

**AGENDA:** November 6, 2014

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** George Dondero, Executive Director  
**RE:** Director's Report

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**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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**City of Watsonville Adopts Trail Master Plan**

In a show of support the Watsonville City Council adopted the award winning Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan at their October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. While the RTC is the project's lead agency and owner of the rail corridor, support of the plan and leadership from local cities and public agencies will go a long way towards getting the trail built as soon as possible. The City of Watsonville was awarded \$1,040,000 from the RTC last Dec to construct a 4,000 foot segment of the rail trail extending from Lee Road to the City's slough trail system connection point. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County contributed a \$260,000 match. Environmental work is scheduled to begin this month and construction is estimated to conclude at the end of 2016.

**STARS Presentations at TRB**

RTC will be well represented at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. this coming January. I was invited to present on our application of the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System, (STARS) in the development of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. We will also be presenting a paper on the results of the RTP performance measures analysis for advancing sustainability goals. Ginger Dykaar of our staff will make the latter presentation.

**La Selva Beach RR Bridge Construction**

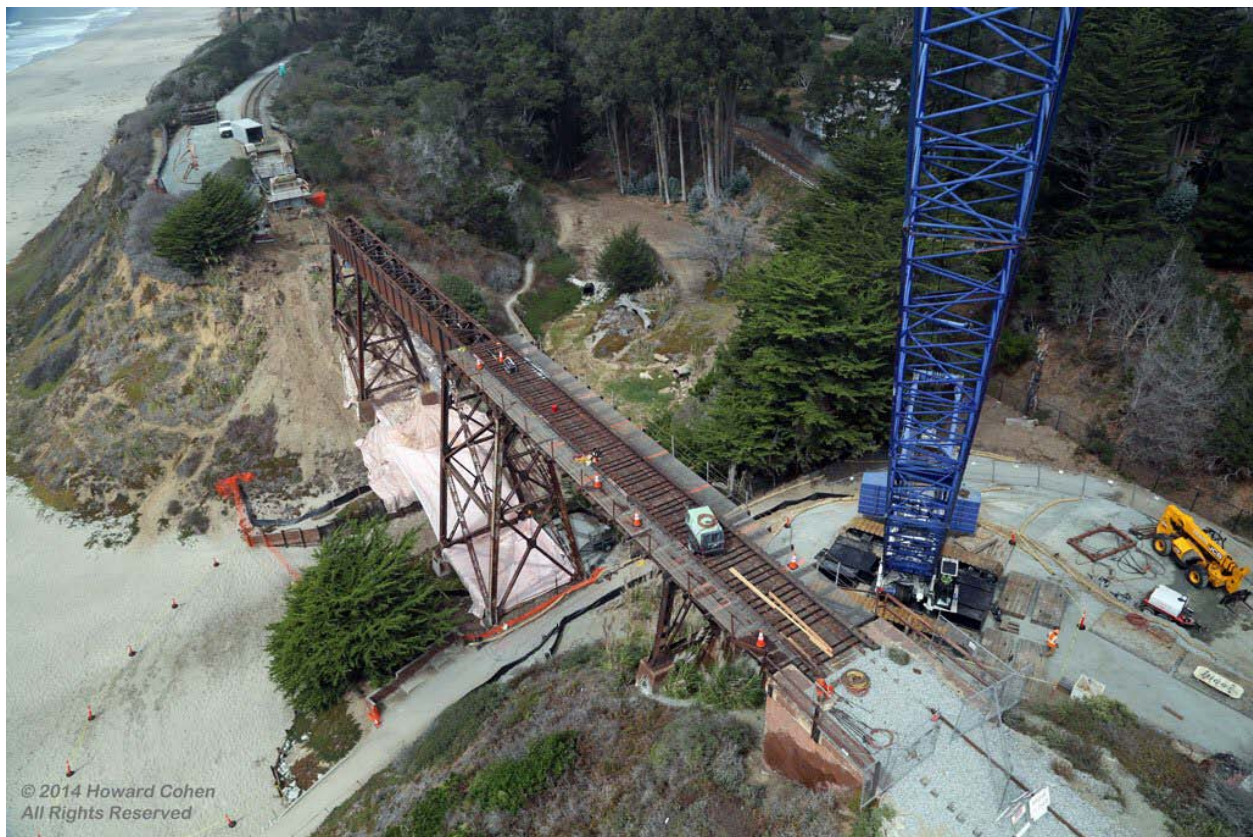
Construction work on the La Selva Beach railroad bridge began in late August. The work completed to date includes:

1. Access road from the end of Sumner Ave. was constructed
2. Crane pads were constructed and cranes were brought in and set up

3. The track was removed from the bridge
4. The old bridge was dismantled and hauled away for recycling
5. Part of the existing footings was removed to make way for new concrete anchors
6. New concrete anchors were constructed over existing footings
7. Four towers arrived, were assembled and set in place

Currently, the new bridge is expected to be completed in the middle of December. The new bridge will have used rail purchased from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

Work began this week at two other bridges. The timber trestle next to Sumner Avenue near Hidden Beach will have a number of components replaced. The burned short bridge in Wilder Ranch will be replaced with a culvert and fill.



View of old LaSelva trestle being dismantled. Photo courtesy of Howard Cohen.



# PROJECT UPDATE – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2014 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implementing Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	<b>Hwy. 1 Guardrail Upgrade, Concrete Barrier, and improvements (05-0R9104)</b>	Highway 1 from S of South Aptos Underpass to .1 Mi N. of Rt 9 (PM 9.0-17.6)	Upgrade Metal Beam Guard Rail, other improvements	Winter 2013/Winter 2014	\$ 2.3 M	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (KB)	RGW Construction Inc., Livermore	Project consists primarily of overnight work, but intermittent day work as well.
2.	<b>Hwy. 17 Laurel Curve NB Shoulder Widening (1C1804)</b>	In Santa Cruz County near Scotts Valley from 0.3 Miles North of Glenwood Cutoff to 0.5 Miles South of Glenwood Drive	Shoulder Widening/Soil Nail Wall	August 4, 2014— Summer 2015	\$3 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Steve DiGrazia (BR)	Graniterock Company DBA Pavex Construction Division, San Jose, CA	Work consists of daytime alternating lane closures. No night closures.
3.	<b>Hwy. 17 Summit Slide Repair (1A7104)</b>	In Santa Cruz County near Scotts Valley at 0.2 mile north of Glenwood Dr. (PM 11.0)	Construct retaining wall with concrete slab & barrier, HMA pave	Spring 2013- February 28, 2014-Plant Establishment will end Fall of 2014	\$2 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Steve DiGrazia (BR)	Condon-Johnson & Associates Inc., Oakland	Construction operations completed February 28, 2014. One year of plant establishment will end May, 2015.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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4.	<b>Hwy. 9 Pollution Source Control (0Q5904)</b>	In Santa Cruz County at and near Boulder Creek at various locations from 0.9 mile south of Glengarry Rd to 0.2 mile north of Mcgaffigan Mill Rd (PM 3.7-18.7)	Construct retaining wall & viaduct structure. Replace drainage pipes. Rehab maintenance turnaround.	Winter 2014- Summer 2015	\$1.8 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Doug Hessing (KB)	Granite Rock Company, San Jose, CA	The highway will be fully closed for up to 5 months for construction of the retaining wall and viaduct due to limited access for staging and equipment. A signed detour route directing traffic to Mount Hermon Road and Highway 17 will be provided. Project awarded 9/30/14 and approved on 10/22/14.