



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Taylor Bateman, Scotts Valley Planning
Piet Canin, Ecology Action
Murray Fontes, Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy
Paia Levine, County Planning
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5
Anais Schenk, AMBAG
Chris Schneider, Santa Cruz Public Works and Planning Proxy
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works
Majid Yamin, Scotts Valley Public Works

STAFF PRESENT

Ginger Dykaar
Rachel Moriconi

OTHERS PRESENT

Amelia Conlen, People Power

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1. Call to Order –Chair Chris Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
 2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.
 3. Oral communications – Rachel Moriconi reminded public works departments to complete the statewide local streets and roads needs assessment survey online at savecaliforniastreet.org/. She also reminded project sponsors to review and submit updates to their Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) project listings. The listings were emailed to sponsors on 2/10/2014. She also circulated flyers on the upcoming Santa Cruz METRO Pacific Station workshops.
 4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Staff distributed lists of bicycle/pedestrian projects to local jurisdictions for Item 11 on the Active Transportation Program.

CONSENT AGENDA: Fontes moved and Yamin seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with Bateman, Canin, Fontes, McCumsey, Schenk, Schneider, Yamin voting “yes”. Levine abstained.

5. Approved minutes of the January 16, 2014 ITAC meeting
6. Received “RTC 2013: At A Glance” report
7. Received semi-annual list of Caltrans “Programmed/Funded SHOPP Projects” (January 2014)

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents - Verbal updates from project sponsors

Scotts Valley: Majid Yamin reported that the STIP-funded Vine Hill School sidewalk and bicycle lane project is completing environmental review next week and scheduled for construction this summer.

Ecology Action: Piet Canin announced that new bilingual/bicultural staff has been hired for safe routes to schools programs.

Watsonville: Murray Fontes reported that Watsonville is seeking bids for the roundabout at Cliff/Pennsylvania. He also announced that Watsonville is hosting an annual egg drop as part of Engineer's Week.

Caltrans: Mark McCumsey reported that Caltrans is accepting applications for the FTA 5339 program to purchase, replace, and rehabilitate buses. Caltrans is using its electronic highway signs to urge water conservation, reducing irrigation activities by 50%, and postponing new landscaping projects. He also distributed materials on the California Transportation Plan.

County: Steve Wiesner reported that the County is opening bids for the Valencia School Road storm damage repair project.

RTC: Rachel Moriconi reported that the RTC amended the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Master Plan. Updated copies of the document will be available soon and she asked agencies to discard the prior version, since several pages have been updated.

Santa Cruz: Chris Schneiter noted that construction continues on the Soquel-Park Way intersection and the Arana Gulch path projects. He shared information on the blogs for each project. RTC staff will include a discussion of public outreach efforts by local agencies in a future meeting agenda.

9. Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan

Ginger Dykaar provided an overview of the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She highlighted to what level the plan makes progress towards and meets targets set forth for the RTP. **She requested that ITAC members review and provide comments on the draft 2014 RTP by March 25**, especially financial estimates for local revenues, the project list, project maps and technical appendices.

10. Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (Moving Forward Monterey Bay) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for MTP and Santa Cruz County RTP

Anais Schenk, AMBAG, provided an overview of the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and environmental document. The SCS outlines the region's plan for integrating the transportation network within land use patterns to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled. She also reviewed some of the SCS implementation strategies, which include economic development,

converting commercial areas in high quality transit corridors to mixed land uses and bringing 65% of jobs within a ½ mile of transit stops. **The ITAC is encouraged to review the documents, including the Chapter 4: the Sustainable Communities Strategy and technical appendices on the forecast and modeling process.** She shared information on the workshops and public hearings on the documents scheduled in March.

Chris Schneider noted that due to market conditions mixed use is not feasible in some areas. Paia Levine requested the economic analysis conducted by AMBAG.

11. Active Transportation Program Update

Rachel Moriconi reminded members that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) will be issuing a call for projects for the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) in March. She requested that project sponsors share information on projects for which they will seek funds and review requirements for Active Transportation Plans. Project sponsors discussed some of the projects for which they may seek funding. Amelia Conlen indicated that People Power would be willing to provide letters of support for projects.

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting of the ITAC is scheduled for **March 27**, 2014 at 1:30 PM at the RTC Conference Room in Santa Cruz. This is one week later than the regular meeting date.

Minutes prepared by: Rachel Moriconi

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