AGENDA
Thursday, December 4, 2014
9:00 a.m.

NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA

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Caltrans (ex-officio) Tim Gubbins
City of Capitola Dennis Norton
City of Santa Cruz Don Lane
City of Scotts Valley Randy Johnson
City of Watsonville Eduardo Montesino
County of Santa Cruz Greg Caput
County of Santa Cruz Neal Coonerty
County of Santa Cruz Zach Friend
County of Santa Cruz John Leopold
County of Santa Cruz Bruce McPherson
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Dene Bustichi
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Daniel Dodge
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Lynn Robinson

The majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
1. Roll call

2. Oral communications

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   Speakers are requested to sign the sign-in sheet so that their names can be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

   **CONSENT AGENDA**

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   **MINUTES**

   4. Approve draft minutes of the November 6, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

   5. Approve draft minutes of the November 6, 2014 Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

   6. Accept draft minutes of the November 13, 2014 Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting

   **POLICY ITEMS**

   No consent items

   **PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS**

   No consent items

   **BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS**

   7. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

   **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

   8. Approve contract for RTC office lease
INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

9. Accept monthly meeting schedule
10. Accept correspondence log
11. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - none
12. Accept miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues
13. Accept information items
   a. Letter from California Legislature to express concern regarding the proposal from the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and Air Resources Board (ARB) to identify “disadvantages communities” and the benefits allocated to these communities from Cap and Trade program revenues
   b. Letter from the California Intercity Passenger Rail (CIPR) Leadership Coalition regarding the draft guidelines for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Commissioner reports – oral reports
15. Director’s report – oral report
   (George Dondero, Executive Director)
   a. Link to video of: “Just Your Average Sidewalk”
16. Appoint 2015 RTC Chair and Vice Chair
   (Eduardo Montesino, RTC Chair)
17. Caltrans report and consider action items
   a. District Director’s report
   b. Construction projects update
18. Project Updates from County of Santa Cruz Public Works – oral presentation
   (Steve Wiesner, Assistant Director of Public Works)
19. Mural for Railroad Bridge Abutment in Capitola  
*Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director*

  a. Staff report  
  b. November 13, 2014 Capitola City Council Agenda Report on Proposed Wharf Road Mural  
  c. Proposed Wharf Road Mural Design

20. Unified Corridors Plan  
*Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner*

  a. Staff report  
  b. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Santa Cruz  
  c. Map of Project Area

21. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation Project

  a. Staff report

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

  a. SAFE agenda attached separately

23. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz City Council 809 Center St., Santa Cruz CA

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members present:
Brandy Rider (ex-officio)  Don Lane
Dennis Norton           Eduardo Montesino
Greg Caput              Neal Coonerty
Zach Friend             Bruce McPherson
Daniel Dodge            Lynn Robinson
Dave Reid (Alt.)        Randy Johnson
Dene Bustichi

Staff present:
George Dondero         Luis Mendez
Tegan Speiser          Yesenia Parra
Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications –

Commissioner Caput asked about the status of the railroad crossing between Hwy 129/Riverside road and Walker Street in Watsonville and the timing of getting the pavement fixed. Staff noted that the rail road operator is currently working with the Caltrans for the traffic management permit.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

A handout for Item 19 and replacement page for Item 21 were distributed.
CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Robinson moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Lane, Robinson, McPherson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Dodge, Bustichi, Norton, Johnson, Reid (Alt.) voting “aye.”

MINUTES

4. Approved draft minutes of the October 2, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting

5. Accepted draft minutes of the October 14, 2014 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory (E&DTAC) Committee meeting

6. Accepted draft minutes of the October 16, 2014 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting

7. Accepted draft minutes of the October 20, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

8. Approved appointment of member to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

9. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues

10. Approved FY14-15 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the RTC Administration, Planning and Operations (Resolution 06-15)

11. Approved Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 Allocation Requests from the County of Santa Cruz (Resolution 05-15)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

12. Approved rejection of claim from Lisa Wheeler
INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

13. Accepted monthly meeting schedule

14. Accepted correspondence log

15. Accepted letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - none

16. Accepted miscellaneous written comments from the public on RTC projects and transportation issues

17. Accepted information items

   a. Joint letter from national organizations calling for federal transportation funding to meet local needs

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Commissioner reports– oral reports- none

19. Director’s report – oral report

   Director George Dondero presented his report. He discussed the adoption of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan (MBSSTN) by the City of Watsonville on October 14th. He noted that the RTC contributed $1,040,000 and the Land Trust contributed $260,000 to the City of Watsonville to construct a 4,000 foot segment of the MBSSTN trail from Lee road to their slough trail. He also noted that at the 2015 Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference in Washington DC the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS) will be discussed, RTC Transportation Planner Ginger Dykaar will be presenting a white paper on performance measures and he will be part of a panel, he gave a status update on the La Selva Beach rail line bridge construction and noted a completion date of mid to late January 2015. Work also began on 2 other bridges, the timber trestle next to Sumner Avenue, and the burned out short bridge in Wilder Ranch.

   Commissioner McPherson thanked the City of Watsonville for adopting the MBSSTN Master Plan he said that this was a great example of cooperative efforts between private entities and government agencies. Commissioners also discussed cost damages to the bridge construction consultants due to a later completion date. Staff noted that the RTC agreed to an extension without damages.

20. Appoint nominating committee for 2015 RTC Chair and Vice Chair

   The Chair appointed Commissioners Friend, Coonerty and Montesino.
21. Caltrans report and consider action items

Brandy Rider noted that Caltrans will be hosting a workshop on November 18th from 3:30-5:30 in Salinas at the Cesar Chavez Library. The focus is the 2015 update to the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan. Caltrans encourages cities and counties with interregional projects to come and be part of the discussion. A webinar is also scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th from 1:30-2:30. Brandy will send webinar information to the RTC for distribution.

Commissioner Caput asked Caltrans to consider waiving the fee of $500 for the Veterans Day parade that goes through Main Street in Watsonville for future years. He thanked Caltrans for waving this year’s fee. He also asked for a fee waiver for the Lady of Fatima parade. Brandy will do research and contact Commissioner Caput directly.

22. Project Updates from City of Watsonville Public Works – oral presentation

Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville Principle Engineer discussed several completed and planned projects in Watsonville including: reconstruction of roadway, increased safety for pedestrians and bicycle riders, roadway preservation, pedestrian improvements, traffic control, congestion relief and a rail trail.

23. Mural for railroad bridge abutment in Aptos

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the challenges that came with the rail line ownership related to maintenance and graffiti abatement and concerns with road diversion on this busy intersection during the mural painting. Commissioners shared their excitement about having the community involvement with the rail line and the use of local artists. They also discussed the process for mural requests and agreed that all request should come before the Commission.

Brian Peoples, Aptos resident, fully supports this mural because this location is a center piece of Aptos. Thanked Steve Allen for his contribution and work for the community and that the rail line is a valuable piece of property and has potential for revenues.

Commissioner Friend moved and Commissioner Robinson seconded the staff recommendation to approve the request to paint a mural on the western abutment wall of the railroad bridge over Soquel Drive at Spreckles Drive in Aptos depicting apple crates with labels used for apples that were grown in Aptos over a background of apple orchards and packing houses. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Robinson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Bustichi, Dodge, Johnson, McPherson, Friend and Reid (Alt.) voting “aye.”
24. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) - Private funding and volunteer labor

Senior Transportation Planner Cory Caletti presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the need for uniformity, design standards, private funding for this type of project that could significantly reduce the amount of time to build certain segments or pieces of segments, the importance of access and liability agreements, guidelines for special events, handling of volunteer work, who will own the funds held at the Community Foundation if the full campaign is not successful, and concerns with the Land Trust’s ability to follow through on this fundraising campaign.

Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Lane second to:

1. Approve a policy for receiving private funds for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSSTN);
2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County;

Motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Lane, Bustichi, McPherson, Friend, Coonerty, Caput, Montesino, Dodge, Robinson, Johnson, Norton and Reid (Alt.) voting “aye.”

25. Update on Commute Solutions and Cruz511

Senior Transportation Planner Tegan Speiser presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the opportunity to work with big technology companies over the hill that would be interested in park and ride lots, the need to continue to work with local schools to reduce congestion, using changeable signs to promote Cruz511 and the process for submitted hazard reports.

Commissioner Robinson moved and Commissioner Lane seconded the staff recommendation to accept the report on the Commute Solutions and the Cruz511 project. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Norton, Lane, Robinson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Bustichi, Dodge, Johnson, McPherson, Friend and Reid (Alt.) voting “aye.”

26. Adjourned to special meeting of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies at 10:53 am.

27. Adjourned SAFE meeting at 10:56 am

28. Reconvene to RTC meeting at 10:56 am

29. Review of items to be discussed in closed session
Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 10:57 am

**CLOSED SESSION**

30. Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation to be considered for one case pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2).


   Agency Negotiator: George Dondero, Luis Mendez, Yesenia Parra
   Negotiation Parties: Louis Rittenhouse
   Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

**OPEN SESSION**

32. Report on closed session

   Commissioners reconvened to open session at 11:35 and there was no closed session report.

33. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am. Next meetings

   The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors 701 Ocean St., 5th floor Santa Cruz CA

   The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

**Attendees**

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MINUTES

Thursday, November 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order immediately following the conclusion of the regular RTC meeting at 10:53 am.

Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main St, 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA

1. Oral communications-none

Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas-none

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lane moved and Commissioner Friend seconded the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Lane, Robinson, McPherson, Montesino, Caput, Coonerty, Friend, Dodge, Bustichi, Norton, Johnson, Reid (Alt.) voting “aye.”

2. Approved Safe on 17 - California Highway Patrol Extra Enforcement (Resolution 08-15)

REGULAR AGENDA

No regular agenda items.

3. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer
MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:00 pm

RTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Members Present
Commissioner Alternate Andy Schiffren
Commissioner Alternate Patrick Mulhearn
Commissioner Alternate Virginia Johnson
Commissioner Alternate Tony Gregorio

RTC Staff
George Dondero
Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra
Daniel Nikuna

Meeting called to order at 3:13 pm.

1. Introductions-self introductions were made

2. Additions or changes to consent and regular agenda- Commissioner Alternate Schiffren noted that a revised agenda was distributed.

3. Oral communications- Deputy Director Luis Mendez noted that Caltrans will be doing an audit of the RTC’s Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP).

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner alternate Johnson moved and Commissioner Alternate Gregorio seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Alternates Schiffren, Mulhearn, Gregorio and Johnson voting “aye.”

4. Approved minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting

5. Accepted first quarter FY2014-15 warrants and credit card reports

6. Accepted TDA report
REGULAR AGENDA

7. Call Box Program Evaluation & Elimination Plan

Deputy Director Luis Mendes introduced the item and Transportation Planning Technician Amy Naranjo presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the process to determine which call boxes would be eliminated, cost savings and how the savings can be used, the need for ADA upgrades and the impacts to motorist.

Commissioner Alternate Mulhearn moved and Commissioner Alternate Gregorio seconded staff recommendation to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission eliminate up to 50 call boxes from the Santa Cruz County SAFE call box system and upgrade all call box cell radios for the call boxes that remain in service from 2G technology to 3G on the AT&T network.

The motion passed unanimously with, Commissioner Alternates Johnson, Schiffrin, Gregorio and Mulhearn voting “aye.”

8. Reserve Fund for the Regional Transportation Commission Operations

Deputy Director Luis Mendez presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed the funding sources that could be used for the RTC reserve.

Commissioner Alternate Johnson moved and Commissioner Alternate Gregorio second that at the next budget consideration or budget amendment that the RTC staff shift the qualifying Commute Solutions Program expenses from the RTC reserve fund to the SAFE reserve fund.

The motion passed unanimously with, Commissioner Alternates Johnson, Schiffrin, Gregorio and Mulhearn voting “aye.”

9. Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting location

Commissioner Alternate Johnson moved and Commissioner Alternate Gregorio second to permanently move all future Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meetings to the County building.

The motion passed unanimously with, Commission Alternates Mulhearn, Schiffrin, Johnson and Gregorio voting “aye.”

10. Review of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

The Committee adjourned to closed session at 3:50 pm
CLOSED SESSION

11. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

   Commission Negotiators: George Dondero and Yesenia Parra
   Bargaining Units: Mid-Management Unit and General Representation Unit

12. Meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:03 and there was no report on closed session

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm. Next meeting

The next Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the RTC conference room, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yesenia Parra
Administrative Services Officer

Attendees
Alex Clifford             Santa Cruz METRO
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) authorize the Executive Director to execute an addendum for a lease extension to the current RTC lease agreement with the Rittenhouse Building and Investment Association for the RTC’s office space at 1523 Pacific Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Since March 2014, staff has been in discussions with the landlord for renewal of the lease for the RTC office space at 1523 Pacific Avenue. The RTC has leased this space since moving out of the county building in 1996. Staff did extensive research on other lease options and was not successful in finding a location that would work for the space needed by the RTC.

DISCUSSION

Through closed sessions, staff has been keeping the RTC apprised of lease negotiations with Louis Rittenhouse and obtaining direction from the RTC. At its November 6, 2014, RTC meeting, staff presented the final proposal from Louis Rittenhouse in closed session. Based on the current lease market and the options to the RTC, staff recommends that the RTC extend it’s current lease with the Rittenhouse Building and Investment Association for five years.

Proposal for five-Year Extension of the Lease

To assist in the negotiations, staff considered current asking prices for vacant office space in the City of Santa Cruz as published by the City. The landlord and staff cycled through 4 proposals before arriving at the following final terms for a five-year extension of the lease.

Trip Net rates for 1523 Pacific Avenue starting January 1, 2015

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Lease Year 5 $7,229.82 ($1.77) 2.5% increase

The rates include the RTC portion of property taxes and insurance. **Improvements to include:**

- New carpet on both stairwells (landlord will chose color)
- Installation of cooling system in network room (tenants will assume responsibility for maintenance)
- Painting interior office (landlord will chose the color, tenants will assume responsibility for moving items, cubicle and large cabinets).

All other terms in the existing lease will remain the same.

**SUMMARY**

Staff has been in lease negotiations with Louis Rittenhouse for the RTC office space located at 1523 Pacific Avenue. Staff used the City of Santa Cruz published leased pricing for vacant space in the City of Santa Cruz to aid in lease negotiations. The FY14-15 budget has sufficient funds to cover the lease cost; therefore, staff recommends that the RTC authorize the Executive Director to execute an addendum for the lease extension to the current RTC lease agreement with the Rittenhouse Building and Investment Association for the SCCRTC’s office space at 1523 Pacific Avenue.
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

December 2014 Through February 2015

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee.

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From: Linda Egan [mailto:linda@bartonpump.com]
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 7:59 AM
To: grichards@mercurynews.com
Cc: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: FW: laurel curve construction

Dear Mr. Roadshow,
I understand the need for improvements at Laurel Curve on Hwy. 17 but currently it more hazardous than it has ever been. The lanes are so squeezed down with temporary K-rails set at sharp angles and bumped out into the lanes combined with an uneven road surface it is just plain dangerous.
I along with many others have had talked about our hair raising close calls. There is certainly no room for car and large Truck to pass through the curve at the same time as I experienced this morning.
Add darkness and a wet roadway and the Accident count will go through the roof.
Can they give us maybe 6 more inches of margin and maybe smooth out some of the sharp angles?

Sincerely,
L. Egan
(25 year hwy. 17 commuter)

From: Karena Pushnik
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 3:02 PM
To: 'linda@bartonpump.com'
Cc: 'Gary Richards'; Cruz, Susana@DOT
Subject: RE: laurel curve construction

Hello Linda Egan –
Thank you for copying the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) on your inquiry to the San Jose Mercury News’ Mr. Roadshow.
I am also copying Susana Cruz, Public Information Officer with Caltrans District 5 which is the owner/operator of the state highways in the central coast area including Santa Cruz County. They may be able to provide a direct response to your recommendation for wider and smoother lanes through this construction area.

In addition, the RTC quarterly convenes a Highway 17 Safety Task Force to work on shared projects and programs because the highway straddles two Caltrans districts, two CHP districts, two transit agencies and two regional planning agencies.

Thank you.

Karena Pushnik, Senior Planner/Public Information Coordinator
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From: M [mailto:purr4449@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:15 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Condition of San Lorenzo Creek rail; bridge

Hi!

This is Margaret.

I have been following the events on the former SP Santa Cruz Branch for some time now. I am not a professional engineer, just a member of the public who hopes for the best for this interesting and historic branch line.

I just wanted to know what the condition of the San Lorenzo rail bridge is.

It has a number of eyebars, and those can cause huge problems, as there can be short cracks in the "eyes" -- say, 3/8 inch -- that can and will "unzip", and cause the structure to fail. Those are, I believe, what structural engineers call "fracture-critical" elements.

I would appreciate an answer to this question from one of your structural engineers.

Thanks.

Hello Margaret,

In August 2012, JL Patterson and Associates, an engineering firm hired by the Regional Transportation Commission, completed an inspection and analysis of the bridges on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Most of the bridges were deemed to require some level of rehabilitation work for normal rail service but in adequate condition for limited rail service. For the bridges in need of some rehabilitation work for regular rail service, four tiers of priority for the rehabilitation work were provided by the engineers. The bridge over the San Lorenzo River was in the third tier of priority. The four bridges that were in the highest tier are currently undergoing rehabilitation work. Rehabilitation work will be performed on the other bridges as funding becomes available.

In accordance with federal law and regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) the rail operator (Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway) must perform regular inspections of the bridges over which it operates.

Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director
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This Contact Request Form has been submitted by a member of the public to http://sccrtc.org/contact-us/.

Name
mark wegrich

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wegrich@att.net

Subject
mar vista overpass

Your Message
What happened to the Mar Vista overpass? We were told about a year ago it would happen in 2014. As a taxpayer its discouraging to see projects going to the City and we get nothing. Please tell the truth at public meetings even if its unpleasant.

Dear Mark Wegrich –

The Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian bridge is included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Plan. Unfortunately, this project cannot move forward until the environmental analysis for the highway is complete. Because many state and federal regulatory agencies must review this document, the timing for completion of the document is not under local control. The draft EIR is now expected to be released for public review mid-2015.

Here is the link to the fact sheet for this project, which was last updated in 2012: http://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/201204-fact-sheet-Hwy1-ped-bridge.pdf
This fact sheet will be updated when there is a firm date for the release of the environmental document.

Regarding projects in your area, here are a few sources of information that may be of interest to you:

- 2014 Regional Transportation Plan - Chapter 6 (http://www.sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Chapter-6-Trans-Investments-FULL.pdf) includes maps of priority programmed (funds designated) and planned projects in the region through the year 2035. Please see the project list and map on webpages 18-19 for the Capitola/Soquel/Aptos area. These transportation projects are funded with a variety of sources, with Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) discretionary funds making up less than 10% of the funds available.

- Information on current projects approved for funds by the RTC are listed in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – available online at: http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/approved-projects/

- Projects approved for funds by the RTC in the most recent years are at: 2014 Approved Projects and 2013 Approved Projects

Thank you.

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According to the November issue of Aptos Life, the bridge will include a separate structure for the rail-trail. Would you please confirm or deny that?

Thanks!

Bill

Karena Pushnik <kpushnik@sccrtc.org> wrote:

Hi Bill –
No, the La Selva Bridge will not include a separate structure for the trail. Thank you for requesting clarification.

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Hi Bill Delaney –

The La Selva Bridge is in Segment 15 of Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan (available here online, please see Section 4, web pages 83-88). The Master Plan identifies four options for the trail at that location:

1) An independent bike/pedestrian bridge structure on the inland side of the existing rail trestle with a landing near the south bridge abutment, crossing over the existing trail to the beach and landing to the inland side of the existing public parking lot;

2) A hybrid retrofit of the existing trestle superstructure with a bike/pedestrian crossing which utilizes the existing rail bridge for some of the lateral support of the new retrofit but not completely supporting the retrofit with the new rail bridge structure;

3) Inclusion of a bike/pedestrian crossing as part of a future rail trestle replacement [note: this option is now moot]; or

4) Use of existing on-street facilities until a new rail trestle is designed and implemented.

Two segments are currently moving forward toward construction, one in the City of Watsonville and the other in the City of Santa Cruz. Other segments will be constructed as funds become available. When Segment 15 moves forward, the implementing entity may select one of the La Selva Bridge options or phase in options. For planning and cost estimation purposes, the Master Plan includes a 300-foot span pre-engineered bike/pedestrian bridge at La Selva.

Thank you.

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Karena Pushnik
RTC | 831.460.3210
October 1, 2014

Matt Rodriquez, Secretary
California Environmental Protection Agency
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1600
Oakland, CA  94612

Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA  95814

Dear Secretary Rodriquez and Chair Nichols:

On behalf of our constituents, we are writing to express concern about the approaches recently proposed by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and Air Resources Board (ARB) to identify “disadvantaged communities” and the benefits allocated to these communities from Cap and Trade program revenues.

The proposed approaches leave out deserving disadvantaged populations around the state and result in geographic inequity for distribution of Cap and Trade revenues by excluding disadvantaged populations that do not reside in narrowly limited areas identified by CalEPA’s EnviroScreen 2.0 tool and limit new investment to a narrow, ½-mile band around these areas. If a broader application is not adopted, the proposed approaches could have the exact opposite of the intended effect by incentivizing construction of new affordable housing far away from jobs centers and increasing both the economic burden on these communities and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

We appreciate your commitment to continue to revise and improve the CalEPA EnviroScreen 2.0 tool through an open and public process, and suggest that CalEPA and ARB adopt a more flexible approach to identifying “disadvantaged communities,” such as the approach taken by the recent Active Transportation Program Guidelines.

Although it is hard to tell from the scale of the maps included in CalEPA’s draft “Approaches to Identifying Disadvantaged Communities,” none of CalEPA’s five proposed approaches appear to recognize virtually any “disadvantaged communities” in some 33 of California’s 58 counties, including those in the Central Coast of California, such as Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Only small pockets are shown in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.
Furthermore, for the proposed Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, which dedicates a minimum of 50% of funding to “disadvantaged communities,” the net effect is that jurisdictions in excluded counties would be ineligible for 50% or more of available grant funds.

Residents of disadvantaged communities often do not have access to well-paying jobs nearby and cannot afford to live close to job opportunities. As a result, they are forced to commute longer distances, from low rent areas, to find work. Long commutes impose additional costs in time and money on these communities and generally result in higher GHG emissions.

Ignoring job-housing relationships and long commute patterns, the agencies’ draft guidance encourages investment of funds from the AHSC program in affordable housing where members of disadvantaged communities reside now, instead of where such housing is really needed, which is close to where they work. The CalEPA guidance document identifies “disadvantaged communities” only based on current residence and the draft ARB guidance places a narrow, ½-mile geographic limit on projects that count as “benefitting” disadvantaged communities.

Rather than a narrow geographic approach based on place of residence that ignores jobs-housing relationships and the fact that in many cities and unincorporated areas disadvantaged populations are spread throughout a community, the agencies should develop a broader, socioeconomic understanding of “disadvantaged communities” as mobile populations, with long, daily commutes from home to work and back. The key to helping these communities and reducing GHG emissions is to enhance transit, bicycle, and pedestrian options, and to promote affordable housing closer to work.

We encourage CalEPA and ARB to instead adopt a more flexible approach to identifying “disadvantaged communities” to ensure that geographic areas, like the Central Coast, are not unnecessarily excluded from receiving Cap and Trade revenues. Given the diversity of our state, it is important to provide flexibility to help disadvantaged communities statewide.

We applaud your commitment to work with stakeholders in an open and public process about how to revise and improve the process of identifying and providing financial assistance to disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

MARK STONE
Assemblymember, 29th District

KATCHO ACHADJIAN
Assemblymember, 35th District

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
Senator, 16th District

LUIS A. ALEJO
Assemblymember, 30th District

DAS WILLIAMS
Assemblymember, 37th District
October 31, 2014

Mike McCoy
Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento CA, 95814

SUBJECT: Draft Guidelines for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

Dear Mr. McCoy:

The California Intercity Passenger Rail (CIPR) Leadership Coalition is comprised of agencies representing California’s three existing intercity passenger rail services and two emerging intercity passenger rail services:

- Capitol Corridor: Sacramento – Oakland/San Francisco – San Jose
- San Joaquin: San Joaquin Valley/ San Francisco Bay Area/ Sacramento
- Pacific Surfliner: San Diego – Los Angeles – San Luis Obispo
- Coast Corridor – Los Angeles/ Central Coast/ San Francisco Bay Area – emerging
- Coachella Valley: San Gorgonio (Los Angeles/ Palm Springs) - emerging

As you may be aware, California is home to three of the five highest ridership routes in the Amtrak national network. One in five passengers on the Amtrak network rides one of the state-supported CIPR services, and California generates $250 million in annual passenger and operating contract revenues.

We have been strong supporters of the Cap and Trade Programs and many of the Transit-Oriented Development projects throughout the State touch one of our corridors. However, this connection appears to have been missed in the Draft Guidelines. After reviewing the Draft Guidelines, the staff from our agencies is concerned with several areas relative to intercity rail.

1. Page 7, Table 1, Section 1 “Transit Requirements” - Please add “Passenger Rail”. The current listing of eligible transit stops includes only High Speed Rail and Commuter or Light Rail passenger services, with no mention of intercity passenger rail services. All passenger rail stops should be eligible for funding, including state-funded “intercity” and federally-funded “Amtrak” services. Recommendation: Add the term “Passenger Rail” as the eligibility criteria.

2. Page 10, Number 3 – Please add “Passenger Rail”. Consistent with the comment above, we recommend the references to “High Speed Rail, Commuter or Light Rail” be deleted and replaced with “Passenger Rail”. We consider this term inclusive of High Speed Rail, Commuter, Light Rail as well as state-funded intercity and federally funded Amtrak operated services.
3. Page 17, Table 5, under Transit and Station Areas - **Please add Rail Capital Projects.** A partial listing of eligible projects is included however several capital improvement areas relative to passenger rail improvements are not included. Please add the following to the Draft Guidelines to assure that rail capital improvements are considered eligible: “Capital projects that improve the passenger train signaling, tracks, or other associated physical infrastructure”.

4. Page 21, Section 104 (g) – **We believe a 50% match requirement is too high.** This level of match requirement places an unnecessary burden on agencies with limited discretionary funds.

5. Page 42, Density Range Table - **Please update this Table.** The table should be updated to include other passenger rail services previously mentioned in comments #1 and #2 above.

6. Page 73, (kkk) Definition of “Public Agency” - **Please add Transportation Commission’s.** We believe Transportation Commissions should be included as eligible agencies.

7. Page 76, (zzz) Definition of “Transit” - **Please clarify passenger rail is “transit”.** This definition limits the conveyance of people or goods by **local** transportation. It is unclear if regional and interregional public transit systems are included. Recommendation: Please clarify that passenger rail is considered “transit”.

Finally, this extensive framework for evaluating projects is ambitious and overly complicated and to that end we urge the Strategic Growth Council to streamline and simplify the Final Guidelines.

We look forward to working with you and your staff as these Guidelines move through the process.

Sincerely,

James P. Spering  
Chair, CCJPA

John Pedrozo  
Chair, SJPA

Fred Strong  
Chair, LOSSAN

Dave Potter  
Chair, CRCC

cc: The Honorable Brain Kelly, Secretary – California State Transportation Agency  
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) Board of Directors  
LOSSSAN Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors  
San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) Board of Directors  
Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Board of Directors
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Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Offered
Caltrans is accepting applications online for the 2015-2016 Sustainable Transportation Planning grants until 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. The newly consolidated grant program supports a balanced, comprehensive multimodal transportation system. It features just two funding categories, Strategic Partnerships ($1.5 million) and Sustainable Communities ($8.3 million). More information is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html

Conserving Water
Caltrans is installing smart irrigation controllers to reduce water usage up to 60 percent at various locations along US 101 and Highway 1 from Santa Barbara County to Santa Cruz County.

The smart devices apply water only when necessary for plant health. They turn off automatically during rain and when it is forecast. They also notify workers if the system malfunctions.

Caltrans is also providing recycled water for highway landscape irrigation. Restroom facilities at a dozen maintenance facilities are also getting upgraded with low-flow fixtures.

More information is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/paffairs/news/pressrel/14pro75.htm

CTC Adopts Active Transportation Program
The California Transportation Commission recently adopted 148 bicycle and pedestrian projects statewide, valued at more than $430 million, in the state’s 2014 Active Transportation Program.

Local agencies in D5 received a value of $22 million for projects located in Santa Barbara, Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. About 770 applications were submitted statewide. The next cycle is expected in 2015.

More information is available at:
http://www.catc.ca.gov
Caltrans Releases Second Mile Marker Report

Caltrans recently released the second issue of The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report. The document details the department’s performance and progress as it strives to improve and modernize California’s transportation system.

It also features Caltrans’ new mission, vision and goals focusing on the safety and health of Californians, sustainability, stewardship, system performance and organizational excellence. More information is available at:

Three Feet for Safety Law Takes Effect

The new California law requires drivers to keep a distance of 3 feet when passing bicyclists on the road. The law states that if road conditions or traffic prohibit a driver from complying with the 3 feet law, then the driver must slow down and wait until safe to pass. The base fine is $35, unless a collision injures a bicyclist, then the base fine is $220. Additional court fees and administrative costs may apply. More information is available at:
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=2013-20140AB1371

Celebrating Diversity and Disability Awareness

Caltrans supports activities improving awareness and appreciation of its diverse and vibrant work force. Caltrans Headquarters and District Offices throughout the state will host their own cultural events in either September or October. District 5 will hold its special lunchtime celebration honoring diversity and disability awareness on Wednesday, October 15.

County Spotlight

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is nearing completion of the draft 2014 US 101 Corridor Mobility Master Plan. This major planning effort is evaluating the entire 70-mile highway corridor countywide and prioritizing top regional packages of transportation improvements addressing safety, mobility and sustainability.

This plan involved extensive public outreach at local jurisdictional meetings, public workshops and online. Individual projects were evaluated using specific performance measurement metrics selected in collaboration with the study’s multi-agency task force.

US 101 Corridor Study

The plan will provide information for SLOCOG’s 2014 Regional Transportation Plan update. The corridor plan is scheduled for SLOCOG Board adoption in December 2014. More information is available at:
http://www.slocogconnectingcommunities.com/library.html
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### Construction Projects in Development

|   | Project                          | Location                                                                 | Description                                                                 | Construction Timeline          | Construction Cost | Funding Source | Implementing Agency | Project Manager (Resident Engineer) | Contractor | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 4.| Hwy. 9 Pollution Source Control (0Q5904) | 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 | Construction work is in Suspension until February 1. The highway will be fully closed for up to 5 months (February 1 to June 1) at Location 1 (PM 3.7, between Santa Cruz and Felton) 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. |
| 5.| Hwy. 1 North County Pavement Preservation and Rumble Strips (05-1C860 & 05-1C310) | Near Santa Cruz from Western Drive to San Mateo C/L | Pavement preservation and install rumble strips | Spring 2015 – Winter 2016 | $10.7 Million | SHOPP | Caltrans | Doug Hessing | TBD | Project is advertising and bids scheduled to open October 30. |
AGENDA: December 4, 2014

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director

RE: Mural for Railroad Bridge Abutment in Capitola

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the painting of a mural on the western abutment wall of the railroad bridge over Wharf Road in Capitola depicting beach goers traveling to Capitola Village surrounded by begonia flowers.

BACKGROUND

In October 2012, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) became the owner of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. One of the challenges that the RTC faces as owner of the rail line is maintaining the property free of graffiti. The RTC hires a painter and works with various entities and individuals in the community to clean up and help prevent the proliferation of graffiti. One measure to prevent graffiti is to paint artwork in public spaces that may be desirable for graffiti. In November 2014, the RTC approved the painting of a mural on a railroad bridge abutment in Aptos.

DISCUSSION

The City of Capitola is interested in painting a mural on the western abutment wall of the concrete bridge over Wharf Road. At its November 13, 2014 meeting, the City of Capitola City Council approved a contract with a mural artist (Attachment 1) and a design for the mural (Attachment 2). The City of Capitola Art and Cultural Commission approved the mural design concept at its October 14, 2014 meeting. As explained in Attachment 1, the proposed mural is an extension of an existing mural on Wharf Road located about one hundred feet northwest of the rail road bridge.

If approved by the RTC, a right of entry would be provided to the City of Capitola for the painting of the mural. The right of entry requires insurance coverage and indemnification of the RTC.

Therefore, RTC staff recommends that the RTC approve the painting of a mural on the western abutment wall of the railroad bridge over Wharf
Road in Capitola depicting beach goers traveling to Capitola Village surrounded by begonia flowers.

SUMMARY

The City of Capitola proposes to paint a mural on the western abutment wall of the rail road bridge over Wharf Road. The City of Capitola Art and Cultural Commission and the City Council have approved the design. Staff recommends approval of the proposed mural.

Attachments:
1. November 13, 2014 Capitola City Council Agenda Report on Proposed Wharf Road Mural
2. Proposed Wharf Road Mural Design

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FROM: CITY MANAGER’S DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: WHARF ROAD MURAL EXTENSION — PUBLIC ART PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Approve the Wharf Road Mural Extension Public Art Project; and 2) authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional service agreement with the artist, John Ton for an amount not to exceed $12,000.

BACKGROUND: The City Council authorized the original Wharf Road Mural project in July of 2010. The current mural is located on the retaining wall on the west side of Wharf Road, between the railroad trestle and Prospect Avenue. The selected artist was Jon Ton, a well known mural artist in northern California. The Art & Cultural Commission is recommending the extension of the mural by the same artist along Wharf Road under the railroad trestle.

DISCUSSION: The original mural depicts beach goers traveling to the Village surrounded by begonia flowers. The new concept envisioned by the Art & Cultural Commission is to extend the same scene along the railroad trestle walls. The area for the mural extension is owned by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), therefore this project will also need to be brought to their board for consideration. Mr. Ton has agree to perform the work with the assistance of a local artist, Mia Negre who assisted him with the original mural.

The Art & Cultural Commission approved the design concept at their meeting held on October 14, 2014. If the City Council should approve the mural extension, staff will bring the project to the RTC for their consideration in December. If approved by the RTC, work can begin as soon as January 2015, dependant upon the weather.

According to Capitola Municipal Code Section 2.56.050, the City Council must approve the art work and artist before finalizing the project.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total funding required for this project is $12,000 from the Public Art Fund. $10,000 for the installation, and $2,000 for additional expenses related to the installation. Funding is derived from development fees as required by the Municipal Code. This fund is restricted in its use for the acquisition, installation, and improvement of public art projects.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Contract
2. Proposed design (to be displayed at the meeting)

Report Prepared By: Lisa G. Murphy
Administrative Services Director

Reviewed and Forwarded
by City Manager: _____
Wharf Road Mural Extension

ORIGINAL MURAL
- Original mural is located on Wharf Road retaining wall between the trestle and Prospect Ave.
- Mural was completed in 2010
- Artist is John Ton

MURAL EXTENSION
- Wharf Road, under the railroad trestle
- Extension of the original design
- Cost: $12,000 – Public Art Fund
- Same Artist – with assistance by local artist Mia Negre
- If approved by the City Council, will need to be approved by the RTC
- Work could begin in January
TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)  
FROM: Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner  
RE: Unified Corridors Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement between RTC and County of Santa Cruz to establish the roles, responsibilities and funding for development of countywide transportation modeling tools.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was awarded a Partnership Planning grant of $211,085 from Caltrans in the Fall of 2012 to develop a Santa Cruz County Unified Corridors Investment Plan. The purpose of the Unified Corridors Plan is to identify transportation investments that optimize usage of the three parallel north to south transportation corridors in Santa Cruz County: Highway 1, Soquel Drive/Avenue and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, while advancing sustainability targets. The Unified Corridors Plan will build on Caltrans’ Corridor System Management Plan, the RTC Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program environmental analysis, the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan, the Rail Passenger Study and Caltrans’ Smart Mobility Framework.

Before initiating the Unified Corridors Plan in 2013, RTC staff reviewed the opportunities and challenges presented by the sustainable transportation analysis in the recently completed 2014 RTP. The use of a sustainable transportation framework and performance measures to inform public dialogue about transportation investments was valuable. Analysis of some sustainability indicators was challenging with available tools. RTC staff considered the value of using a transportation model sensitive to local circulation patterns and sustainable transportation policies to inform development of the Unified Corridors Plan. RTC staff determined that there was high value in providing the public and decision makers with information about multimodal project impacts on local circulation patterns and on sustainable transportation goals.

To accommodate development of the appropriate modeling tools, RTC staff explored a phased approach to the Unified Corridors Plan effort. The initial phase would allow development of the modeling tools followed by a second phase designed to identify transportation investments that advance sustainability targets by using the modeling
tools developed in the initial phase. In October 2014, Caltrans approved a phased approach to developing the Unified Corridors Plan and approved using the grant secured in 2012 to fund Phase I of the planning effort.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the Unified Corridors Plan (Phases I and II) is to identify transportation investments that optimize usage of the three parallel north-south transportation corridors in Santa Cruz County: Highway 1, Soquel Drive/Avenue and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, while advancing sustainability targets. The Unified Corridors Plan involves analyzing impacts of multimodal projects on the three north-south transportation corridors and local roadway connectors within the project area (Attachment 2). The Unified Corridors Plan will provide the public and Commissioners with information about how future small and large multimodal investments along one corridor may work together with investments on parallel corridors to improve effectiveness of the local transportation network.

**Unified Corridors Plan- Phase I**

Phase I includes development of a multimodal countywide transportation model. Development of the model will be a cooperative effort with the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department and Caltrans. A jointly developed transportation model will provide useful functions beyond its application to the Unified Corridors Plan. The model will allow for analysis of future project impacts on the local roadway network, and of sustainable transportation projects identified in the 2014 RTP. The countywide model will provide a more detailed analysis of project impacts than the larger AMBAG 3-county regional model. The countywide model will be useful for analyzing impacts of projects to be considered by the Highway 17 Access Management Study, Caltrans’ Corridor System Management Plans updates, and transportation and land use investments identified in future updates to the County of Santa Cruz General Plan and local jurisdictions climate action plans.

Phase I also includes public outreach efforts designed to obtain input on the community’s priorities for use of each corridor by mode, trip length, and trip purpose. The information obtained through meetings with local jurisdictions, a public workshop and web survey will inform the transportation projects to be analyzed and serve as the basis for the Unified Corridors Plan goals and policies.

The work required to complete Phase I of the Unified Corridor Plan will be a coordinated effort between RTC staff, County of Santa Cruz Planning Department staff, Caltrans, and a contracted consultant. $350,450 is budgeted to complete the Unified Corridor Plan- Phase I. The grant award from Caltrans provides $211,085. The County of Santa Cruz Planning Department has indicated the intent to contribute $100,000 toward development of the countywide sustainable transportation model. RTC will provide a match of $39,365. Of the total grant amount, $250,000 is currently budgeted for consultant services required to develop countywide transportation modeling tools.
Unified Corridors Plan- Phase I Schedule:
  • Project Initiation and Partnership Development, October – November 2014
  • Procurement for Professional Services, November 2014- February 2015
  • Public Outreach, March-May 2015
  • Model Development, April-September 2015

Project Team

The first meeting of the project team was held on November 4, 2014. Local jurisdictions, Caltrans, Santa Cruz Metro, UCSC and AMBAG were invited to participate on the project team. Attendees at the November 4 project team meeting discussed the strength and weaknesses of Highway 1, Soquel Drive/Avenue, and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The project team also identified priority transportation uses for each corridor by mode and trip type. The project team recommended the types of projects to be analyzed by the countywide transportation model. The project team also discussed the potential use of the countywide transportation model to analyze impacts as required by SB 743, which requires that transportation impacts under CEQA address the amount and distance of automobile travel that plans and projects generate.

Memorandum of Understanding

The County of Santa Cruz is a project and funding partner in development of the countywide transportation model. A memorandum of understanding between the County of Santa Cruz and RTC will establish the roles, responsibilities and funding contributions associated with procurement and oversight of services. RTC staff recommends that the RTC authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Santa Cruz (Attachment 1) for development of countywide transportation modeling tools. The County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors are scheduled to consider entering into this Memorandum of Understanding with the RTC at the Board of Supervisor's December 9, 2014 meeting.

Request for Consultant Services

On November 24, 2014, RTC staff released a request for proposals for consultant services to develop countywide transportation modeling tools. Proposals are due to RTC staff on January 8, 2015. The request for proposals was noticed on the RTC website and on RFPdb.com, and emailed to consultants in the RTC mailing database and the Caltrans Disadvantaged Business Enterprise database. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for December 11, 2014. RTC is scheduled to consider a consultant contract for services required to develop a countywide transportation model at the February 5, 2015 meeting.

Unified Corridors Plan- Phase II

Phase II of the Unified Corridors Plan includes development and public input on the draft goals and policies. Phase II is where analysis of alternative investments using
the countywide transportation model and prioritization of investments based on performance, public input and anticipated resources will occur. Phase II of the Unified Corridors Plan is currently unfunded. RTC staff intends to seek additional grant funding for Phase II of the planning effort.

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Unified Corridors Plan is to identify transportation investments that optimize usage of the three parallel north to south transportation corridors in Santa Cruz County: Highway 1, Soquel Drive/Avenue and the Rail Line while advancing sustainability targets. In October 2014, Caltrans approved a phased approach to develop the Unified Corridors Plan and approved funding for Phase I of the planning effort, which includes development of a countywide transportation model. Staff recommends entering into a memorandum of understanding with the County of Santa Cruz for development of the countywide transportation model.

Attachment

1. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Santa Cruz
2. Map of Project Area

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of December 4, 2014
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING TOOLS

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is working to cost-effectively
increase access, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve travel time reliability, improve multimodal
network quality, improve safety, provide transportation choices, and encourage public participation in
transportation decision making in Santa Cruz County as established by the 2014 Regional
Transportation Plan;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has awarded the RTC a
Partnership Planning Grant funded by the Federal Highway Administration to prepare a Unified
Corridors Investment Plan for Highway 1, Soquel Ave/Drive and Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line;

WHEREAS, a countywide transportation model will support analysis of multimodal projects and
sustainable transportation policies to be considered in preparation of the Unified Corridors Plan;

WHEREAS, a jointly developed transportation model will provide useful functions beyond its
application to the Unified Corridors Plan; and,

WHEREAS, a memorandum of understanding with the County of Santa Cruz will establish the
roles, responsibilities and funding for development of the countywide transportation model;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

1. The RTC Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the County of
Santa Cruz in order to establish the roles, responsibilities and funding for development of the
countywide transportation model.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Eduardo Montesino, Chair
ATTEST:

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George Dondero, Secretary

Distribution: RTC Fiscal
RTC Unified Corridors Plan Project Manager
County of Santa Cruz Planning Department

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Unified Corridors Plan Area

Soquel Ave & Soquel Dr

Rail Corridor

Study Area Quick Facts:
Total Population: 75,276
# of Census Blocks: 1,319
TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director
RE: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Bridge Rehabilitation Project

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC):

1. members communicate to the RTC Chair their interest in serving on an ad-hoc contract changer orders committee for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation project; and

2. Approve temporary borrowing from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange fund to pay invoices associated with the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation project.

BACKGROUND

In October 2012, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) completed the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way at a cost of $14.2 million and a commitment to spend at least $5 million to rehabilitate structures on the rail line. In August 2013, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) awarded a contract in the amount of $4,189,001 to Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for rehabilitation of four railroad bridges on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The vast majority of the contract is for the La Selva Beach trestle at a cost of almost $3.7 million. The work at the Selva Beach Trestle will be almost a complete reconstruction.

In 2012, the RTC approved the Contract Changer Order Procedure for construction projects. The procedure includes the appointment of an ad-hoc committee for certain changer orders. A contract change order ad-hoc committee for the railroad bridge rehabilitation project has not been established.

DISCUSSION

Contract Change Order Procedure

The Contract Change Order Procedure approved by the RTC in 2012 for construction projects stipulates that provided that contingency funds have not been exhausted, contract change orders may be approved as follows:
(a) **CCOs with a value of up to $50,000:** The Director shall have the authority to approve. The Director may delegate approval of such CCOs to the Deputy Director. All such approved CCOs will be identified separately and reported at the next regularly scheduled RTC meeting.

(b) **CCOs with a value greater than $50,000 but not greater than $100,000:** The Director shall have the authority to approve following consultation with the RTC Chair. All such approved CCOs will be reported at the next regularly scheduled RTC meeting.

(c) **CCOs with a value greater than $100,000:** The Director shall seek the approval of an ad-hoc committee of the RTC comprised of the RTC Chair and 4 members appointed by the Chair. The decision of the ad-hoc committee, including a thorough description of the situation and alternative approaches considered by the Construction Manager to resolve the matter, will be presented to the full RTC Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the RTC.

RTC staff and the RTC construction management consultant have agreed to one no-cost construction contract change order that extends the contract completion date from the middle of December 2014 to the middle to late January 2015. The change order has not yet been executed. Currently, staff anticipates two more change orders. One change order will decrease the contract amount and other will increase it. It is likely that the net change will be an increase to the contract amount. At this point, it is uncertain what will be the final amounts of the changer orders and it may be necessary for the RTC Chair to appoint an ad-hoc contract change order committee. Therefore, **staff recommends that Commissioners communicate to the RTC Chair their interest in serving on such ad-hoc committee.**

**Temporary Borrowing for Payment of Invoices**

With significant progress on the construction of the La Selva Beach trestle, the RTC has received large monthly invoices from the construction contractor as the work is being done. The funding sources for this project are strictly on a reimbursement basis. Therefore, the RTC needs to pay the invoices before receiving the funds from the State. In the past, the RTC has approved temporary borrowing from the RSTP Exchange fund, which tends to carry a large balance, for payment of large invoices. Therefore, **staff recommends that the RTC approve temporary borrowing from the RSTP Exchange fund to pay invoices associated with the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation project.** This option to borrow from the RSTP Exchange fund is available only for projects and expenses that would qualify for those funds and the work under the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation project does qualify. The RSTP Exchange funds will be repaid as reimbursement is received from the State.

**Permits**

The construction contract includes the work necessary to obtain the required permits to do all of the construction work. It took Stacy and Witbeck some time to
secure permits for three of the bridges and the final permit for the fourth bridge (milepost 4.87 near Harkins Slough) is nearly secured. Stacy and Witbeck has stated that it has taken more time, effort and cost than they anticipated to secure the permits and that the cost should be borne by the RTC. According to Stacy and Witbeck the permits are not typically secured by the contractor; however, the contract does specify that the contractor has the responsibility to secure the permits. Stacy and Witbeck submitted a claim for costs associated with securing permits and that claim was denied.

Rail

It was anticipated that the existing rail would continue to be used on the bridges being rehabilitated. The existing rail on the La Selva Beach trestle still has some life remaining but it is very old and worn. This means that the life of the existing rail is grossly mismatched with the life of the new bridge. Therefore, to avoid the need to return to do work on the La Selva Beach trestle in the near future and to take advantage of an opportunity to secure good condition second-hand rail at a good price, RTC staff agreed to replace the rail on the La Selva Beach trestle. In addition, the rail at Wilder Creek bridge needs to be replaced because the fire that burned the bridge damaged the rail.

Based on research by RTC staff and the RTC engineering consultant, second hand rail sells between $750 and $900 per ton. The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) of Santa Clara County has surplus second-hand rail that is much newer than the existing rail on the La Selva Beach trestle and that is in good condition. VTA agreed to sell some of the surplus rail to the RTC for $600 per ton. The total cost of close to 1,000 feet of 115-pound second hand rail purchased from VTA will be about $11,000.

La Selva Beach Trestle (milepost 9.09)

At La Selva Beach a new steel bridge is being constructed on the existing footings. Fabrication of the La Selva Beach trestle was completed in July 2014 by Stinger Bridge and Iron of Arizona. Construction work at the La Selva Beach trestle began in August 2014. The old bridge was demolished and the majority of the new bridge has already been erected. The very large crane that was used on the southern portion of the bridge was removed on November 21st after it completed its work. A smaller crane is now being used to complete the remainder of the construction. After the bridge is completed a new deck will be constructed with brand new ties and newer rail.

Hidden Beach Timber Trestle (milepost 11.16)

The majority of the work at the Hidden Beach trestle includes the replacement of piles and bracing. The work at that bridge began on November 14th about one week after the necessary timber materials arrived from Washington State. The work should be completed by the middle of January.
Wilder Creek (milepost 23.54)

The small timber bridge above the drainage tunnel for Wilder Creek was burned as the RTC was procuring bids for the bridge rehabilitation work. As a result, the work to be done at that location changed from rehabilitation of the existing bridge to replacement of the bridge with a like bridge and then to replacement with a culvert and fill. The work at this location began on November 21st and should also be completed by the middle of January.

Near Harkins Slough (milepost 4.87)

This is a short timber bridge at a location where runoff from the farms above would erode the road bed. The bridge requires replacement of piles, bracing and ballast guards. Because the bridge is near a slough and not far from potential archeological assets, the Army Corp of Engineers required consultation with the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife (USFW) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). USFW has already determined that the work to be done to rehabilitate this existing bridge does not likely constitute a take and does not require a permit from them. Working with SHPO, the contractor developed a plan to protect any potential archeological assets and final approval is expected soon. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a permit for the work months ago but because there has now been some rain, they may require that the work on this bridge be done in the spring. Train service may operate over this bridge, while work is underway.

SUMMARY

It may be necessary to establish an ad-hoc contract change orders committee for the railroad bridge rehabilitation project consistent with the RTC’s Contract Change Order Procedure for construction projects. Staff recommends that Commissioners communicate to the RTC Chair their interest to participate in the Committee. Large construction invoices require borrowing to pay for the work before the RTC is reimbursed. As in the past, staff recommends that the RTC approve temporary borrowing from the RSTP Exchange fund. Construction work is proceeding at three bridges and the final permit for the fourth bridge is anticipated soon. Work on all three bridges currently under construction should be completed in the middle to late January 2015. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board may require that work on the bridge at milepost 4.87 near Harkins Slough begin in the spring. The bridge may be used for train operations while work is underway.