



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2013
1:30 p.m.
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Teresa Buika, UCSC
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy
Steve Jesberg, City of Capitola Public Works and Community Development Proxy
Cody Meyer, AMBAG
Chris Schneider, City of Santa Cruz Public Works
Ken Thomas, City of Santa Cruz Planning
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works and Planning Proxy

STAFF PRESENT

Grace Blakeslee
Cory Caletti
Rachel Moriconi

OTHERS PRESENT

Jennifer Calate, Caltrans District 5 (via phone)

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1. Call to Order –Chair Chris Schneider called the meeting to order.
 2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.
 3. Oral communications – Grace Blakeslee announced that a Complete Streets Workshop will be held on November 13 in Marina and provided an overview of the workshop agenda.
 4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Item 7 was tabled to the November ITAC meeting. A handout was distributed for Item 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes of the August 22, 2013 ITAC meeting (**Fontes/Wiesner**; Buika and Jesberg abstained)

REGULAR AGENDA

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

County: Steve Wiesner reported that the storm damage repair project at Eureka Canyon is wrapping up. Paulsen Road is currently closed for culvert replacement until 10/25.

Watsonville: Murray Fontes reported that the citywide street resurfacing project is ongoing. Reconstruction of Airport Blvd from Highway 1 was approved.

UCSC: Teresa Buika reported that 16 "smart" bike lockers, which use BikeLink cards rather than keys, were recently installed, with 8 more to be installed soon.

Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter reported that the Broadway/Brommer-Arana Gulch multiuse path preconstruction meeting took place on October 17, with the contractor scheduled to mobilize on November 4. The Agnes connector is being bid as a separate project. The award letter for construction of the Soquel-Park Way traffic signal project, which includes adding left turn lanes, just went out. PG&E has already moved the utilities. Work on the Mission Street extension project has been completed.

RTC: Rachel Moriconi reported that the Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Pedestrian Workgroup has worked with Metro to add Pedestrian Hazard Report information on buses and has done outreach to the media and others. The RTC is partnering with the Volunteer Center for Make a Difference Day on October 26, where volunteers can help remove graffiti along the rail line in Aptos. The southbound auxiliary lane on Highway 1 between Morrissey and Soquel interchanges opened on October 8.

Caltrans: Jennifer Calate (via phone) provided updates on the California Transportation Plan, Caltrans projects, and announced a grant opportunity through the Coastal Commission for climate change adaptation planning.

7. Santa Cruz METRO Short Range Transit Plan Presentation – ***Postponed to the next ITAC meeting.***

8. Received Presentation on the AMBAG LiveMaps Tool

Cody Meyer (AMBAG) provided an overview of the LiveMaps GIS planning tool for the Monterey Bay region. The program is online at www.movingforwardmb.org. Layers related to land use, natural features and transportation data are available, based on information provided by local agencies to AMBAG. Mr. Meyer demonstrated how to use the online GIS program and encouraged local agencies to use the program.

9. Received Presentation on the AMBAG Bicycle Model Web Tool

Cody Meyer (AMBAG) presented the online cycle-tracks modeling tool which is used to collect and analyze data from bicycle riders on which routes they travel. The program will be used to help the Air District and local agencies to estimate net-cost/benefit of bicycle projects. Phase 1 of the project was development of a smart phone application. The website now allows riders to report their routes online, without using a cell phone

GPS. Cory Caletti and Teresa Buika shared suggestions for improving the application, website, and conducting public outreach. Mr. Meyer gave ITAC members flyers on the application to distribute.

10. Received Presentation on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Master Plan

Cory Caletti reported that the RTC is scheduled to adopt the MBSST Master Plan and certify the plan's environmental impact report (EIR) at its November meeting. She highlighted updates that were made to the documents based on input received on the drafts. These included refined cost estimates, opportunities to implement smaller sections of the trail within each segment, at-grade crossing type updates, and updated segment descriptions. She noted that the full network will be designated as the California Coastal Trail, which could expand funding opportunities. In response to questions from ITAC members, Ms. Caletti noted that CEQA review for individual segments could tier off the program level EIR. As local jurisdictions move forward to construct sections, an MOU will be established to clarify responsibilities of the RTC and local agency. Regarding right-of-way and trail design, she noted that federal regulations require a minimum clear space of 8.5 feet from the centerline of a track; Iowa Pacific has an easement of 10 feet from the centerline of any track; the minimum trail width is 8 feet with 2 foot buffers; thus 32 feet is the minimum space needed along the rail line for both the rail and trail, though some exceptions may be possible.

11. Received State Legislative and Active Transportation Program Update

Rachel Moriconi highlighted a few of the transportation-related bills considered by the state legislature this year, included in the ITAC packet. She also provided a summary of the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) established in SB99 and AB101, which consolidates funds from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program, Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle Transportation Account programs. She highlighted issues that are currently being discussed at California Transportation Commission (CTC) lead workgroup meetings, and reported that draft guidelines will likely be available in early 2014, with a call for projects in the spring. She asked project sponsors to inform her of any issues they would like shared at the state level regarding implementation of the program.

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm. The next meeting of the ITAC is scheduled for November 21, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the RTC Conference Room in Santa Cruz.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi

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