



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Minutes

**Thursday, October 2, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

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

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present:

Brandy Rider (ex-officio)	Dennis Norton
Don Lane	Randy Johnson
Eduardo Montesino	Greg Caput
Neal Coonerty	Zach Friend
John Leopold	Virginia Johnson (alt.)
Dene Bustichi	Daniel Dodge
Lynn Robinson	

Staff present:

George Dondero	Luis Mendez
Jason Laning	Yesenia Parra
Karena Pushnik	Grace Blakeslee
Daniel Nikuna	Tegan Speiser
Ginger Dykaar	Rachel Moriconi

2. Oral communications - none

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Replacement pages for Items 10 and 24 were distributed. Item 9 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to the end of the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Lane seconded the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, R. Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, V. Johnson, Bustichi, and Robinson voting "aye."

MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the September 4, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
5. Accepted draft minutes of the September 11, 2014 Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee meeting
6. Accepted draft minutes of the September 10, 2014 Safe on 17/Traffic Operations System meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

7. Approved appointments and reappointments of members to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
8. Approved 2014 Caltrans Planning Grant Applications (**Resolution 02-15**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

9. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues – *moved to end of Regular Agenda*
10. Accepted FY13-14 SCCRTC Annual Internal Financial Statements

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

11. Approved the Regional Transportation Commission meeting schedule for 2015
12. Approved CalPERS health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2015 (**Resolution 03-15**)
13. Accepted Application for Leave to Present Late Claim from Lisa Wheeler

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

14. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
15. Accepted correspondence log
16. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. Letter to CalEPA and ARB regarding "Disadvantaged Communities" and Cap-and-Trade programs
17. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
18. Accepted information items
 - a. President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Property/Liability Program
 - b. President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Workers' Compensation Program

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Commissioner reports – oral reports

Commissioners discussed participation on Bike-to-Work day.

20. Director's report – oral report

Director George Dondero presented his report. He discussed the posting of the revised RTC Rules and Regulations, and his attendance at a recent CalCOG meeting in Sacramento and the Rail-Volution conference in Minneapolis.

Commissioners discussed topics from the CalCOG meeting and the details of Sandy Lydon's history walks along the rail line.

21. Caltrans report and consider action items

Brandy Rider, Caltrans, presented her report.

Commissioner Dodge arrived to the meeting.

22. Recognition of Senior Transportation Planner Karena Pushnik for service to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee and Veronica Elsea from the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee recognized Senior Transportation Planner Karena Pushnik for her service to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.

23. Pedestrian Safety Work Group's Pedestrian/Motorist Brochure

Senior Transportation Planner Karena Pushnik presented her report.

Veronica Elsea from the Pedestrian Safety Work Group presented the brochure, "What Pedestrians and Motorists Want Each other to Know."

Commissioners discussed: whether the guidelines are consistent with state law; placing copies in libraries and on METRO buses; the possibility of creating a video with the same subject matter; that the brochure should be printed in Spanish; and how the brochure will serve the visually impaired community.

Commission Alternate V. Johnson moved and Commissioner Leopold seconded to approve printing and release of the brochure developed by the Pedestrian Safety Work Group titled "What Pedestrians and Motorists Want Each Other to Know." The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, R. Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Leopold, V. Johnson, Bustichi, Dodge, and Robinson voting "aye."

24. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Budget and Work Program and 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Deputy Director Luis Pavel Mendez presented his report.

Commissioner Friend arrived to the meeting and Commissioner Coonerty left the meeting.

Commissioners discussed: clarification of STA funds and what they can be used for; concerns regarding using TDA funds for the RTC's reserve fund, and the process by which the establishment of a reserve fund was approved; the possibility of using other funds for the RTC's reserve fund; how revenues from rail property leases are used; clarification about carryovers for the rail line bridge work; and whether funding has changed for auxiliary lane projects.

Commissioner Leopold moved and Commissioner Norton seconded, as amended by the replacement pages distributed at the meeting, to:

1. Approve the proposed amended fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 Budget and Work Program;
2. authorize the Executive Director to adjust Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) revenue payments to recipients consistent with the amended FY 2014-15 RTC budget;
3. exchange federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for state RSTP Exchange as shown on budget page 14; and
4. amend the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to reflect the exchange of funds and other project updates as requested by project sponsors and shown in Exhibit B of Attachment 1.

Commissioner Robinson proposed an amendment to the motion to direct the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee to review the sources used for establishing the RTC's reserve fund and return to the Commission with any recommended changes.

Commissioners Leopold and Norton accepted the amendment to the motion. The motion passed (**Resolution 04-15**), with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Montesino, Caput, Friend, Leopold, V. Johnson, Bustichi, Dodge, and Robinson voting "aye," and Commissioner R. Johnson voting "no."

- 24.1 Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues –
moved from consent agenda

Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Lane seconded to accept the status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, R. Johnson, Montesino, Caput, Friend, Leopold, V. Johnson, Bustichi, Dodge, and Robinson voting "aye."

25. Adjourn to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

No agenda items this month

26. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville, CA.

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attendees

Alex Clifford
Guy Preston
Mark Dettle
Veronica Elsea

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