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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) February 5, 2015 Meeting Highlights

Arana Gulch Ribbon Cutting

On January 14th, the long-awaited completion of the Arana Gulch bike and pedestrian trail and bridge was celebrated enthusiastically by hundreds of community members and many Regional Transportation Commissioners. The project was a collaborative effort of the County and the City of Santa Cruz with about half of the funding secured by the RTC. A photo album created by Commissioner Randy Johnson can be viewed on the web:

<http://www.mixbook.com/photo-books/interests/arana-gulch-11644113?vk=YkNnIES42m>

Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation

Contractors hired by the RTC have made major progress on all four railroad bridge rehabilitation projects. Work completed on January 31 included reconstruction of the La Selva Beach steel trestle, repair of the Hidden Beach timber trestle and replacement of the Wilder Creek bridge with a culvert. Work on the timber bridge near Harkins Slough began this week. A ribbon cutting event for the La Selva Beach trestle is planned for Thursday, February 26th at 10:30 am. Details will be posted on the RTC website.

Another Award for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan

The RTC's Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan was selected for an award from the Association of Environmental Professionals. Rincon Consultants produced the Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan.

2015 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Updates

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved legislative priorities for 2015 to guide review of state and federal proposals that could impact transportation projects in Santa Cruz County. Given that traditional revenue sources, such as gas taxes, are unpredictable and generate less than half of what is needed to operate, maintain, and improve the transportation system, the legislative priorities focus on increasing and stabilizing transportation funding including development of new local funding mechanisms.

Unified Corridors Plan: Santa Cruz County Transportation Modeling Tools

The RTC is the recipient of a Caltrans Planning grant to conduct Phase I of the Unified Corridors Plan to develop transportation modeling tools for Santa Cruz County. The RTC authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the consulting firm Fehr and Peers to develop Santa Cruz County transportation modeling tools for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. 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.

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.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 12, 2015, 3:00 pm
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 9:00 am
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 19, 2015 1:30 pm
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

[Commission Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 5, 9:00 am

County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.