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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) June 4, 2015 Meeting Highlights**

### **Appreciation for completed murals on Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) presented certificates of appreciation to Steven Allen, Allen Property Group and local mural artist Arturo Thomae for completion of a mural on the concrete wall of the railroad bridge over Soquel Drive in Aptos. The RTC also presented certificates of appreciation to the City of Capitola and local artists John Ton and Mya Negre for completion of a mural on the concrete wall of the railroad bridge over Wharf Road in Capitola. In addition, the RTC issued an appreciation award to Hal Turner, Turner Painting for volunteering his time and services to paint the railroad bridge over Soquel Drive and keep the railroad bridges in Aptos free from graffiti. The great work and generosity of these members of the community beautify Santa Cruz County, prevent graffiti and enhance the travel experience for residents and visitors.

### **Draft Passenger Rail Feasibility Study**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a presentation by consultants with the findings of the [Draft Passenger Rail Feasibility Study](#). The analysis was undertaken to get a better understanding of potential service scenarios including forecasted ridership, costs and train technologies. Ridership estimates range from 480,000 to 1,413,000 passengers per year (base year). The Draft Report also assesses funding options to construct and operate the service. Based on evaluation measures identified by the community, two of the seven scenarios analyzed are recommended for further analysis. The Draft Report is available on the RTC website ([www.sccrtc.org/rail](http://www.sccrtc.org/rail)) and the Santa Cruz, Aptos and Watsonville Libraries. Comments are due by July 31 to [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org) and 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. A final report will be considered by the RTC in the fall.

### **Safe on 17 Program**

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received the Safe on 17 Safety Corridor Project – 2014 Annual Report. This report reviews the work done by the CHP, Caltrans, RTC and other stakeholders to continue to improve safety on Highway 17. Notable accomplishments from Safe on 17 include: a 30% decrease in fatal and injury collisions,

extra CHP enforcement and citations, coordination and cooperation by agencies across jurisdictional lines, public information, and Highway 17 safety improvements.

**Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings:**

*Please check the RTC website [[www.sccrtc.org](http://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, June 8, 2015, 6:00 pm  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 1:30 pm  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz

**Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee**

Thursday, June 11, 2015, 3:00 pm  
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:30 pm  
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)**

Thursday, June 25, 2015, 9:00 am  
City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz

**Commission Meeting**

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 9:00 am  
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Dr., Scotts Valley

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