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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) June 5, 2014 Meeting Highlights**

### **Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fiscal Years 2010-2012 Triennial Performance Audits:**

State law requires triennial performance audits of local transportation planning agencies and transit operators who receive Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The RTC FY 2010-2012 triennial performance audit found that the RTC and operators (including the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Community Bridges and the Volunteer Center) are in compliance with TDA requirements and in some cases exceed those requirements. The RTC portion of the triennial performance audit also includes four recommendations, which staff will work to address, and found that the three recommendations from the previous audit have been implemented.

### **State and Federal Legislative Updates:**

The RTC received an overview of state and federal legislative activities that could impact transportation planning, programming and projects in Santa Cruz County. Several transportation bills are under consideration in the current session of the state legislature, including proposals to redirect vehicle weight fees from the General Fund back to transportation and a resolution urging the President and U.S. Congress to stabilize the Highway Trust Fund (SJR 24). In addition, there are several competing state proposals for how to spend cap-and-trade fees on businesses that emit greenhouse gases, with legislators and the Governor expected to resolve the differences before enacting the state budget. In Washington, D.C., the President and Congress have put forth several transportation proposals, especially with the federal surface transportation bill called MAP-21 set to expire on September 30.

### **2014 Train to Christmas Town Operating Plan and License:**

The RTC approved a passenger rail operating plan for Train to Christmas Town operations out of Watsonville in November and December through 2015. Both this seasonal passenger rail service and freight rail operations are conducted in accordance with the RTC's operating agreement with the shortline operator, Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay (SC&MB) Railway, which in turn is responsible for maintenance of the tracks and related rail equipment. Train to Christmas Town also helps to meet legal requirements specified in the voter approved Proposition 116 stating that the funds provided to the RTC for purchase of the rail line were for "rail projects within Santa Cruz County which facilitate recreational, commuter, intercity and intercounty travel."

## **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

*Please check the RTC website [[www.sccrtc.org](http://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, August 7, 2014, 9:00 am

Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley

### Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, June 26, 2014, 9:00 am

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

### Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, June 12, 2014, 3:00 pm

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

### Bicycle Committee

Monday, August 11, 2014, 6:00 pm

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

### Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 1:30 pm

RTC Watsonville Offices, 275 Main Street, Suite 450, Watsonville  
*(note alternate location)*

### Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 1:30 pm

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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