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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 7, 2014 Meeting Highlights

Travel Time and Travel Time Reliability for Highway 1:

The RTC received a report on travel time and travel time reliability for Highway 1 based on data aggregated from Caltrans detectors along the highway through the Performance Measurement System (PeMs). The report includes graphs showing variability in travel time during different times of day, in both northbound and southbound directions between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Projected travel time and travel time reliability for 2035 based on implementation of projects prioritized in the approved 2014 Regional Transportation Plan was also discussed. The full report is available on the RTC's website at: <http://www.sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/2014-08-07-rtc-agenda-packet.pdf#page=112>

Passenger Rail Study Update:

An update was provided to the RTC regarding the public input and information gathering phase of the Caltrans-grant funded Passenger Rail Study to evaluate the feasibility of passenger rail service on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. RTC staff and interns conducted a massive outreach campaign to encourage public feedback via an online survey, an abbreviated paper survey in English and Spanish, and a workshop held in mid-county. The survey was completed by almost 2,000 participants and an overflow crowd attended the workshop. Staff provided the RTC with a few highlights from the data gathered. Next steps include technical stakeholder and rail peer review meetings, after which materials will be refined by consultants to present their recommendations to the RTC at the September 4th meeting. At that meeting, the Commission will be asked to approve 3 to 5 service scenarios to undergo detailed ridership and cost analysis.

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Right-of-Way Lease, License and Right of Entry Policy:

The RTC approved new policies for leases, licenses and rights of entry for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way (ROW). Real estate rights, property improvements, encumbrances, responsibilities leases and revenues associated with rail right of way were transferred to the RTC with the completion of public acquisition in 2012. The approved policies will allow the RTC to: fulfill goals for purchasing the Branch Line ROW; meet all laws, regulations and requirements applicable to the RTC's ownership of the Branch Line ROW; protect the interests of the RTC and the public; provide revenue to

help ensure that the Branch Line ROW is a good and sound community asset; and allow uses of the property that are useful to the community and do not interfere with or unduly burden the transportation uses, the RTC or the rail service operator.

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, September 4, 2014, 9:00 am

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

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 9:00 am

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 11, 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, October 14, 2014, 1:30 pm

RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 21, 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.