1. Call to Order – Chair Chris Schneiter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.

3. Oral communications – Grace Blakeslee appreciated agencies for attending the Complete Streets Workshop on November 13, noting that all of the planning and public works departments in Santa Cruz County sent representatives.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Staff distributed a handout with updated staff recommendations for Item 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes of the October 17, 2013 ITAC meeting, with one minor change to show UCSC smart bike lockers were installed at 24 locations (Buika/Wiesner).
REGULAR AGENDA

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

Scotts Valley: Majid Yamin reported that the RSTP-funded Scotts Valley Drive rehabilitation project is done.

SC METRO: Erich Friedrich reported that METRO has been working to redesign Pacific Station and has received 700-800 comments from the public through a variety of outreach methods. Construction of the operations building continues.

RTC: Rachel Moriconi reported that the RTC adopted the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Master Plan on November 7.

County: Steve Wiesner reported that the Graham Hill Road project was completed and storm damaged Paulsen Road and Smith Grade are now open.

Watsonville: Murray Fontes reported that the citywide street slurry seal projects are finishing up. The Airport Blvd project from Highway 1 to Ramport is under construction. The city is going out to bid to construct a roundabout at the Clifford/Pennsylvania intersection.

Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter reported that construction has started for the Broadway-Brommer/Aранa Gulch multiuse path. Construction of the Soquel Ave-Park Way traffic signal project, which includes adding left turn lanes, will begin in mid-December.

AMBAG – Paul Hierling reported that that modeling work for the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)/Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) continues.

Caltrans: Mark McCumsey (via phone) announced that the Caltrans discretionary planning grant applications and guidelines are now available, with applications due February 3, 2014.

7. Santa Cruz METRO Short Range Transit Plan Presentation

Erich Friedrich reported that the METRO draft Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) will be available online very soon. It is a 5-year plan that includes recommendations for paratransit, marketing, capital/financial, policy, and service. Key policy recommendations include setting policies for evaluating new service; establishing Transit Emphasis Corridors that include high quality, frequent service, and some roadway infrastructure modifications; formal standards for evaluating productivity and efficiency of routes; standards for deviating routes if needed; and modification to spacing between bus stops. He reported recommendations for modifying some specific routes and marketing to “choice” riders are also included in the plan. Meeting attendees made suggestions for Transit Emphasis Corridors, reducing trip travel times, providing information to riders via smart phones, ensuring route changes still serve major origins...
and destinations, and including driver bilingual and sensitivity training. It is anticipated
that the draft plan will be released in mid-December for a 45-60 day review period. RTC
staff recommended that local jurisdictions review and provide feedback to METRO staff
on infrastructure modifications proposed for Transit Emphasis Corridors.

8. Recommendations for the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Rachel Moriconi presented staff recommendations for programming approximately $5.9
million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), $3.5 million Regional
Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), and $5.3 million in Monterey Bay Sanctuary
Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) funds. She commended project sponsors for their work
on the applications. She distributed revised recommendations for Monterey Bay
Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) funds based on RTC direction at the
Transportation Policy Workshop, as well as preliminary recommendations regarding
which funding source to program to each project. She noted that based on board
direction at the TPW and discussions with City of Scotts Valley staff, that RTC staff
would be recommending an additional $46,000 for the Mt. Hermon Road/Scotts Valley
Drive intersection, by reducing funds slightly to other projects.

ITAC members expressed general support for the preliminary staff recommendations,
but suggested increasing or decreasing funds to some projects. Chris Schneiter stated
that the Highway 1 San Lorenzo River bridge project is important and needs funds to
start environmental review. He stated that the bridge is more vulnerable to the
environment than other Highway 1 facilities and is important to the University. Murray
Fontes noted he was satisfied with the preliminary staff recommendations, but
concerned about revised recommendations which eliminate funding for Watsonville’s
Walker Street section of the MBSST. Steve Wiesner expressed concern that more
funding was not recommended for County projects, though recognized other needs in
the region. He expressed concern at funding non-road projects with STIP and RSTP and
suggested increasing funds for the Casserly Road bridge by $150,000. Majid Yamin
noted that while the City of Scotts Valley could increase its match by $46,000 for the
intersection project, he suggested increasing the amount programmed by $92,000.

The committee unanimously approved a motion (Dettle/Yamin)
recommending that the RTC approve the revised staff recommendations
(including TPW direction for the MBSST funds) with the following changes:
- Reduce the reserve of STIP funds for the Highway 1 41st-Soquel
  Auxiliary Lanes from $2 million to $1.5 million;
- Add $454,000 for Highway 1 San Lorenzo River Bridge environmental
  review;
- Add $46,000 for the Scotts Valley Dr/ Mt Hermon Road intersection.

9. The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm. The next meeting of the ITAC is scheduled for
December 19, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the RTC Conference Room in Santa Cruz.