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

Public Hearing for the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):

The RTC held a public hearing to receive public testimony on the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a state-mandated document that identifies transportation needs in Santa Cruz County over the next twenty-two years. The Draft 2014 RTP was released for public review on February 12, 2014, and comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2014. The full document is available on the RTC's website: <http://www.sccrtc.org/2014-rtp>. The RTC also received a presentation from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) on its Draft 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the MTP/SCS and Regional Transportation Plans of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation Project:

The contractor for the railroad bridge rehabilitation project has submitted most of the construction documents requiring review and approval to begin construction on the bridges included in the contract. The project team has also inspected the steel fabricator's facility in Coolidge, AZ and was reassured that the fabrication of the La Selva Beach trestle is in capable hands. The La Selva Beach Trestle will have almost a complete reconstruction with the exception of the footings.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Budget:

The RTC approved its budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which includes the funding to meet the RTC's state and federally mandated responsibilities as well as continue the RTC's priority transportation projects and programs. Projects for 2014-15 will include continued oversight of the Highway 1 projects, rehabilitation for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, implementation of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and initiation of work towards the next RTP. The budget also includes funding for a variety of projects and services including Freeway Service Patrol, bus transit service, bicycle and pedestrian education, and rehabilitation of various local roads such as Empire Grade Road, Green Valley Road, Mt. Hermon Road, Bear Creek Road, Capitola Road, Porter Street and Summit Road.

Update on 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP):

In 2013 the state legislature created the Active Transportation Program (ATP), consolidating funds historically designated for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) and Safe Routes to Schools grant programs with funds from the new federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has developed draft guidelines for the program and is expected to issue a call for projects on March 21, with applications due May 21, 2014.

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, April 3, 2014, 9:00 am

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

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 9:00 am

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, April 10, 2014, 3:00 pm

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

Bicycle Committee

Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 pm

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 1:30 pm

SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 1:30 pm

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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.