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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) August 6, 2015 Meeting Highlights

Federal Land Grants Application (FLAP) for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST)

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) accepted a grant award of \$6.3 million in funds from the [Federal Highway Administration](#) (FHWA) [Central Federal Lands](#) (CFL) division for design, environmental review and construction of a 5-mile segment of the [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail](#) (MBSST) in the north coast. As a condition of the grant, the RTC also committed to providing an additional \$300,000 in matching funds for the \$10,550,000 project. Funds may come from either RTC controlled sources or private donations. The [Land Trust of Santa Cruz County](#) and the [California Coastal Conservancy](#) each provided matching funds in the amounts of \$3 million and \$950,000, respectively. The grant's success was largely due to the unprecedented local match provided. The project is anticipated to be constructed in 2018 with CFL acting as the lead implementing agency. With this segment funded, approximately 25% of the 32 miles of the coastal rail trail project identified in the [Master Plan](#), approved by RTC just one and a half years ago, will be constructed in the near future.

State Legislative Update

The [Regional Transportation Commission](#) received a state legislative update on impacts for transportation funding. One of the area's main source of discretionary transportation funding, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), will be significantly reduced to zero dollars; when compared to two years ago had close to \$1.2 billion in new funding for transportation. The reduction in the excise tax on gasoline will also impact transportation funding overall, including availability for local transportation projects. The RTC is closely monitoring other legislation that could potentially impact transportation funding, which includes Senate Bills 16 and X1-1.

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, August 10, 2015, 6:00 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW)

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 9:00 am
City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 1:30 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2015, 9:00 am
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2015 1:30 pm
RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 10, 2015, 3:00 pm
CAO Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz

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