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## **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Aug. 1, 2024 Meeting Highlights**

### **Director's Report**

#### **Caltrans Awards RTC a Climate Adaptation Planning Grant**

Caltrans recently awarded a Climate Adaptation Planning grant to the RTC in the amount of \$1,369,780. The RTC will provide \$177,470 (11.47%) in matching funds to complete the estimated total project cost of \$1,547,250. This grant is for climate resilience planning at four locations along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The project will develop short, medium and long-term climate resilient concepts for projects on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, including the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project, at the four locations most vulnerable to climate hazards. These locations are the Capitola bluffs, the La Selva Beach and Manresa bluffs, the Harkins Slough rail crossing and the Pajaro River railroad bridge. Concepts will consider the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, bluff retreat and coastal erosion.

#### **RTC Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Openings**

Applications are currently being accepted for open positions on the RTC's [Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee](#). There are a number of open positions for representatives from across the county. Public participation is a critical part of our transportation planning process. We encourage community members to apply to serve on this committee and help us build a vibrant, sustainable, and equitable transportation system in Santa Cruz County. [Applications](#) are being accepted until the positions are filled.

#### **Fiscal Year 22/23 Measure D Annual Report**

The Commission accepted the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee's Measure D Annual Report for FY22/23 ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)). Based on the committee's review of the audits and expenditure reports from recipient agencies, the annual report includes a letter from the Committee confirming that agencies complied with the provisions and requirements of the voter-approved Ordinance in FY22/23. The annual report focuses on the financials and findings of the audits and highlights progress in delivering the Measure D Expenditure Plan.

## **Presentation from City of Santa Cruz**

City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director Nathan Nguyen provided an update to the Commission on the City's transportation projects. Recently completed projects include: Ocean & San Lorenzo Paving project (including roadway reconstruction and new protected bike lanes); and METRO Interim Operations (including a new METRO center under construction and relocation of all operations). Current projects include: Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7, Phase II (construction completion date estimated in October 2024); Murray Street Bridge Retrofit (including structural upgrades, standard curbs, 6-foot bike lanes, 7.5-foot sidewalk and barrier rails, with construction estimated fall 2024-2026); Laurel Street Surface Seal & Stripe (estimated to be completed in October 2024); and an Active Transportation Plan Update. Future projects include: Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 & 9 (final design & permitting estimated to be completed in fall 2026 and construction estimated fall 2026-2027); and Downtown Expansion Plan (including Front Street protected bike lanes, Laurel Extension relocation, Pacific/Front roundabout and Spruce Street Plaza).

## **Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings**

RTC and committee meetings are now being held in person. Non-voting members of the Commission and its committees, as well as members of the public and staff, will have the option to participate in person or remotely, provided equipment is available at the meeting location to allow remote participation. If there are technical difficulties during a meeting that prevent remote participation, the meeting will continue. Please check the RTC website [<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/calendar/>] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting and video conference information for future meetings. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting and will also include attendance information. Meetings may be canceled if there are no action items to be considered by the committee.

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### **Regional Transportation Commission Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Monday, Aug.12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

### **Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, Aug.13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

**Transportation Policy Workshop**

Thursday, Aug.15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

**Interagency Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, Aug.15, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

**Budget, Administration & Personnel Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

**Safe on 17 Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

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