



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission  
Budget and Administration/Personnel  
Committee**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 13, 2014  
3:00 pm**

Santa Cruz County CAO's Conference Room  
701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Montesino at 3:02 pm

Members Present

Commissioner Alternate David Reid	Commissioner Alternate Patrick Mulhearn
Commissioner Bruce McPherson	Commissioner Alternate Tony Gregorio
Commissioner Eduardo Montesino	

RTC Staff

George Dondero	Karena Pushnik
Luis Mendez	Daniel Nikuna
Yesenia Parra	

1. Introductions-Self introductions were made
2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda

Replacement pages for item 10 and a letter from the RTC Bicycle subcommittee on RTC rules and regulations for item 12.

3. Oral communications-

Commissioners gave their opinion on the color for the La Selva Beach trestle replacement. The railroad operator will store 20 open hopper railroad cars owned by Graniterock. The cars will be stored south of Buena Vista Drive where they will not impact any crossings and likely not be visible by the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Alternate Patrick Mulhearn moved and Commissioner Alternate David Reid seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed

unanimously with Commissioners Montesino and McPherson, and Commissioner Alternates Gregorio, Reid, and Mulhearn, voting "aye."

4. Approved minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting
5. Accepted first and second quarter FY13-14 warrants and credit card reports
6. Accepted FY2013-14 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
7. Accepted New Freedom Safe Paths to Transit Grant report
8. Accepted TDA report

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

9. Commissioner Retreat-Oral Report

Commissioners directed staff to present a proposal for a Commissioner retreat to the full Commission. Staff was asked to try to find a consultant locally. Possible discussion topics should be education on critical issues, strategies to implement the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and a future ballot measure, for example.

10. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Budget and Work Program

Deputy Director, Luis Mendez provided information on the proposed budget amendments for projects such as Commute Solutions electric vehicle charging station, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan, Highway 1 to cover additional unforeseen work and an exchange of federal RSTP funds for state Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for bridge rehabilitation work.

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn seconded to: approve the FY 2013-14 Budget and Work Program amendments including the exchange of federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for state RTSP Exchange funds. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Montesino, McPherson and Commissioner Alternates Reid, Mulhearn, and Gregorio voting "aye."

11. Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Proposed Budget

Deputy Director, Luis Mendez provided information on TDA estimates for FY2014-15. The proposed budget includes increases to TDA recipients. Mr. Mendez also noted that the RTC would no longer be receiving Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds; that funds would be carried over for the Rail/Trail Authority for bridge rehabilitation work which will start in FY 2013-14; and that RTC reserves will be maintained as previously approved by the Commission. He noted that Caltrans has been asked

to cancel some plant establishment projects due to the drought; however, they are not sure if this mandate also includes the Highway 1 project.

Commissioners discussed Park and Ride Lots and possibilities for a park and ride lot in the summit area. They also discussed rail property leases and temporary event agreements along the rail line, clean up, graffiti abatement and the bike signage project.

Commissioner Alternate Reid moved and Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn seconded to: recommend that the RTC approve the proposed FY2014-15 budget including the exchange of federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for state RSTP Exchange funds as requested by project sponsors. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Montesino and McPherson and Commissioner Alternate Reid, Mulhearn and Gregorio voting "aye."

Commissioner Montesino departed the meeting.

## 12. Amendment to the RTC's Rules and Regulations

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report. He noted that the manner in which meeting minutes are recorded currently include paraphrasing; however, other agencies only have action minutes. Leo Jed, RTC Bicycle Committee member discussed the letter from the Bicycle committee which is requesting additional changes to the RTC rules and regulations to include a requirement that jurisdictions have the RTC Bicycle Committee review proposed bike/ped projects.

Commissioners discussed staff time required to prepare meeting minutes and the inability for the RTC to require other jurisdictions to add the RTC Bicycle Committee to the review process.

Commissioner Mulhearn moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded to: recommend that the RTC approve proposed revisions to the RTC Rules and Regulations as presented by staff and to use the action item format for all committee and RTC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioner McPherson and Commissioner Alternates Gregorio, Reid and Mulhearn voting "aye."

## 13. Actuarial Valuation Report of RTC Other Post-Employment Benefits as of July 1, 2012 under GASB 45

Administrative Services Officer, Yesenia Parra presented the staff report. Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Mulhearn seconded to: accept the GASB45 Actuarial and to direct staff to continue to use the "pay-as-you-go" funding method. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioner McPherson and Commissioner Alternates Reid, Mulhearn and Gregorio voting "aye."

14. Review of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 4:35 pm

**CLOSED SESSION**

15. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Agency Negotiator: George Dondero, Luis Mendez, Yesenia Parra

Negotiation Parties: Louis Rittenhouse

Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

16. Report on closed session

Commissioners reconvened to open session at 4:50 pm and there was no closed session report.

17. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm. Next meeting

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the RTC conference room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Staff

Attendees

Les White	Santa Cruz METRO
Leo Jed	RTC Bicycle Committee member
Peter Scott	RTC Bicycle Committee member
Rahn Garcia	RTC Counsel