastal National Monuments, the newly acquired Coast Dairies property and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). This trail network includes paved multi-use paths within the rail line right-of-way (4.6 miles) and natural surface spurs (1.5 miles) to provide greater coastal and community connectivity. Motor vehicle parking will also be improved at the intersection of Highway 1 and Laguna Rd trail head for improved access to Coast Dairies, MBNMS, California Coastal Monuments, and MBSST.
The project includes design and construction of 4.6 miles of Class 1 multi-use paved paths including construction of paved surfaces of 12 feet or wider where ROW exists and high use is anticipated; safety fencing separating trail from railroad tracks and agricultural operations as needed; construction of 1.5 miles of unpaved trails. The project includes barrier plants as buffers to soften fencing; signage with emergency locator, directional, interpretive and regulatory messages; compliance with ADA requirements; drainage; road modifications at street crossings; and trail amenities such as benches and bicycle racks. Design and construction of an improved parking area for motor vehicle access to Federal Lands is also proposed.

RTC staff, in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), proposes to request approximately $5.5 million from the California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) out of a total project cost of approximately $9.5 million. The remainder of the project costs will come from matching funds. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has committed to a match of $3 million and the Coastal Conservancy is planning on partnering on the project with $950,000 in matching funds. These funds provide a match of over 40%, well above the 11.47% required match. Submittal of the grant application will also be bolstered by support from many individuals, groups, and members of the community through letters of support. Additionally, videos to accompany the grant application were recommended in the guidelines and therefore, Santa Cruz County residents Eric Thiermann of The Impact Media Group and Paul Schoellhamer spent countless volunteer hours filming and producing an outstanding professional video in support of the project. The video will be available on the RTC’s MBSST project web page: [http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/](http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/)

The MBSST Network when fully developed will offer one of the most stellar active transportation networks in the country. This multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trail will provide both locals and the many visitors to Santa Cruz County a sustainable transportation option for accessing some of the most stunning beaches, coastal hills and redwood forests of our nation.

The benefits provided by the MBSST are at the heart of what federal, state and local programs are aiming to achieve in funding transportation systems that are sustainable. This trail system will transform transportation in Santa Cruz County by offering safer, greener, and healthier options for bicycling and walking. Residential areas will be connected to employment districts, schools, downtown areas, parks, beaches, and community centers that line the coast. The MBSST project will help us advance the state and local sustainability measures of improved access, mobility, environment, safety, economic vitality and health as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The MBSST project also furthers the requirements of SB 908 to complete the California Coastal Trail as the MBSST serves as the California Coastal Trail through Santa Cruz County.
Figure 1. Proposed Federal Lands Access Program Project Map – Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network, Portions of Segment 5, Northern Reach