



RTC 2013 at-a-glance

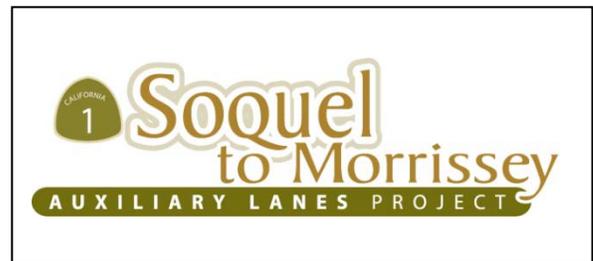
The RTC keeps things moving and 2013 was no exception.

In 2013, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission delivered to the community major milestones aimed at improving access and providing convenient transportation choices.

Highway 1 Soquel/Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes

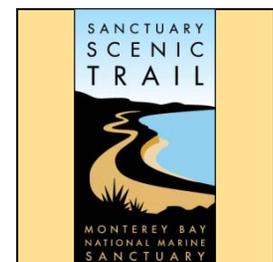
The RTC managed construction and completed this one-mile project on Highway 1. In this role, the agency communicated and minimized construction impacts while implementing locally effective solutions for neighbors, commuters and the community at large, including an extensive and successful demand management program at both local schools. In addition to the new auxiliary lanes

on the highway that smooth the flow and shorten the bottleneck, lasting benefits of this project include a better La Fonda Bridge (wider sidewalks and bike lanes, built to current seismic standards), and improved safe routes to both Harbor High and DeLaveaga Elementary schools.



Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network

The RTC finalized the Master Plan and certified the Environmental Impact Report. The document identifies 20 segments that can be constructed as funding is identified, and links the trail network with Monterey County's to eventually form a bicycle/pedestrian path around the bay. The RTC awarded a total of \$5.3 million toward segments in Santa Cruz, Live Oak and Watsonville.

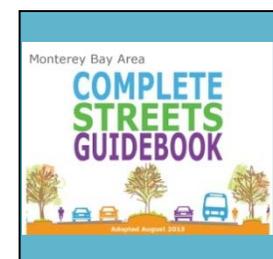


2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The RTC approved funding for a mix of 26 highway, local road, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects to receive \$9.4 million in state and federal dollars designated for the region. The projects preserve, maintain, and improve the multimodal transportation system.

Complete Streets Guidebook

RTC developed a toolkit for jurisdictions throughout the Monterey Bay region to guide the design of streets that meet the needs of all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders, drivers, young, and elderly. The Guidebook supports California's Sustainable Communities Strategy legislation (AB 1358) and is a key element of the region's transportation sustainability efforts.



Rail Bridge Rehabilitation

As a condition of acquisition and a commitment to maximize transportation uses within the rail corridor, the RTC received funding to rehabilitate rail bridge structures. Steps completed in 2013 include an engineering analysis of the bridges and award of contracts to rebuild four bridges and manage construction. The largest, the La Selva Trestle, is estimated to take 6-9 months to refurbish.



Monterey Bay 511 Traveler Information System

The RTC completed a feasibility study and implementation plan for establishing 511 traveler information services in the Monterey Bay Area. The new system – to include real-time traffic conditions and transit information – will be web-based and accessible on tablets, smart phones and computers.



Freeway Service Patrol

The RTC entered into a new 4-year contract with a local towing company to continue providing help to stranded motorists free of charge and clearing traffic collisions to keep traffic moving. Freeway Service Patrol trucks rove portions of Highway 1 and 17 during peak commute and visitor travel periods performing services such as changing tires, jump starting vehicles, refilling radiators or providing a gallon of fuel.



Santa Cruz to Aptos Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program

The RTC worked with consultants to complete the administrative draft of the Tiered Environmental Document for the long term, multi-phased Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program. The document also includes detailed environmental analysis for the next Highway 1 project, the Auxiliary Lanes between 41st Avenue and Soquel Drive and a Bike/Pedestrian Crossing at Chanticleer. The draft document is now under review by technical, management, and legal teams within Caltrans, and subsequently by the Federal Highway Administration before releasing it to the public for review and comment in 2014.



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