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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) September 4, 2014 Meeting Highlights

Passenger Rail Study—Goals, Evaluation Metrics, and Scenarios:

The RTC approved goals and objectives, an evaluation framework, station locations and service scenarios for analysis in the Passenger Rail Study for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The RTC's consultant team will now conduct its study based on these approved guidelines, and report back on their technical analysis of different service options later this year. The consultant team is also analyzing opportunities and constraints for various train technologies, including track classification, frequency of passenger trains, freight use of the rail line, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) compliance, short term capital costs, ongoing maintenance and operating costs, and other parameters. The draft study and final reports will be available for public review in Spring 2015.

2013 Annual Report for Safe on 17 Safety Corridor Project:

The 2013 Safe on 17 Program included extra enforcement on Highway 17, collision and citation rate monitoring, Safe on 17 Task Force Meetings, public information and outreach, and highway safety improvements. During 2013, the program surpassed the goal of maintaining the reduced injury and fatal collisions experienced during the initial Office of Traffic Safety grant period. The total number of collisions for 2013 was 420, which ties with 2009 for the lowest number of collisions on record since 1996. There were a total of 1,152 hours of extra CHP enforcement for the year, which increases the number of citations being issued on Highway 17, providing a deterrent to motorists who practice unsafe driving behavior. Also in 2013, Caltrans advanced or completed several important safety projects on Highway 17, including the Guardrail Improvement Project, the Santa's Village Road Guardrail Project, and the Highway 17 Summit Slide Repair Project.

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, October 2, 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, October 20, 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, September 18, 2014, 1:30 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

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