Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
April 2, 2015 Meeting Highlights

2015 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List and Public Hearing
The Regional Transportation Commission received information about the development of the 2015 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list. Members of the public are encouraged to provide input on the draft 2015 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list at the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on April 14, 2015 at the Aptos Public Library. A public hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2015 at the Regular RTC meeting in Capitola.

State Legislative Update and Positions
The Regional Transportation Commission received information on state legislative activities. The RTC voted unanimously to support bills that could potentially generate new revenues or preserve existing funds for transportation projects in Santa Cruz County, including: AB227 (Alejo), SB 321 (Beall), SB 344 (Monning) and ACA4 (Frazier).

Rail Corridor Update
The Regional Transportation Commission received an update on the rail corridor activities. Information was provided about recently completed rehabilitation of four bridges and Iowa Pacific/Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway’s freight operations. The Passenger Rail Feasibility study will be ready for public review by summer and pre-construction activities are underway on two Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network segments, in the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. Collaboration is continuing with the community on graffiti abatement and garbage removal along the rail line with groups that have secured rights of entry and insurance agreements. Now that La Selva Bridge is complete, the entire rail line is again operational and for safety reasons, pedestrians and bicycle access is not permitted until trail sections are constructed.
Rail Motorcar Excursion in Late April
The Regional Transportation Commission approved a rail motorcar excursion on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line for April 25 and 26, 2015 organized by the North American Railcar Operators Association (NARCOA).

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:
Please check the RTC website [www.sccrtc.org] or call 831-460-3200 to confirm. Most agendas are posted to the website 4 business days before the meeting.

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee - Canceled
Thursday, April 9, 2015, 3:00 pm
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Advisory Committee
Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 1:30 pm
Aptos Public Library, 7695 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA
Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)
Thursday, April 16, 2015, 9:00 am
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 19, 2015 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015, 9:00 am
Capitola City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Ave, Capitola

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.