



*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
phone (831) 460-3200 ~ fax (831) 460-3215
email: info@sccrtc.org; website: www.sccrtc.org*

*CONTACTS: George Dondero, Executive Director (831) 460-3200
Karena Pushnik, Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator*

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) February 6, 2014 Meeting Highlights

Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report and revision to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan:

The RTC held a public hearing and then adopted a revision to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network Final Master Plan for Segment 17 only, and certified consideration of an addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). The revision for Segment 17 outlines and maps an additional on-road alignment that may be selected at a later time when there is interest in development of this Segment through a separate planning process. The revision identifies the alternative alignment as Segment 17b and the rail trail alignment as Segment 17a. The revision to the plan does not indicate an alignment preference. The addendum to the FEIR was developed in order to address environmental impacts associated with the proposed revision. The final documents will be reprinted, distributed, and posted on the RTC website. RTC staff will now work to distribute the \$5.3 million allocated to three MBSST network projects and develop agreements with the local jurisdictions that are acting as implementing agencies for the first segments.

Release of Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan:

The RTC authorized release of the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for public review for a 55-day comment period from February 12 to April 8, 2014. The RTP is a state-mandated document that identifies transportation needs in Santa Cruz County through the year 2035. It estimates the amount of funding that will be available and identifies planned transportation projects. The RTP is an essential first step in securing funding from federal, state and local sources, and includes discussion of highways, local streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit services, specialized transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities, and airports. This RTP update includes a systematic analysis of measurable sustainability targets, defined as balancing economic vitality, natural environment and healthy communities. Comments may be submitted in writing or at a public hearing scheduled for March 6, 2014 at the County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. Documents are available for review on the RTC's website at <http://www.sccrtc.org/2014-rtp>, and copies will be available at local libraries for the comment period.

2014 Legislative Program and Legislative Updates:

The RTC approved State and Federal Legislative Programs for 2014 to assist in analyzing the transportation impacts of legislative activities. As transportation revenues continue to fall significantly below system needs, the legislative programs continue to focus on both preserving funds designated for transportation and generating new, more stable revenue sources for the range of multi-modal projects in Santa Cruz County. Key legislative issues in 2014 include implementation of MAP-21 at the state and federal level; the next federal transportation act; and efforts at the state level that could result in increased funding for transportation projects.

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.

Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 9:00 am

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

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 9:00 am

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 13, 2014, 3:00 pm

CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Bicycle Committee

Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:00 pm

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 1:30 pm

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 1:30 pm

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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.