



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

AGENDA

**Thursday, October 2, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Meeting

Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Fourth Floor
Watsonville, CA 95076

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231 Oakes Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95064
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City of Capitola

City of Santa Cruz

City of Scotts Valley

City of Watsonville

County of Santa Cruz

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County of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Caltrans (ex-officio)

Gerry Jensen

Fred Keeley

Steve Clark

Eduardo Montesino

Felipe Hernandez

Justin Cummings

Kimberly DeSerpa

Manu Koenig

Monica Martinez

Rebecca Downing

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter

Fabian Leonor

Scott Eades

The majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

1. Roll call
2. Consider AB2449 Just Cause and Emergency Circumstances requests
3. Additions or deletions to consent or regular agendas
4. Oral communications

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CONSENT AGENDA

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MINUTES

5. Approve draft minutes of the September 4, 2025 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
6. Accept draft committee meeting minutes
 - a. August 11, 2025 Bicycle Advisory Committee

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

7. Accept bid and approve authorizing the Executive Director to award a contract for the New Brighton railroad bridge handrail/walkway storm damage repair (**Resolution**) – **staff report and attachments will be posted 5:00p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025**

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

8. Accept status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
9. Accept status report on Measure D revenues

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

10. Approve 2026 RTC Meeting Schedule
11. Approve resolutions to continue providing CalPERS Health Benefits to RTC Employees (**Resolutions**)
12. Approve new classification, job description, and salary schedule of Project Manager (**Resolution**)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

13. Accept monthly meeting schedule
14. Accept correspondence log
15. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies
 - a. September 1, 2025 Letter to Joe Clarke, City of Capitola Mayor, RE: RTC Response to City of Capitola Questions Regarding Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10-11 (17th Avenue to State Park Drive) and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
16. Accept information items - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

17. Commissioner Reports – oral reports
18. Coast Rail Coordinating Council Appointment – oral report
(*Eduardo Montesino, RTC Chair*)
19. Director’s Report – oral report
(*Sarah Christensen, Executive Director*)
20. Caltrans Report
 - a. Santa Cruz County project updates

21. Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 & 9 and 10 & 11 Project Delivery – **staff report and attachments will be posted 5:00p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025**

(Grace Blakeslee, Supervising Transportation Planner)

- a. Staff Report

22. Review items to be discussed in closed session

CLOSED SESSION

23. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Sarah Christensen

Employee Organization: CORE

OPEN SESSION

24. Report on items discussed in closed session

25. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076.

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TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: Consider AB 2449 Just Cause and Emergency Circumstances Requests

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the RTC receive information regarding Just Cause and approve Brown Act and Emergency Circumstances requests.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the Governor's Emergency Order related to COVID 19, the Brown Act allowed the use of teleconferencing with strict requirements. These requirements included the following:

- All votes must be taken by roll call vote.
- Each teleconference location must be listed on the agenda, have an agenda posted, be accessible to the public and offer an opportunity for public comment and;
- A quorum of the members must participate from locations within the public entity's boundaries.

On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio), which went into effect on January 1, 2023. The statute incorporates the aforementioned traditional teleconferencing under the Brown Act as well as some new and limited provisions for teleconferencing.

DISCUSSION

Under AB 2449, Commissioners who wish to participate in Commission meetings and vote on items remotely may do so for no more than three consecutive months or 20% of the agency's regular meetings within a calendar year. If the legislative body regularly meets less than 10 times a year, a member may not participate remotely for more than two meetings.

1. Just Cause, defined as:

- Care of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner.
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
- A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined by statute.
- Travel while on official business of the RTC or another state or local agency.
- The board does not need to vote on a “just cause” exception.

2. Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
- A member must provide a general description of the circumstances relating to the need to appear remotely at the given meeting (not exceeding 20 words). The medical condition does not need to be disclosed.
- The RTC must take action to approve a request to participate remotely due to an emergency circumstance at the start of the meeting.

AB 2449 also adds the following requirements.

1. Both “just cause” and “emergency circumstances” require a quorum of members to be in a physical location that is within the jurisdiction and is accessible to the public.
2. Teleconference procedures may not be used by a member of the legislative body to teleconference for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20% of the regular meetings within a calendar year.
3. Votes must be taken by Roll Call.
4. Members participating remotely may not turn their camera off.
5. Members must publicly disclose whether any individual over the age of 18 is present with the member and disclose the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individual.

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) receive information on Just Cause and approve Emergency Circumstances and remote participation requests under the Brown Act and AB 2449.

SUMMARY

Commissioners may participate and vote on items via teleconference technology under the Brown Act and AB 2449 only if certain requirements are met.

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer
RE: Regional Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the meeting minutes ([Attachment 1](#)) for the September 4, 2025, Regional Transportation Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for the area within its boundaries is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency as established pursuant to Government Code Section 67940 and 67941.

Consistent with Government Code Section 67940 (b), membership of the Commission is composed of all five members of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, one member appointed by each of the cities of the county and three members appointed by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am. RTC meetings are held on a rotational schedule at the City of Watsonville, Capitola, Scotts Valley and the County of Santa Cruz. Currently there are no meetings held in the City of Santa Cruz because the City does not allow hybrid meetings from its council chambers.

Agendas and meeting materials are posted on the RTC meetings webpage, <https://sccrtc.org/meetings/regional-transportation-commission/agendas/>, at least seventy- two hours (72) prior to the meeting. Remote participation via Zoom is available for members of the public, non-voting committee members/alternates, or voting Committee members unable to attend in person due to an emergency or for just cause pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449, Brown Act update.

DISCUSSION

The Commission is asked to review and approve the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes (Attachment 1). The purpose of these minutes is to document actions taken during the meeting.

Attachments:

1. Regional Transportation Commission meeting minutes



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

Draft MINUTES

**Thursday, September 4, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Meeting

Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076

Remote Participation (see page 5 for more information)

RTC Zoom

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1. Roll call. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present:

City of Capitola

City of Santa Cruz

City of Scotts Valley

City of Watsonville

County of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Caltrans (ex-officio)

Gerry Jensen

Fred Keeley

Steve Clark

Eduardo Montesino

Jillian Ritter (Alt.)

Kimberly DeSarpa

Andy Schiffrin (Alt.)

Monica Martinez

Felipe Hernandez

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Remote)

Fabian Leonor

Rebecca Downing

Scott Eades (Remote)

Staff present:

Sarah Christensen

Amin AbuAmara

Nisha Singh

Luis Mendez

Grace Blakeslee

Sierra Topp

Rachel Moriconi

Bella Kressman

Yesenia Parra

Shannon Munz

Krista Corwin

Steven Mattas (RTC Counsel)

2. Considered AB 2449 Just Cause and Emergency Circumstances Requests

Administrative Services officer Yesenia Parra noted that Commissioner Quiroz Carter would be remote under the regular Brown Act and the location address is noted on the agenda. She noted that Commissioner Eades would be remote as well.

There were no requests.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

A handout for item 27 was posted to the website.

4. Oral Communications

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples
Brett Garrett
Bill Beecher
Joe Jordan
Aurelio Gonzalez
Lowell Hurst
Antonio Rivas
Michael Saint
Jim Helmer
Bernie Gomez
Patrice Boyle

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin made a motion and Commissioner DeSerpa seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda with the added direction to item 9 that with future funding for the GO BIKE! Program, vouchers may be used to subsidize electric pedal assisted bikes that only up to 20 mph. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Jensen, Keeley, Clark, Montesino, Hernandez, DeSerpa, Martinez, Leonor, Downing, Quiroz-Carter and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin and Ritter voting "aye."

MINUTES

5. Approved draft minutes of the August 7, 2025 Regional Transportation Commission meeting and the August 7, 2025 Regional Transportation Commission special meeting
6. Accepted draft committee meeting minutes

- a. August 12, 2025 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
- b. August 21, 2025 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS AND PLANNING ITEMS

7. Accepted update on Highway 1 41st Avenue to Soquel Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project Construction Support Cost Overruns Verification
8. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with EcoSystems West for consultation with environmental resource agencies on behalf of the RTC to secure permits for maintenance and preservation activities on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (**Resolution 8-26**)
9. Accepted report on Santa Cruz County GO BIKE! Bicycle Incentive Program

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

10. Accepted status report on Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues
11. Accepted status report on Measure D revenues
12. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and award a contract to Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim LLP for financial audit services (**Resolution 9-26**)
13. Approved programming State of Good Repair funds, amending the FY 2025-26 budget, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute documents as may be required (**Resolution 10-26**)

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

14. Accepted Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee report regarding Fiscal Year 2023/24 expenditures and audits
15. Approved the City of Santa Cruz's Pacific Beach Roundabout funding request for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and approve the County of Santa Cruz's Highway 152/Holohan Road Intersection Project funding request for TDA funds (**Resolution 11-26 and Resolution 12-26**)

16. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and award a contract to Foster and Foster for Professional Actuarial Services
(**Resolution 13-26**)
17. Approved authorizing the Executive Director to amend an agreement with Lotus Financial Solution, Inc. for Finance and Budget Special Advisor Support (**Resolution 14-26**)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

18. Accepted monthly meeting schedule
19. Accepted letters from committees and staff to other agencies - *none*
20. Accepted correspondence log
21. Accepted information items - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

22. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Alternate Jillian Ritter, first district alternate to the SCCRTC, introduced herself to the public.

Commissioner Clark reported on the meeting of the encroachments and easements along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line ad-hoc subcommittee who met for the second time on August 25 to assess how to provide relief to the mobile home owners.

Commissioner DeSerpa reported on her attendance at the Coast Rail Coordination Council meeting in Los Angeles and her trip to San Bernardino to view the hydrogen train and maintenance facilities.

Commissioner Jensen appreciated staff for their support in postponing the Bay/Porter ramp closures in advance of the Capitola Art and Wine Festival.

Chair Montesino reported on his visit to his home town of Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico and observations of infrastructure and change.

Commissioner Downing highlighted a Week Without Driving and noted engagement opportunities across the county.

23. Proclamation for a Week Without Driving

Commissioner Downing made a motion and Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion to approve the resolution proclaiming September 29, 2025 through October 5, 2025 as Week Without Driving. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Jensen, Keeley, Clark, Montesino,

Hernandez, DeSerpa, Martinez, Leonor, Downing, Quiroz-Carter and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin and Ritter voting “aye.”

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples
Brett Garrett
Aurelio Gonzalez
Michael Saint
Jim Helmer

24. Director’s Report

Executive Director Sarah Christensen highlighted the Measure D Annual Report; Milestone 4 outreach for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project (ZEPRT); QR code for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition annual report; GO BIKE! Program; August 15, 2025 Metrolink ZEMU Arrow tour attended by Commissioner DeSerpa and Associate Engineer Riley Gerbrandt; seeking volunteers for the vacancy on the Coast Rail Coordinating Council; welcomed Nisha Singh to the SCCRTC as Director of Internal Services; upcoming Transportation Demand Management Conference in Portland, Oregon will be attended by Transportation Planning Technician Sierra Topp.

Director Christensen also provided the following updates on the Murray Street Bridge Temporary Detour: the City of Santa Cruz rejected the rail shuttle option and that the California Transportation Commission declined RTC’s request for emergency funding.

Matt Starkey, Transportation Manager for the City of Santa Cruz responded to Commissioner questions regarding funding and timeline for the temporary detour at the Murray Street Bridge and provided details of the proposed timeline for construction of Segment 8 of the Coastal Rail Trail.

Commissioners discussed: appreciation to the voters for the passage of Measure D.

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples, Trail Now
Lani Faulkner, Equity Transit
Marta Bulaich
Aurelio Gonzalez
Michael Saint
Kevin Maguire

25. Caltrans Report

Commissioner Scott Eades, Caltrans District 5 Director, provided updates on an unexpected closure on Highway 17 today due to an overturned truck; welcome newly appointed Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy; 2025 California Coast Classic Bike Tour coming through the community Saturday Sept 6 and Friday Sept 12; full overnight closure on Highway 1 tonight; re-opening of three of the four Park Avenue ramps; long term closures of Bay/Porter ramps postponed; emergency drainage and retaining wall project on the northbound lane of Highway 9 between San Lorenzo and Prospect; additional SHOPP-funded drainage and paving project on Highway 9 between Willowbrook Drive and the northern junction with Highway 236.

Received public comment from:
Aurelio Gonzalez

26. Highway 1 State Park to Bay/Porter Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder Project Amendment to Construction Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans, Amendment to Measure D Five-Year Program of Projects for Highway Corridors Category, Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, and Authorization to Secure Short Term Financing

Director of Capital Projects Amin AbuAmara and Assistant Transportation Engineer Brian Zamora provided the staff report. Caltrans Project Manager Madilyn Jacobsen and Caltrans District 5 Construction Office Chief Tim Lang delivered a presentation.

Caltrans staff responded to Commissioners' questions regarding: decision-making around simultaneous ramp closures in the workplan; cost-saving measures related to soundwalls and smoothness standards; cost of removal of man-made objects and trees; ramp inefficiencies; percentage of change order costs; changes to the Mar Vista Bridge pedestrian overcrossing design due to utility conflicts.

Executive Director Sarah Christensen responded to Commissioners' questions regarding contingency funding for the project and environmental mitigation of tree removal.

Director of Capital Projects AbuAmara clarified the costs of delay inefficiencies; provided background on the RTC's responsibility for shouldering cost overruns and explained the causes for shifting the footprint of the landing of the Mar Vista pedestrian overcrossing.

Commissioners discussed: need for more money to repair and restore surface streets and lack of sufficient funding sources; need for pedestrian

and bicyclist safety to be considered in the design of the intersection at Mar Vista and McGregor Drive.

Commissioner Montesino made a motion and Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment 2 to the construction Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans (Exhibit A to Attachment 1) for a total value not to exceed \$6.6 million for the construction capital component of the project;
2. Program an additional \$6.6 million of Measure D-Highway Corridor funds in fiscal year (FY) 2025-26;
3. Amend the FY 2025-26 budget accordingly; and
4. Authorize the Executive Director to initiate the process for financing needed to secure additional resources for the Measure D Highway category to cover Caltrans cost overruns and other construction costs, which includes securing and entering into an agreement for bond counsel services, and return to the RTC with a financing plan for consideration.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Keeley, DeSerpa, Clark, Martinez, Hernandez, Montesino, Downing, Leonor, Quiroz-Carter, Jensen, and Commissioner Alternates Schiffrin and Ritter voting “aye.”

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples, Trail Now
Aurelio Gonzalez
Lani Faulkner
Kevin Maguire

Commissioner Downing departed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

27. Measure D Active Transportation Expenditures and Financing Options

Supervising Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee delivered a presentation on project status and funding needs of the segments of the Coastal Rail Trail and Melissa Shick of KNN Finance delivered a presentation on financing options.

Ms. Blakeslee responded to Commissioners’ questions regarding: constrained Measure D Active Transportation revenues; projected shortfall; cash flow with and without borrowing; analysis assumptions; funding deadlines; funding received and sought for segments 8-11 from state/federal sources; California Transportation Commission’s (CTC) Active Transportation grant cycle; approvals that may be required to change scope of project and funding for potential litigation.

Ms. Shick clarified that the shortfall is predicted for Measure D Active Transportation category only and this shortfall does not impact the other categories of Measure D.

Commissioners discussed: managing the risk of losing grant funding; the need to obtain additional construction funding for segments 8-11; completing the project prior to funding deadline; feasibility of the project; having a public discussion on railbanking; commitment to the Coastal Rail Trail; borrowing against Measure D to bring forward segments RTC is already committed to; concern for allocation of funds towards development of South County segments.

Commissioner Clark made a motion and Commissioner DeSerpa seconded the motion to:

1. Authorize staff to work with Coastal Rail Trail project sponsors and funding partners on strategies to deliver the Coastal Rail Trail segments 8-11 within available funding resources;
2. Bring cost and scope in line with available funds to complete the projects;
3. Work with municipal advisors KNN Public Finance to initiate the process for financing and return to the Commission with a financing plan for consideration to address both the previously programmed expenditures and a separate plan to address possible future expenditures; and,
4. Bring forth a discussion of railbanking including its applicability and feasibility for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin proposed a substitute motion and Commissioner Keeley seconded the substitute motion to approve the staff recommendation to:

1. Accept information on project cost estimates of Coastal Rail Trail Projects under development;
2. Direct staff to work with Coastal Rail Trail project sponsors and funding partners on strategies to reduce costs and deliver Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8-11 projects, which could include modifications to the scope of the project;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to initiate the process for financing needed to secure additional resources for the Measure D Active Transportation category to cover approved project costs and programming, which includes securing and entering into an agreement for bond counsel services, and return to the Commission with a financing plan for consideration; and

4. Direct staff to bring forward a discussion of railbanking at the December meeting.
5. Direct staff to contact our elected state and federal representatives, as well as the California Transportation Commission, and appeal for the necessary funding to complete the construction as proposed of segments 8 through 11.

The substitute motion passed with Commissioners Keeley, Hernandez, Schiffrin, Martinez, Leonor, Quiroz-Carter and Montesino voting "aye," and Commissioners Jensen, Clark, DeSerpa, and Ritter voting "no."

Received public comment from:

Brian Peoples, Trail Now
Lani Faulkner
Matt Farrell
Sally Arnold
Matt Starkey, City of Santa Cruz
Rob Tidmore, County of Santa Cruz
Lowell Hurst
Kevin Maguire
Saladin Sale
Jean Brocklebank
Cami Corvin

28. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas gave an overview of the two items on closed session and requested that the Labor Negotiation item be considered first. No reportable action was anticipated.

The Commission entered closed session at 12:41 pm and did not return to open session. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

29. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Initiation of Litigation: Two Cases
30. Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: Sarah Christensen
Employee Organization: RAMM
31. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 9:00a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

Attendees

Jesus Bojorquez	Cynthia Convisser
Patrice Boyle	Morgane Staaake
James	Cami Corvin
Nick Fabbicino	Chris Johnson
Joni Steele	Trink Praxel
Larry Pageler	Mickey Adams
Maureen McCarty	Karina Moreno
Brett Garrett	Howard Cohen
Douglas U	Saladin Sale
Kevin Maguire	Lori C
Jim Helmer	Mike Sherrod
Paul Guirguis	Kayla Szubielski
IC	Carpenter
Celeste Morales	Johanna Lighthill
Supervisor DeSerpa's Office	Max Chun
Amy Naranjo	PLN965
Kate	Victor Leong
AP	Amanda Marino
Brian	Peter Haworth
BobFi	Bernard
Tommy Travers	Jean Brocklebank
Michael Saint	Michael Lewis
Nadene Thorne	Alyson Tom
Jim Tracey	Nathan Nguyen
Max Friedman	Ned McNamara
Rick H	Michael McMurtry
Jeanette	Leslie
Ramon Gomez	Deborah
Heather Adamson	Rebecca Hurley
Nancy	Jeanette Bent
Riley Gerbrandt	Elizabeth Mitchell
Bernie Gomez	Marcus Pimentel
Steve Mattax	TJ Welch
Hatem Ahmed	Ilia Bulaich
Kate Elliott	Marta Bulaich
Steve Wiesner	Lowll Hurst
Bud Colligan	Antonio Rivas

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: RTC Staff
RE: Committee Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission receive the draft meeting minutes for the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC).

BACKGROUND

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has three advisory committees: Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&DTAC), and Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC). The committees review and provide technical advice and input on projects and programs to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), local public works and planning departments, and other partner agencies; coordinate and provide recommendations to the RTC on the use of funds; and serve as a forum to discuss and improve transportation projects.

The 2016 Measure D includes the establishment of a Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC). The Measure D TOC generally meets twice per year to review the past fiscal year's expenditures and audits of Measure D funds. The committee determines whether expenditures conform to the requirements of Measure D and releases an annual report.

Agendas and meeting materials for the committees are posted on the webpage at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting.

BAC: <https://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/bicycle-advisory-committee/agendas/>

E&DTAC: <https://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/elderly-disabled/agendas/>

ITAC: <https://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/inter-agency/>

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there are no major items to be brought before a committee, the meetings are cancelled.

DISCUSSION

Draft minutes from the most recent committee meetings are attached for the Commission's review. The RTC's committees review and approve final minutes at their next meetings. The purpose of the minutes is to summarize the discussions that took place during the meeting and clearly document any actions taken.

Attachments:

1. August 11, 2025 Bicycle Advisory Committee



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's**

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, August 11, 2025
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

This meeting was held in person at the RTC Offices, 1101 Pacific Ave #250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

1. Call to Order: Chair Anna Kammer called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jack Brown, District 2
Sally Arnold, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Leo Jed, CTSC
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Members Remote, Voting under Just Cause or Emergency:

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner
Riley Gerbrandt, Associate Transportation Engineer

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
Christopher O'Connell, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 2 - Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Primary and Alternate
City of Watsonville - Alternate

Guests:

Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely:
None.
4. Staff announcements

None.

5. Oral communications
Matt Miller announced that Ecology Action has launched the Santa Cruz Bikeway pilot program in which signs were installed around the city encouraging the usage of a low-stress bike route to reduce exposure to high-traffic. This program will run for 2 months. Corrina McFarlane complimented the new bike boxes on Capitola Road at 41st Ave. Kelly Curlett made an announcement about the county-wide Week Without Driving campaign encouraging Santa Cruz County residents to use alternative modes of transportation during the week of September 29th to October 5th. Gina Cole announced the Community in Movement event occurring on August 16th at Pinto Lake County Park. Jack Brown is hoping to find a Cabrillo College student who lives in Supervisorial District 2 to apply for the alternate committee seat.
6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:
Item 8 Summary of Hazard reports was pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed during updates related to committee functions.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to approve items 7 and 9 of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Riddle, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

7. Approve draft minutes of the June 9, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports
Item was moved to later in the agenda.
9. Receive Information on GO BIKE! Incentive Program
10. Review and recommend approval of County of Santa Cruz Highway 152/Holohan Rd Intersection Project TDA funding request – County of Santa Cruz
Item was considered separate from the Consent Agenda. Committee members discussed the project design including the dedicated right turn signal arrow.

A motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to recommend approval of the claim with the condition that the County report back to the committee if there are measures to reduce vehicle speeds on

Holohan Road, and stating that the committee does not take a position on the allocation of TDA bike/ped funds after the construction of a project has already occurred. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Riddle, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Review and recommend approval of Pacific Beach Roundabout Project TDA funding request – Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz
Claire Gallogly presented on the Pacific Beach Roundabout Project in which the bike lane will be adjusted to be at a 90-degree angle against the rail crossing to prevent potential conflicts when crossing the tracks. This funding request would close the City of Santa Cruz’s funding gap to begin construction on the project. Committee members discussed adjusting where the 90-degree turn happens to further prevent conflicts, aligning the project with Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project, and whether the bike lane can be additionally widened. **A motion was made (Arnold/Bradley) to recommend approval of the TDA claim. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Riddle, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.**
12. Receive information on the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) 2014-2023 Crash Report – Kelly Curlett, Community Traffic Safety Coalition
Kelly Curlett gave a presentation on a report developed by Santa Cruz Public Health Division with the Community Traffic Safety Coalition that examines crash data in the County from 2014 to 2023. It found that Santa Cruz County ranks second in the state for most bicycle crashes and deaths. Committee members discussed adding speed limit stickers to trash cans, collaboration with local law enforcement, researching counties that scored ranked highly in preventing bicycle crashes as potential measures to improve bicycle safety in the county. A committee member discussed an “emergency streets” protocol in the event of a severe or fatal crash in which quick-build infrastructure is utilized in the immediate wake of a severe or fatal crash. Committee members also discussed prioritizing Watsonville in implementing strategies for reducing bike-related collisions. Egor Murochkin commented about DUI-related crashes.
13. Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Update – Riley Gerbrandt, RTC

Riley Gerbrandt provided an informational update and provided input on the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project's Milestone 4, including the draft Project Concept Report and Financial Analysis. He mentioned that more detail on trail costs will be provided in the fall. Committee members provided no comment on the presentation and were encouraged to provide any additional comment through the virtual open house.

14. Updates related to committee functions – Committee members (oral updates)

Members discussed Soquel Drive Enhancements and a committee member suggested forming a sub committee to review the new bike infrastructure in-person and develop a list of recommendations. A sub committee, now consisting of Scott Roseman and Jack Brown, was revived to review Soquel Drive Enhancements and provide recommendations, also considering written comments provided by a committee member. Egor Murochkin commented in support of removing the delineators.

#8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports.

Committee members discussed difficulty with receiving feedback on submitted hazard reports. A committee member requested that staff include the County "job number" to future summaries.

A motion was made (Arnold/Cole) to accept the summary of hazard reports. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Riddle, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for October 13, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the RTC offices. Members of the public and non-voting committee alternates may join remotely.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner

AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Italo Jimenez, Budget and Finance Officer

RE: Status reports on FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act Revenues from September 2025

SUMMARY

Transportation Development Act revenues are received monthly from the State of California Tax and Fee Administration. Attachment 1 provides the Commission with the status of cumulative revenue receipts for September 2025-26 and compares the total to the same period in fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 in dollars and as a percentage.

Included in the attachment are the FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act revenues. Actual revenues for September FY 2025-26 exceeded those of September FY 2024-25 by 5.1%. Actual revenues for September FY 2025-26 surpassed the budgeted amount by 3.55%.

Staff will continue to monitor revenues and provide recommendations at a future Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting, if action is needed.

BACKGROUND

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Santa Cruz County, the RTC is responsible for receiving and managing funds, and processing Transportation Development Act apportionments. These revenues are generated at the "point of sale" for purchases made within the County of Santa Cruz. Revenues are collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and distributed each month to the TDA trust fund held at the Santa Cruz County treasury for the RTC as administrator.

FY 2025-26 Cash Receipts

Transportation Development Act FY 2025-26 budgeted revenues are projected to increase by \$295,229 (+0.57%) from \$12,322,348 in FY 2024-25 estimate to \$12,617,577 estimated for FY 2025-26. FY 2024-25 revenues came in lower than the estimated \$12,322,348 therefore, increasing the estimated growth projection for FY 2025-26 to \$313,852 (+3%). FY 2024-25 Transportation Development Act cash receipts for September 2025 are \$50,740 (5.1%) higher

at \$1,044,944 compared to \$944,204 in September 2024. September 2025 cash receipts represent July 2025 sales tax revenues as shown in Attachment 1.

<u>Actual Cash Receipts September 2025</u>			
FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Increase / (-) Decrease	
994,204	1,044,944	5.10%	50,740
<u>Budgeted to Actuals September 2025</u>			
Budgeted	Actual	Increase / (-) Decrease	
1,009,117	1,044,944	3.55%	35,827

For seasonal comparison, we compare the current and prior fiscal years at the end of each quarter on an accrual basis. Q1 represents July 2025 through September 2025 revenues received from May 2025 through July 2025.

The August 2025 and September 2025 revenue distributions are considered an advance for October 2025 and November 2025 revenues. The table below provides revenue comparisons by quarter on an accrual basis between FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 revenues. On an accrual basis revenues are \$38,684 (1%) higher in FY 2025-26 than in FY 2024-25 for the same period.

FY 2025-26 Year TDA Revenues - Quarterly Comparison to
FY 2024-25 Accrual Basis

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal YTD
	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)	(Jan-Mar)	(Apr -June)	
FY 2024-25	3,245,879				3,245,879
FY 2025-26	3,284,564				3,284,564
\$ Difference	38,685				38,685
% Difference	1.19%				1.19%

Attachment

1. Status Report on Transportation Development Act Revenues as of September 2025

**SCCRTC
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)
SUMMARY OF REVENUE RECEIPTS BY MONTH
FY2026 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

ATTACHMENT 1

MONTH	FY2024-25 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY2025-26 BUDGETED REVENUE	FY2025-26 ACTUAL REVENUE	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE AS % OF PROJECTION	CUMMULATIVE % OF ACTUAL TO PROJECTION	ACTUAL FY 2025-26 COMPARED TO ACTUAL FY 2024-25	
							\$ Increase (+) /Decrease (-)	% Increase (+) /Decrease (-)
							FY2025 to FY2026	FY2025 to FY2026
JULY	1,012,225	1,331,358	1,111,944	(219,414)	-16.48%	83.52%	99,719	9.85%
AUGUST	1,239,451	1,258,043	1,127,676	(130,367)	-10.36%	86.49%	(111,775)	-9.02%
SEPTEMBER	994,204	1,009,117	1,044,944	35,827	3.55%	91.28%	50,741	5.10%
OCTOBER	901,646	915,171	-					
NOVEMBER	1,120,653	1,137,463	-					
DECEMBER	1,018,473	1,033,750	-					
JANUARY	878,510	877,975	-					
FEBRUARY	1,292,658	1,319,500	-					
MARCH	881,767	893,200	-					
APRIL	775,261	827,225	-					
MAY	1,297,651	1,065,750	-					
JUNE	1,037,186	949,025	-					
TOTAL	12,449,684	12,617,577	3,284,564	(313,954)	-2.49%	26.03%	38,685	0.31%
July 2025 through September 2025	3,245,879	3,598,518	3,284,564	(313,954)	-8.72% Cash		38,685	1.19%
September 2025 through June 2026	994,204	1,009,117	1,044,944	35,827	3.55% Accrual		50,741	5.10%

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AGENDA: OCTOBER 2, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Italo Jimenez, Budget and Finance Officer

RE: Status reports on Measure D Revenues from September 2025

SUMMARY:

Measure D revenues are received monthly from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and distributed to the direct recipients. Attachment 1 provides the Commission with the status of cumulative revenue receipts for July 2025 through September 2025 and compares the total to the same period in fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 in dollars and as a percentage.

Included in the attachment is the September 2025 Measure D revenue report, cash receipts are 2,299,836, (4.66%) higher than the receipts from September of FY 2024. Staff will continue to monitor revenues and provide updates monthly.

BACKGROUND:

Measure D FY2025-26 budgeted revenues were projected to decrease by \$7,680 (.0003%) from \$27,687,507 in FY2024-25 to \$27,666,801 in FY2025-26, effectively no change in the projection.

FY 2025-26 Cash Receipts

FY 2025-26 Measure D cash receipts for September 2025 is \$102,299 (4.66%) higher at \$2,299,836 compared to \$2,197,537 in the same period in FY 2024-25. September 2025 cash receipts represent July 2025 sales tax revenues.

FY2025-26 Year Meas D Revenues - Cash Basis

Sept. 2024	Sept. 2025	Increase / (-) Decrease	
2,197,537	2,299,836	4.66%	102,299

FY 2025-26 Quarterly Sales Tax Revenues

The September 2025 distribution from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration represents July 2025 sales tax revenues.

For seasonal comparison, we compare the current and prior fiscal years at the end of each quarter on an accrual basis. Q1 represents July 2025 through September 2025 revenues received from May 2025 through July 2025.

The table below reflects the April 2025 Measure D projection from Hinderliter de Llamas for FY 2024-25 quarter 1.

FY 2025-26 Year Meas D Revenues - Quarterly Comparison to FY 2024-25 Accrual Basis - Actual

	Q1 (July-Sep)	Q2 (Oct-Dec)	Q3 (Jan-Feb)	Q4 (Mar - June)	Fiscal YTD
FY 2024-25	7,067,613	-			7,067,613
FY 2025-26	7,270,142				7,270,142
\$ Difference	202,529				202,529
% Difference	2.87%				2.87%

FY 2025-26 Year Meas D Revenues - Quarterly Comparison to FY 2024-25 Accrual Basis - Projected

	Q1 Projected (July-Sep)	Q2 Projected (Oct-Dec)	Q3 Projected (Jan-Mar)	Q4 Projected (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD
FY 2024-25	6,865,876				6,865,876
FY 2025-26	6,087,583				6,087,583
\$ Difference	(778,293)			-	(778,293)
% Difference	-11.34%				-11.34%

Quarter 1 FY 2026 receipts were \$202,529 (2.87%) higher compared to the same quarter in FY 2025. Compared to the FY 26 projection, the actual receipts for FY 26 also outperform by \$1,182,559 (19.4 %).

As the administrator of Measure D, RTC allocates, administers, and oversees the expenditure of all Measure D revenues which are not directly allocated by formula annually to other agencies, consistent with the Expenditure Plan. Measure D revenues are collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and distributed to the RTC each month by wire transfer to the Santa Cruz County treasury into the Measure D general fund and distributed to the separate fiduciary fund for each of the five investment categories. Each month the RTC distributes the revenues from the Neighborhood and Transit categories to the direct recipients based on actual revenues received.

Attachments

1. Status Report on Measure D Revenues from September 2025

SCCRTC
TRANSPORTATION TAX REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (TTRTF) - MEASURE D
SUMMARY OF REVENUE ALLOCATION BY MONTH
FY 2026 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

	RATE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	FY 2026 TOTAL	FY 2025 TOTAL	% Increase (+) /Decrease (-) FY 2025 to FY 2026	\$ Increase (+) /Decrease (-) FY 2025 to FY 2026
GROSS		2,379,185.25	2,591,120.94	2,299,835.82	7,270,142.01	7,067,612.58		
BOE FEES		-	(60,410.00)	-	(60,410.00)	(44,270.00)		
NET		2,379,185.25	2,530,710.94	2,299,835.82	7,209,732.01	7,023,342.58	2.65%	186,389.43
ADMINISTRATION & IMPLEMENTATION - 729100/75381								
ADMINISTRATION - SALARIES & BENEFITS	1%	23,791.85	25,307.11	22,998.36	72,097.32	70,233.43	2.65%	1,863.89
O/H ADMIN		25,153.46	26,755.44	24,314.55	76,223.45	52,937.04	43.99%	23,286.41
SALARIES & O/H IMPEME& OVERSIGHT		11,786.90	11,786.90	11,786.90	35,360.70	30,059.81	17.63%	5,300.89
SERVICES & SUPPLIES		11,177.42	11,177.42	11,177.42	33,532.25	12,125.00	176.55%	21,407.25
Subtotal		71,909.63	75,026.86	70,277.23	217,213.72	165,355.27	31.36%	51,858.44
TO DISTRIBUTE TO INVESTMENT CATEGORIES		2,307,275.62	2,455,684.08	2,229,558.59	6,992,518.29	6,857,987.31	1.96%	134,530.99
1. NEIGHBORHOOD - 729200/75382	30%	692,182.69	736,705.22	668,867.58	2,097,755.49	2,057,396.19	1.96%	40,359.30
SLV SR9	Fixed \$	27,777.78	27,777.78	27,777.78	83,333.33	83,333.33	0.00%	-
HWY 17 Wildlife	Fixed \$	13,888.89	13,888.89	13,888.89	41,666.67	41,666.67	0.00%	-
		41,666.67	41,666.67	41,666.67	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00%	-
City of Capitola - V41597	4.8700%	31,680.13	33,848.37	30,544.68	96,073.18	93,452.78	2.80%	2,620.40
City of Santa Cruz - V110467	22.4071%	145,761.99	155,738.21	140,537.74	442,037.95	436,878.20	1.18%	5,159.74
City of Scotts Valley - V102713	4.8728%	31,698.12	33,867.60	30,562.03	96,127.75	96,927.92	-0.83%	(800.17)
City of Watsonville - V111928	16.0085%	104,137.64	111,265.02	100,405.25	315,807.90	300,865.40	4.97%	14,942.51
County of Santa Cruz	51.8416%	337,238.14	360,319.35	325,151.21	1,022,708.70	1,004,271.88	1.84%	18,436.82
	100%	650,516.02	695,038.56	627,200.91	1,972,755.49	1,932,396.19	2.09%	40,359.30
2. HWY Corridors - 729300/75383	25%	576,818.91	613,921.02	557,389.65	1,748,129.57	1,714,496.83	1.96%	33,632.75
3. TRANSIT/PARATRANSIT - 729400/75384	20%	461,455.12	491,136.82	445,911.72	1,398,503.66	1,371,597.46	1.96%	26,906.20
Santa Cruz Metro (SCMTD) 16%	80%	369,164.10	392,909.45	356,729.37	1,118,802.93	1,097,277.97	1.96%	21,524.96
Community Bridges - V127587 - 4%	20%	92,291.02	98,227.36	89,182.34	279,700.73	274,319.49	1.96%	5,381.24
4. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION - 729500/75385	17%	392,236.86	417,466.29	379,024.96	1,188,728.11	1,165,857.84	1.96%	22,870.27
5. RAIL CORRIDOR - 729600/75386	8%	184,582.05	196,454.73	178,364.69	559,401.46	548,638.98	1.96%	10,762.48
DISTRIBUTED TO INVESTMENT CATEGORIES	100%	2,307,275.62	2,455,684.08	2,229,558.59	6,992,518.29	6,857,987.31	1.96%	134,530.99
TOTAL ADMIN & IMPEM AND INVESTMENT CATEGORIES		2,379,185.25	2,530,710.94	2,299,835.82	7,209,732.01	7,023,342.58	2.65%	186,389.43

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AGENDA: October 02, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: Regional Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the proposed 2026 meeting schedule for the RTC's regular meetings and Transportation Policy Workshop (TPW) meetings.

BACKGROUND

Each year the RTC approves the schedule of RTC and TPW meetings for the following year. Historically, one RTC meeting is scheduled to take place in each of the following cities: Santa Cruz, Capitola, and Scotts Valley. Three RTC meetings and one TPW meeting are scheduled to take place in the City of Watsonville to increase participation opportunities for South County residents. The remaining five RTC meetings are scheduled at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers and the remaining TPW meetings at the RTC offices.

DISCUSSION

RTC meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month and TPW meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. There are no meetings in the month of July. Due to the end of the year holidays, the January RTC meeting is generally on the second or third Thursday of the month and a TPW meeting is not scheduled. Meetings are now held in a hybrid format with the option for members of the public to participate in person or remotely. Commissioners participate in person unless they meet one of the very limited circumstances for remote participation specified under AB2449 or are using the regular Brown Act provisions. Due to the inability to hold hybrid meetings in the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, no RTC meeting is scheduled to take place in the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers in 2026.

To encourage greater participation, at least three evening meetings will be scheduled in 2026. Staff will work with the Commission Chair to substitute three regularly scheduled meetings with evening sessions. The dates of these evening meetings will be included in the monthly three-month meeting schedule and noted in the Director's Report.

The proposed RTC meeting schedule for 2026 is provided in Attachment 1. Meeting locations are subject to change based on venue availability. Staff will provide updates to meeting locations, as needed, in the monthly three-month calendar included in the RTC meeting agenda packets.

RTC and TPW meetings typically start at 9:00 a.m. Agenda packets are posted on the RTC website <https://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/regional-transportation-commission/agendas/> one week prior to the meeting. TPW meetings are tentative until confirmed.

Staff recommend that the RTC approve the proposed RTC and TPW 2026 meeting schedules (Attachment 1). Updates to the physical meeting locations will be provided as necessary in the 3-month meeting schedule included in RTC monthly meeting packets.

SUMMARY

Each year the RTC approves a schedule for RTC and TPW meetings for the following year. RTC will continue to provide Zoom options for community participation. Staff recommend that the RTC approve the proposed RTC and TPW meeting schedules for 2026 (Attachment 1). Any physical meeting location changes will be reported on the 3-month meeting schedule included in the RTC meeting packets each month.

Attachments:

1. 2026 RTC Commission Meeting Schedule

2026 RTC Commission Meeting Schedule

Date	Location
January 15	Watsonville City Council Chambers
February 5	Watsonville City Council Chambers
March 5	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
April 2	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
May 7	Watsonville City Council Chambers
June 4	Watsonville City Council Chambers
<i>July</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
August 6	Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
September 3	Watsonville City Council Chambers
October 1	County Board of Supervisors Chambers
November 5	Watsonville City Council Chambers
December 3	County Board of Supervisors Chambers

2026 Transportation Policy Workshop Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
<i>January</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
February 19	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
March 19	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
April 16	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
May 21	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
June 18	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
<i>July</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
August 20	Watsonville City Council Chambers
September 17	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
October 15	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
November 19	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz
December 17	RTC Offices, Santa Cruz

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)
health benefit contribution rates for plan year 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) to continue providing CalPERS Health Benefits to RTC employees pursuant to the approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the RTC labor groups and the employment contract with the Executive Director.

BACKGROUND

Medical insurance is currently offered to all RTC active and retired employees through the CalPERS Health Benefits Program as established in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the RTC's two bargaining groups and in the Executive Director's employment agreement. As per these agreements, the RTC contributes to the cost of the employee's health insurance premiums at levels established by each Memoranda of Understanding with the Community of RTC Employees (CORE), the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM), and the Executive Director's employment contract. Currently, all the RTC bargaining agreements are identical in terms of the amounts that the RTC contributes toward employee and dependent health premiums. The amount contributed by RTC for retired employees is set by CalPERS with annual increases as required by law.

The CalPERS Health Benefits Program is governed by the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA). To offer employee benefits through this program, the RTC must abide by PEMHCA rules and annually adopt and file resolutions with CalPERS regarding health insurance contribution rates for the upcoming year. Resolutions must be filed by November of the preceding year to establish the following year's contribution amounts.

DISCUSSION

The current Memoranda of Understanding for both the Community of RTC Employees (CORE) and the RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM) specify the percentage of health insurance premiums to be paid by the RTC

and by employees respectively based on the premium costs set each year by CalPERS. Premium and contribution rates for 2026 and excerpts from the employment MOUs are included in Attachment 3. Premium payments made for the Executive Director are consistent with those provided to employees in the bargaining units.

The attached resolutions (Attachment 1 and 2) reflect the contribution levels and provisions established in the MOUs currently in effect until March 2027.

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) to continue providing CalPERS Health Benefits to RTC employees pursuant to the approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the RTC labor groups and the employment contract with the Executive Director.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current approved budget for FY2025-26 has the necessary funds to cover these premiums. Future year budgets will include the funds necessary to cover health premiums consistent with the approved labor agreements.

SUMMARY

To continue in the CalPERS Health Insurance program governed by the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA), the RTC must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by PEMCHA and adopt and file resolutions with CalPERS by November 2025 that set the contribution rates for health insurance premiums for the upcoming year. The resolutions before you today fulfill this commitment to meet the PEMHCA rules. Staff recommends that the RTC approve the attached resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) outlining the RTC's health insurance contribution amounts for RTC active employees and retirees for calendar year 2026.

Attachments:

1. Resolution for CalPERS Health Benefits – General Rep/Mid Management
2. Resolution for CalPERS Health Benefits- Executive Director
3. CalPERS/RTC Health Plan Rates for 2026

RESOLUTION NO. Number
FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION
UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT
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RTC Employees and Retirees

Medical Plan Rates - 2026

Coverage Effective: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

	Plan Code	Monthly Premium	RTC Monthly Contribution	EE Monthly Cost for Plan	ER Cost Admin .08 % of Premium	Total RTC Monthly Contribution	ER Pay Period Cost	Total EE Monthly Cost	EE PAY PERIOD COST
BSC Access+ (BLUE SHIELD HMO)									
EE	5251	1,301.95	1,236.85	65.10	1.04	1237.89	618.95	65.10	32.55
EE+1	5252	2,603.90	2,343.51	260.39	2.08	2345.59	1172.80	260.39	130.20
EE+2	5253	3,385.07	3,046.56	338.51	2.71	3049.27	1524.64	338.51	169.26
Blue Shield Trio									
EE	4511	1,166.58	1,166.58	0.00	0.93	1167.51	583.76	0.00	0.00
EE+1	4512	2,333.16	2,333.16	0.00	1.87	2335.03	1167.52	0.00	0.00
EE+2	4513	3,033.11	3,033.11	0.00	2.43	3035.54	1517.77	0.00	0.00
Blue Shield Access + EPO									
EE	5241	1,301.95	1,236.85	65.10	1.04	1237.89	618.95	65.10	32.55
EE+1	5242	2,603.90	2,343.51	260.39	2.08	2345.59	1172.80	260.39	130.20
EE+2	5243	3,385.07	3,046.56	338.51	2.71	3049.27	1524.64	338.51	169.26
Anthem Select HMO									
EE	5061	1,336.29	1,236.85	99.44	1.07	1237.92	618.97	99.44	49.72
EE+1	5062	2,672.58	2,343.51	329.07	2.14	2345.65	1172.83	329.07	164.54
EE+2	5063	3,474.35	3,046.56	427.79	2.78	3049.34	1524.68	427.79	213.90
Anthem HMO Traditional									
EE	5091	1,612.08	1,236.85	375.23	1.29	1238.14	619.08	375.23	187.62
EE+1	5092	3,224.16	2,343.51	880.65	2.58	2346.09	1173.05	880.65	440.33
EE+2	5093	4,191.41	3,046.56	1144.85	3.35	3049.92	1524.96	1144.85	572.43
KAISER HMO-REGION 1									
EE	5331	1,168.86	1,168.86	0.00	0.94	1169.80	584.90	0.00	0.00
EE+1	5332	2,337.72	2,337.72	0.00	1.87	2339.59	1169.80	0.00	0.00
EE+2	5333	3,039.04	3,039.04	0.00	2.43	3041.47	1520.74	0.00	0.00
KAISER HMO-REGION 2									
EE	5341	987.69	987.69	0.00	0.79	988.48	494.25	0.00	0.00
EE+1	5342	1,975.38	1,975.38	0.00	1.58	1976.96	988.49	0.00	0.00
EE+2	5343	2,567.99	2,567.99	0.00	2.05	2570.04	1285.03	0.00	0.00
PERS Platinum									
EE	6571	1,670.14	1,236.85	433.29	1.34	1238.19	619.10	433.29	216.65
EE+1	6572	3,340.28	2,343.51	996.77	2.67	2346.18	1173.10	996.77	498.39
EE+2	6573	4,342.36	3,046.56	1295.80	3.47	3050.04	1525.02	1295.80	647.90
PERS Gold									
EE	6481	1,120.58	1,120.58	0.00	0.90	1121.48	560.74	0.00	0.00
EE+1	6482	2,241.16	2,241.16	0.00	1.79	2242.95	1121.48	0.00	0.00
EE+2	6483	2,913.51	2,913.51	0.00	2.33	2915.84	1457.93	0.00	0.00
United Healthcare SignatureValue Alliance									
EE	5761	1,290.06	1,236.85	53.21	1.03	1237.88	618.95	53.21	26.61
EE+1	5762	2,580.12	2,343.51	236.61	2.06	2345.57	1172.79	236.61	118.31
EE+2	5763	3,354.16	3,046.56	307.60	2.68	3049.25	1524.63	307.60	153.80
United Healthcare SignatureValue Harmony									
EE	4951	1,133.09	1,133.09	0.00	0.91	1134.00	567.00	0.00	0.00
EE+1	4952	2,266.18	2,266.18	0.00	1.81	2267.99	1134.00	0.00	0.00
EE+2	4953	2,946.03	2,946.03	0.00	2.36	2948.39	1474.20	0.00	0.00
Western Health Advantage HMO									
EE	5911	969.58	969.58	0.00	0.78	970.36	485.18	0.00	0.00
EE+1	5912	1,939.16	1,939.16	0.00	1.55	1940.71	970.36	0.00	0.00
EE+2	5913	2,520.91	2,520.91	0.00	2.02	2522.93	1261.47	0.00	0.00
Retirees*									
EE		Max	1,237.89						
EE+1		Max	1,857.00						
EE+2		Max	2,013.00						

AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

FROM: Sarah Christensen, Executive Director

RE: Approval of the New Job Classification of Project Manager within the RTC's Capital Projects Department, Job Description, Organizational Chart, and Salary Schedule

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approve the attached Resolution ([Attachment 1](#)) approving the creation of a new job classification of Project Manager within the RTC's Capital Projects Department, job description ([Exhibit A to Attachment 1](#)), organizational chart ([Exhibit B to Attachment 1](#)), and salary schedule ([Exhibit C to Attachment 1](#)).

BACKGROUND

In 2016 when Measure D passed, its expenditure plan added significant capital project delivery duties to the agency, which up to that point had planning as its primary function. In 2021 an organizational assessment was conducted that identified gaps in resources for capital project delivery and real property management functions. A staffing assessment was completed in 2022 and after a negotiation process with labor units the RTC approved a new organizational structure in 2024 with 3 new departments: (1) Planning, Programming, and Transportation Services; (2) Capital Projects; and (3) Internal Services.

DISCUSSION

The Capital Projects Department currently has one director position and three positions within the transportation engineer classification series. The current staffing includes the Director of Capital Projects, vacant Senior Engineer position, Associate Transportation Engineer position, and an Assistant Transportation Engineer position. The Director, Senior, and Associate level positions require a professional engineering license. There are currently no other non-engineer positions within the department.

Engineers generally are difficult to recruit and retain due to the compacted market and high competition. Following the recent recruitment process, the vacant Senior Transportation Engineer position was not successfully filled and the position remains vacant to-date. Staff is pursuing re-recruitment of this position, however it is not guaranteed that the position will be successfully filled due to high competition of the market.

It is possible that the RTC may need to serve as the implementing agency for future construction projects that are under development, including the Highway 1 Freedom to State Park Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder facility, and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 project with a combined construction contract value of \$170 million which would be a major undertaking for the RTC.

This proposed new classification is intended to support the growing scope and complexity of RTC's program of capital projects, ensuring RTC continues to deliver high-quality, timely, and cost-effective transportation improvements for the community. The Project Manager position will provide essential leadership in project delivery, coordination, and implementation, working closely with internal teams, partner agencies, contractors, and the public. Upon adoption, this new classification will be exempt, at-will, and represented within the RTC Association of Middle Managers (RAMM) bargaining unit.

The RTC's professional consultant who conducted the 2025 compensation study, MGT, found two comparable positions within the 12 comparable agencies used for the 2018 and 2025 compensation study. The positions were at Orange County Transportation Authority and the San Diego Association of Governments and had salary ranges averaging between \$101K to \$148K annually. The proposed salary is set slightly higher than the comparable positions, with an approximate range of \$120K to \$160K annually, to align with other RAMM salary ranges and to ensure competitive and successful recruitment of the position(s) in the future.

The RAMM labor unit reviewed the job description, organizational chart, and salary schedule and provided input. This meet and confer process was productive, inclusive, and signifies alignment of the management team with the proposed change to the agency's staffing make up to adapt to the needs of the agency and community. The Community of RTC Employees (CORE) unit was notified of the proposal on September 11, 2025.

This proposal reflects the Commission's commitment to building the staffing capacity needed to successfully deliver projects while aligning roles and responsibilities with our organizational structure and collective bargaining

agreements. Therefore, **staff recommends the Commission approve the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) approving:**

- 1. The creation of a new job classification of Project Manager within the RTC's Capital Projects Department placed in the RTC Association of Middle Managers (RAMM) unit;**
- 2. The new Job Description (Exhibit A to Attachment 1);**
- 3. Revised organizational chart (Exhibit B to Attachment 1); and**
- 4. Revised salary schedule (Exhibit C to Attachment 1).**

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no new fiscal impacts associated with creating the new classification. The budgeting and recruitment of the position(s) will be dependent on future needs and demands of the RTC's program of capital projects.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends creating a new classification of Project Manager within the Capital Projects Department to build the staffing capacity needed to successfully deliver projects.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
 - a. Job Description
 - b. Organizational Chart
 - c. Salary Schedule



PROJECT MANAGER Job Description

DEFINITION

Under direction of the Director of Capital Projects, oversees, supports, monitors, coordinates and manages one or more capital projects, coordinates with other agencies on programs, and participates in the activities and functions of the Capital Projects department of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. Further duties include performing research and analysis, writing reports, developing project scopes of work, budgets, and schedules; grants; developing, implementing and administering programs; administering construction of regional capital projects; performing public outreach regarding assigned programs and capital projects; supervisory and/or mentoring duties; and performs other related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a journey-level classification responsible for a variety of programs and projects in support of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission services and operational activities. Project Delivery Manager may serve as a subject matter specialist and resource for staff in the agency. The incumbent oversees daily program operations, and assists in reviewing the work performance of other agencies and contractors.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direct supervision from the Director of Capital Projects. Provides functional supervision to other agency staff.

TYPICAL TASKS

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Serves as program or project manager for regional priority programs, projects, or studies that the Commission is responsible for delivering under Measure D, State Transportation Improvement Program, and other funding sources, in coordination with partner agencies to ensure timely and cost-effective project delivery and compliance with all regulatory and funding requirements.
- Plans and coordinates capital project work through subordinate level staff of assigned functions or private contractors or consultants; reviews and evaluates work methods and procedures; meets with key staff, stakeholders, and partner agencies to identify and resolve problems.
- Evaluates and reviews work for acceptability and conformance with department standards, including capital program and project priorities; works with subordinate staff on performance issues; implements discipline and termination procedures; responds to staff questions and concerns.
- Represents the Commission to outside groups and organizations; participates in outside community and professional groups and committees; provides technical assistance as necessary.
- Prepares reports, correspondence, and written recommendations concerning transportation-

related capital projects; research issues as requested.

- Coordinates with Caltrans and local jurisdictions and directs the delivery of the Commissions capital improvement programs.
- Provides functional support for the management of pass-through and competitive grant funding programs operated by the RTC; and interpret, apply and implement Federal, State, and regional rules and regulations regarding the use of funds and programmatic requirements.
- Develops strategy and manages preparation of grant applications and administration of grants for Commission-led projects. Provides departmental support for programming functions of assigned programs, projects, and studies.
- May serve as Assistant Resident Engineer on construction projects.
- Provides department support for the development and updates of the Measure D Strategic Implementation Plan, Annual Report, Overall Work Program, and Five-Year Program of Projects; cash flow model and budgets for Capital Projects.
- Provides functional support for the management of the Commission's transportation demand management, specialized transportation, and transit programs.
- Procures and manages assigned contracts for transportation program, projects, or studies, including requests for proposals, advertisements for bids, instructions to bidders, detailed specifications or scopes of work, contract budgets, invoice review, and task management.
- Reviews and recommends approval of cost estimates, construction plans, consultant invoices, checks computation, and specified material for accuracy and conformance with regulations. Prepares and administers or assists in the administration of capital project budgets.
- Provide feedback and comments on federal, state, and regional transportation policy.
- Coordinates trail and corridor maintenance along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail line with the Director of Internal Services, Real Property Specialist, and Real Property Technician.
- Makes presentations before public, private, or government decision-making bodies, providing technical information, data, and expert advice.
- Serves as committee or backup staff to an RTC committee and mentors junior employees with committee activities.
- Prepare staff reports, memos, correspondence, consultant or contractor procurement documents, complex and comprehensive project reports, and other written materials.
- Participate in conferences; represent the Commission at regional and sub-regional meetings.
- Performs special projects as assigned and related duties as required.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

A combination of experience, education, and/or training that substantially demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of transportation project delivery, project management, construction administration, and project management.
- Current standards and policies for the design of complete streets, roads and highways, bikeways, sidewalks and trails, and safe crossings.
- Trends and innovations in transportation engineering design, construction, materials, modeling and travel forecasting, traffic simulation tools, data collection, and analysis.
- Transportation funding sources and reporting requirements.
- Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies relating to environmental review, design and construction standards, procurement, and contract management.
- Interrelationships between federal, state, regional, and local agencies involved in or affected by transportation engineering projects and programs.
- Principles and practices of team building and conflict resolution.
- Principles and practices of budget preparation and administration.
- Principles of supervision, training, and performance evaluation.

Ability to:

- Plan, fund, and deliver complex transportation projects on time, within budget, and minimizing disruption to the traveling public.
- Review engineering plans and specifications prepared by private contractors and consultants.
- Perform complex transportation engineering analyses and studies, utilizing software applications for data analysis.
- Coordinate work of consultants, government agencies, utilities, project partners, and Commission staff to ensure timely, cost-effective project and program delivery.
- Oversee all phases of engineering work in progress and enforce standard safety practices and procedures in the field.
- Interpret and apply construction and design standards, various codes and regulations, department policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Develop and implement department and Commission policies and procedures.
- Gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.
- Successfully develop, control, and administer project and program budget and expenditures.

- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.
- Communicate clearly and effectively in writing, utilizing technical and statistical information.
- Make presentations that convey complex engineering information and transportation data to a variety of audiences in a manner that is persuasive and easy to understand.
- Supervise, train, and evaluate assigned personnel.
- Develop effective working relationships with Commissioners, member agencies, and business and public groups to gain cooperation and consensus.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND TRAINING

The knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above may be acquired through various types of training, education, and experience. A typical way to acquire the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Equivalent to graduation from a four (4) year accredited college or university with major coursework in engineering, construction management, environmental science, environmental studies, architecture, planning, or related field from an accredited college. MA/MS, MBA, or similar advanced degree is desirable.

Experience:

Three (3) years of progressively responsible capital project delivery experience, including managing projects.

Experience working in the public sector or reporting to and interacting with a Board of Directors and providing information for board or commission decisions is desirable.

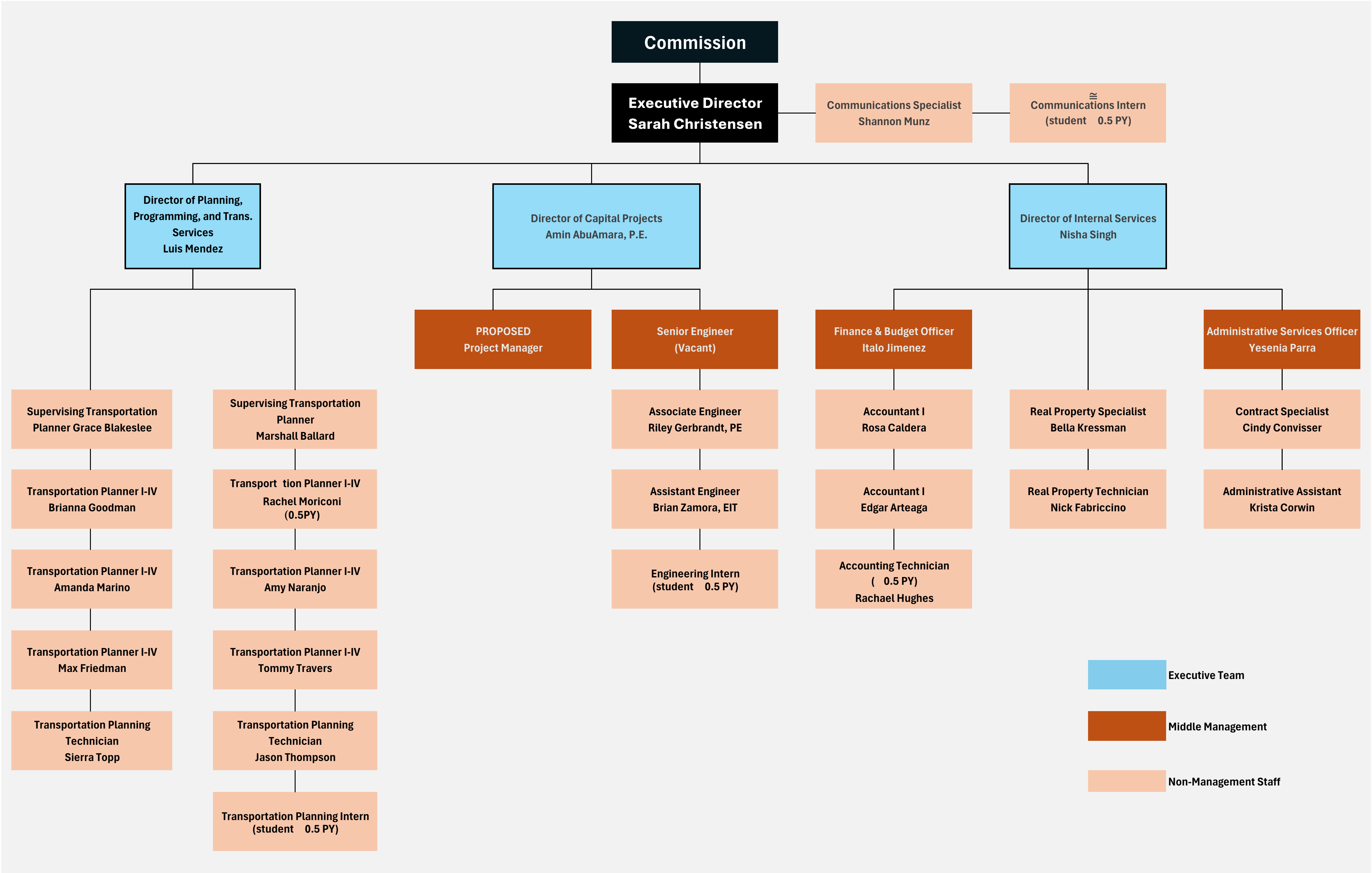
Licenses and Certifications

Must possess and maintain a valid California driver's license and meet automobile insurability requirements or the ability to provide suitable transportation needs of the Commission as a condition of continued employment.

Class Information:

Unit: RTC Association of Middle Management (RAMM); At-Will
 FLSA Status: Exempt
 Established: October 2025
 Revised: N/A

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Organizational Chart - Proposed October 2, 2025



SCCRTC
SALARY SCHEDULE UPDATE
EFFECTIVE April 1, 2025
1.04 COLA
0.03 Longevity

JOB DESCRIPTION	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Monthly	Monthly
Accounting Tech	Step1	Step2	Step3	Step4	Step5	Step6	Step7	Step1	Step7
Accounting Tech Longevity	36.10	37.54	39.05	40.62	42.24	43.94	45.70	6,257.06	7,920.92
Accountant I	1.08	1.13	1.17	1.22	1.27	1.32	1.37		
Accountant I-Longevity	40.25	41.86	43.53	45.27	47.08	48.96	50.93	6,976.32	8,827.66
Accountant II	1.21	1.26	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.47	1.53		
Accountant II-Longevity	44.27	46.04	47.88	49.78	51.79	53.85	56.01	7,673.95	9,709.16
Accountant III	1.33	1.38	1.44	1.49	1.55	1.62	1.68		
Accountant III-Longevity	48.69	50.64	52.66	54.77	56.97	59.25	61.61	8,440.09	10,679.00
Admin Assit/Acct Tech	1.46	1.52	1.58	1.64	1.71	1.78	1.85		
Admin Assit/Acct Tech-Longevity	34.77	36.17	37.60	39.11	40.68	42.32	44.01	6,026.31	7,628.89
Admin Assistant II	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.17	1.22	1.27	1.32		
Admin Assistant II-Longevity	33.45	34.78	36.17	37.62	39.11	40.68	42.34	5,797.38	7,338.66
Admin Assistant III	1.00	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.17	1.22	1.27		
Admin Assistant III-Longevity	36.68	38.16	39.68	41.26	42.91	44.63	46.40	6,358.01	8,043.50
Admin Services Officer I	1.10	1.14	1.19	1.24	1.29	1.34	1.39		
Admin Services Officer I-Longevity	52.37	55.01	57.75	60.62	63.66	66.85	70.20	9,078.23	12,168.00
Admin Services Officer II	1.57	1.65	1.73	1.82	1.91	2.01	2.11		
Admin Services Officer II-Longevity	57.62	60.51	63.54	66.71	70.03	73.53	77.22	9,986.77	13,384.80
Communication Specialist I	1.73	1.82	1.91	2.00	2.10	2.21	2.32		
Communication Specialist I-Longevity	48.38	50.32	52.31	54.40	56.59	58.85	61.20	8,386.01	10,608.69
Communication Specialist II	1.45	1.51	1.57	1.63	1.70	1.77	1.84		
Communication Specialist II-Longevity	53.22	55.34	57.55	59.86	62.24	64.73	67.34	9,224.25	11,672.27
Contract Specialist	1.60	1.66	1.73	1.80	1.87	1.94	2.02		
Contract Specialist-Longevity	43.50	45.68	47.95	50.36	52.87	55.52	58.28	7,540.55	10,102.14
Director of Capital Projects	1.31	1.37	1.44	1.51	1.59	1.67	1.75		
Director of Capital Projects-Longevity	88.50	92.92	97.57	102.45	107.57	112.95	118.60	15,340.69	20,557.61
Director of Internal Services	2.66	2.79	2.93	3.07	3.23	3.39	3.56		
Director of Internal Services-Longevity	84.04	88.26	92.70	97.34	102.23	107.36	112.76	14,567.35	19,544.51
Director of Planning, Programming, and Transportation Services	2.52	2.65	2.78	2.92	3.07	3.22	3.38		
Director of Planning, Prog, &Transp Svcs-longevity	84.04	88.26	92.70	97.34	102.23	107.36	112.76	14,567.35	19,544.51
Finance & Budget Officer	2.52	2.65	2.78	2.92	3.07	3.22	3.38		
Finance & Budget Officer Longevity	60.49	63.52	66.70	70.02	73.53	77.21	81.07	10,484.31	14,051.79
Project Manager	1.81	1.91	2.00	2.10	2.21	2.32	2.43		
Project Manager Longevity	57.70	60.59	63.61	66.79	70.13	73.64	77.32	10,001.33	13,402.74
Real Property Specialist I	1.73	1.82	1.91	2.00	2.10	2.21	2.32		
Real Property Specialist I-Longevity	46.03	47.87	49.78	51.78	53.85	56.00	58.24	7,978.60	10,094.93
Real Property Specialist II	1.38	1.44	1.49	1.55	1.62	1.68	1.75		
Real Property Specialist II-Longevity	51.64	53.71	55.85	58.08	60.40	62.83	65.33	8,950.24	11,324.35
Real Property Tech	1.55	1.61	1.68	1.74	1.81	1.88	1.96		
Real Property Tech-Longevity	36.67	38.14	39.67	41.26	42.90	44.62	46.40	6,356.20	8,043.50
Transportation Planner I	1.10	1.14	1.19	1.24	1.29	1.34	1.39		
Transportation Planner I-Longevity	41.83	43.52	45.26	47.07	48.94	50.92	52.94	7,250.33	9,175.57
Transportation Planner II	1.25	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.47	1.53	1.59		
Transportation Planner II-Longevity	46.04	47.87	49.78	51.77	53.85	56.00	58.24	7,980.41	10,094.93
Transportation Planner III	1.38	1.44	1.49	1.55	1.62	1.68	1.75		
Transportation Planner III-Longevity	54.00	56.16	58.41	60.75	63.16	65.70	68.33	9,359.45	11,843.52
Transportation Planner IV	1.62	1.68	1.75	1.82	1.89	1.97	2.05		
Transportation Planner IV-Longevity	59.99	62.39	64.89	67.48	70.17	72.98	75.89	10,397.78	13,154.06
Supervising Transportation Planner	1.80	1.87	1.95	2.02	2.11	2.19	2.28		
Supervising Transportation Planner-Longevity	65.99	68.63	71.38	74.22	77.20	80.29	83.49	11,437.92	14,471.81
Transportation Planning Tech	1.98	2.06	2.14	2.23	2.32	2.41	2.50		
Transportation Planning Tech-Longevity	36.70	38.15	39.68	41.26	42.91	44.62	46.40	6,361.61	8,043.50
Senior Transportation Engr	1.10	1.14	1.19	1.24	1.29	1.34	1.39		
Senior Transportation Engineer-	72.50	76.13	79.93	83.93	88.12	92.53	97.16	12,566.39	16,840.51
Associate Transportation Engr	2.17	2.28	2.40	2.52	2.64	2.78	2.91		
Associate Engineer-Longevity	64.28	67.49	70.86	74.41	78.11	82.04	86.13	11,142.28	14,929.69
Transportation Engineer	1.93	2.02	2.13	2.23	2.34	2.46	2.58		
Transportation Engineer-Longevity	56.36	59.17	62.12	65.23	68.49	71.93	75.52	9,768.65	13,090.97
Assistant Transportation Engineer	1.69	1.77	1.86	1.96	2.05	2.16	2.27		
Assistant Transportation Engineer-Longevity	48.68	51.13	53.68	56.36	59.18	62.14	65.24	8,438.28	11,308.13
Junior Transportation Engineer	1.46	1.53	1.61	1.69	1.78	1.86	1.96		
Junior Transportation Engineer-Longevity	42.06	44.16	46.36	48.68	51.12	53.67	56.35	7,289.98	9,766.85
Student Intern I-High School	1.26	1.32	1.39	1.46	1.53	1.61	1.69		
Student Intern II-Freshman/Sophomore							21.53		3,731.52
Student Intern III-Jr/Sr or Masters program							24.76		4,292.15
							26.92		4,665.30
Salary Based on Contract	Hourly Minimum	Hourly Maximum	Monthly Minimum	Monthly Maximum	Annual Minimum	Annual Maximum			
Executive Director	122.69		21,266.27		255,195.20				
Executive Director Longevity	3.68								

NOTE
LONGEVITY PAY:

All Active Employees who have completed 52,001 RTC Service Hours with Santa Cruz County and/or and/or the RTC (equivalent to approximately twenty-five (25) years of full-time service) shall be paid a Incentive Pay equivalent to 3% of their base hourly rate.

AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Krista Corwin, Administrative Assistant II

RE: Monthly Meeting Schedule

The monthly meeting schedule is presented to inform the Commission and the public of upcoming Commission, Committee, and Advisory Committee meetings. The meetings are open to the public. Information needed to attend the meetings can be found on the first page of the meeting agenda. Agendas for the meetings will be posted to the appropriate webpage five to seven days prior to the meetings.

- Commission Meetings:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/regional-transportation-commission/agendas/>
- Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/budget-administration-personnel-committee/>
- Bicycle Advisory Committee:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/bicycle-advisory-committee/>
- Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/elderly-disabled/>
- Interagency Technical Advisory Committee:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/inter-agency/>
- Traffic Operations System/SAFE on 17:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/traffic-operations-system-safe-on-17/>
- Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee:
<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/measure-d-taxpayer-oversight-committee/>

Attachments:

1. Three Month Meeting Schedule

Three Month Meeting Schedulewww.sccrtc.org**October 2, 2025 RTC Meeting**

October 2025-December 2025

Note: Please check website for most up-to-date information. All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered.

Date	Day	Meeting Body	Time	Place
10/2/25	Thu	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00am	Watsonville
10/9/25	Thu	Budget & Administration/Personnel	1:30pm	RTC Office
10/13/25	Mon	Bicycle Advisory Committee ***New Date***	5:30pm	RTC Office
10/14/25	Tue	Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30pm	RTC Office
10/16/25	Thu	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30pm	RTC Office
11/3/25	Mon	Bicycle Advisory Committee	5:30pm	RTC Office
11/6/25	Thu	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00am	Watsonville
11/20/25	Thu	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30pm	RTC Office
12/4/25	Thu	Regional Transportation Commission	9:00am	Watsonville
12/8/25	Mon	Bicycle Advisory Committee	5:30pm	RTC Office
12/9/25	Tue	Elderly & Disable Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30pm	RTC Office
12/18/25	Thu	Interagency Technical Advisory Committee	1:30pm	RTC Office

- *RTC Office – 1101 Pacific Avenue, Suite 250A, Santa Cruz, CA*
- *Watsonville – 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA*

AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Krista Corwin, Administrative Assistant II

RE: Correspondence Log

The Correspondence Log is included in the meeting packet to inform the Commission of correspondence from members of the public on matters within its jurisdiction and from members of the Commission and its staff to other agencies. The correspondence log and the accompanying Full Comments (linked in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the log) demonstrate the value the Commissioner places on transparency and responsiveness.

Attachments:

1. Correspondence Log

Correspondence Log (08/25/2025-9/22/2025)

ATTACHMENT 1
RTC October 2, 2025

TO							From			Link to Full Comments
Date Letter Rec'd/Sent	Type	Incoming/Outgoing	Response	First	Last	Organization	First	Last	Organization	Subject
08/21/25	Email	Incoming	D.Toups 8.25.2025	Rachel Moriconi	Derek Toups	METRO/ SCCRTC	Mike	Pisano	E&DTAC	Question about adding a hydrogen fueling station at vacant Watsonville Metro property
08/25/25	Email	Incoming	R.Gerbrandt 8.25.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Pete	Haworth	Resident	Question about travel times cited in ZEPRT draft report
08/26/25	Email	Incoming	B.Kressman 8.28.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	Roxanne	Stanley	Resident	Comments about weeding, Castle Mobile Estates, plans on the property boundary in Segments 10 and 11, and due process
08/26/25	Email	Incoming	B.Kressman 8.28.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	Marilyn	O'Rourke	Resident	Concerns about woodrat nest on rail right-of-way adjacent to resident's property
08/27/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 8.27.2025	RTC		SCCRTC	Jon	Lindquist	Resident	Request for information related to Bay Porter Ramp Closure
08/27/25	Email	Incoming	n/a	Shannon	Munz	SCCRTC	Clayton	Markel	Resident	Feedback on language of announcement: Highway 1 Park Avenue Ramps to Reopen Prior to Long-Term Closure of Bay Avenue Ramps
08/28/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.22.2025	Shannon	Munz	SCCRTC	Katharine	Parker	Resident	Concerns about traffic situation around ramp closures and inquiry about completion of Capitola Bridge overcrossing
08/28/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 8.29.2025	Bella Kressman	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Damon	Meyer	Resident	Comments regarding RTC's \$4.3 Billion Mirage: False Claims, No Agreements, and No Legal Basis
08/28/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 8.29.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Robert	Stephens	Resident	Comments about BART, SMART train and news article
08/28/25	Contact us form	Incoming	S.Topp 8.28.2025	Sierra	Topp	SCCRTC	Shawna	Miller	Resident	Questions about e-bike and adaptive e-bike vouchers of the GO BIKE! program
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Shannon	Munz	SCCRTC	Shaunna	Cornell	Resident	Complaint about closing both the Northbound and Southbound Bay/Porter ramps at the same time

TO							From			
Date Letter Rec'd/Sent	Type	Incoming/Outgoing	Response	First	Last	Organization	First	Last	Organization	Subject
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jim	Weller	Resident	Response to Mr. Will Mayall's email regarding railbanking and risk of lawsuits
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	M.Friedman 9.3.2025	Tommy	Travers	SCCRTC	Cindy	Pierce	Resident	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting Oct 13
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Mick	Routh	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Cami	Corvin	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Pete	Haworth	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Jack	Brown	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Robert	Stephens	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/29/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Carl	Bacon	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
08/30/25	Email	Incoming	M.Friedman 9.3.2025	Max	Friedman	SCCRTC	A	Webb	Resident	Comments for Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting re: Pacific/Beach Roundabout
09/02/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Brian	Peoples	Trail Now	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
09/02/25	Email	Incoming	B.Kressman 9.9.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	Robert	Solick	Resident	Goat damage
09/02/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Bella Kressman	Grace Blakeslee/Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Damon	Meyer	Resident	PUBLIC STATEMENT: RTC in Default - Fraud, Misrepresentation, and Elder Harm
09/02/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Tina	Andreatta	Resident	Comments on railbanking

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Date Letter Rec'd/Sent	Type	Incoming/Outgoing	Response	First	Last	Organization	First	Last	Organization	Subject
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Matt	Farrell	Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail and Trail	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27 (1)
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Matt	Farrell	Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail and Trail	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27 (2)
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.3.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Johanna	Lighthill	Resident	RTC 9/4/2025 Item 27
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jeffrey	Bergamini	Resident	Opposition to ZEPRT rail in light of \$72 shortfall for rail trail
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Gail	Marzolf	Resident	Concerns about Murray Street Bridge closure and Santa Cruz density/ridership
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Peter	Stanger	Resident	Opposition to the rail. Support for Metro, improved local roads, synchronized traffic signals, and a wide bicycle/pedestrian path
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Paula	Bradley	Resident	Support for continuing the rail project and pursuing all possible grant funding
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Bob	Fifield	Resident	Opposition to rail on a single track system. Support for Local and Express Transit (LET) system with existing buses to address the county's transit needs
09/03/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	David	Cooper	Resident	Comments re: Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail (draft final report)
09/04/25	Email	Incoming	B.Kressman 9.9.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	David	Byron	Resident	Questions about "This property in Aptos"
09/04/25	Email	Incoming	B.Zamora 9.12.2025	Brian	Zamora	SCCRTC	Diane	Reymer	Resident	Comments and questions about Bay/Porter ramps and Capitola bridge
09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	Damon	Meyer	Resident	Notice of Continuing Action & Required Accountability

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09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Mitchell	Bramlett	Resident	Comments re: Active Transportation Program and California Transportation Commission Funding - request the RTC to approve the Optional Interim Trail immediately
09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Bella Kressman	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Cami	Corvin	Resident	Comments regarding encroachments and ZEPRT project
09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Nathaniel	James	Resident	Opposition to rail
09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Brian	Peoples	Trail Now	Comments re: Measure D funding for Active Transportation Projects in Watsonville
09/05/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.8.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Peter	Cook	Resident	Comments re: Measure D funding for Active Transportation Projects in Watsonville
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	B.Kressman 9.10.2025	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	John	Spigott	Pacific Gas & Electric	Inquiry about rails within Walker St.
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jeff	Anderson	Resident	Train not feasible to operate - support for bike and pedestrian trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Kristina	Campbell	Resident	Rail and Trail too expensive - support for trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Tim	Brattan	Resident	Comments re: Supervisor Koenig's newsletter: The Train is Dead
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Mark	Dammann	Resident	Support for railbanking and proceeding with trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Joe	Morici	Resident	Support for trail - no rail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Mandy	Spitzer	Resident	Opposition to the train
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Robin	Brune	Resident	Support for a dedicated bike trail with no rail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Kelly	Shafsky	Resident	Cost of trail and commuter light rail not a realistic option at this time - support for interim trail & railbanking

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09/09/25	Email	Incoming	R.Moriconi 9.9.2025	Rachel	Moriconi	SCCRTC	Ricardo	Hernandez	Prologis	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Inquiry
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Leonard	Foreman	Resident	Rail portion of project too expensive - support for bike path
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Sarah	Gerhardt	Resident	Please get a move on our trail ASAP
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Tutti	Hacking	Resident	Support for railbanking and concern over wasting money and time
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	David	Giannini	Resident	Support for building the interim trail and railbanking
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Andrea	Ratto	Resident	Support for railbanking
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Mark	Losee	Resident	Please cease work on the train and trail and pursue just a trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Martha Vickers	Ron Parrish	Resident	Support for railbanking to save bike/walking path
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jeremy	Orvik	Resident	The SCCRTC owes this community an apology and accountability - comments on rail/trail project
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Joan	Steele	Resident	Support for railbanking
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.9.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Malia	Horn	Resident	Support for moving forward with the interim trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Miles	Wadsworth	Resident	Opposition to train, support for trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Darlene	Zanker	Resident	Support for railbanking and building a bike trail
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	David	Montgomery	Resident	Disgusted with RTC's performance as a board - money wasted pursuing train
09/09/25	Email	Incoming	S.Munz 9.10.2025	Shannon Munz	Brian Zamora	SCCRTC	Elaine	Tringali	Resident	Inquiry re: completion of Capitola Ave overpass

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09/10/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jim	Jordan	Resident	Support for railbanking - starting rail bank proceedings prior to December
09/10/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Linnaea	Boone-Mays	Resident	Passenger train not feasible at this time, support for moving forward with a trail on top of the old rail
09/10/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.10.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Richard	Klevins	Resident	Comments about rail trail - incredulous that trail has not been finished sooner, attributed to corruption
09/11/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Brian	Peoples	Trail Now	Oppose proposal to delay Railbanking Discussion until Dec/2025
09/11/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Peter	Stanger	Resident	Oppose proposal to delay Railbanking Discussion until Dec/2025
09/11/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Kevin	Maguire	Resident	Santa Cruz Needs Health, Safety, and Fiscal Responsibility
09/11/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Carl	Bacon	Resident	Support for railbanking now
09/11/25	Email	Incoming	pending	Brianna	Goodman	SCCRTC	Samuel	Meyers	Resident	Questions about Felton Sidewalk project from property owners
09/12/25	Contact us form	Incoming	pending	Grace Blakeslee	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Peter	Gibson	Resident	Request to review text for a commentary I'm writing
09/13/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Brian	Zamora	SCCRTC	Jim		Resident	Question about Highway 1 Phase 3 Work Schedule
09/13/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Bella Kressman	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Damon	Meyer	Resident	Immediate Need for Accountability and Release of Corridor Properties
09/13/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Jack	Brown	Resident	San Bernardino Hydrogen Multi Unit Trains cost per unit was \$23 m. ZEPRT estimated \$14.43 m

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09/14/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Grace Blakeslee	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Tom	Davis	Pacific Edge Climbing Gym	Cost overruns on Rail & Trail
09/15/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Carol	Swenson	Resident	Support for trail. Rail may never get built.
09/15/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.15.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Anne-Marie	Jackson	Resident	Support for railbanking
09/16/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.16.2025	Bella Kressman	Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Roxanne	Stanley	Resident	25 Years of Misrepresentation: Santa Cruz RTC in Default
09/16/25	Email	Incoming	pending	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Krista	Rogers	Save Our Shores	Request for info on Panther Beach parking lot
09/17/25	Email	Incoming	S.Christensen 9.18.2025	Sarah	Christensen	SCCRTC	Johanna	Lighthill	Resident	Comments on California Transportation Commission (CTC) Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant
09/18/25	Letter	Outgoing	n/a	Joe	Clark	Capitola Mayor	Sarah	Christensen	SCCRTC	RTC Response to City of Capitola Questions Regarding Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10-11 (17th Avenue to State Park Drive) and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
09/18/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.18.2025	Sarah	Christensen	SCCRTC	Damon	Meyer	Resident	RTC Default Under Proposition 116 - Demand for Acknowledgement, Cessation of Threats, and Repayment of State Funds
09/18/25	Email	Incoming	pending	Bella	Kressman	SCCRTC	Sarah	Sellars	CivilGrid	Request for utility maps and as-builts of assets in the railroad right-of-way in Capitola
09/19/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.22.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Peter	Stanger	Resident	Rethinking Segment 17
09/19/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.22.2025	Grace	Blakeslee	SCCRTC	Brian	Peoples	Trail Now	Support Watsonville request for fairshare of Measure D funding

TO							From			
Date Letter Rec'd/Sent	Type	Incoming/Outgoing	Response	First	Last	Organization	First	Last	Organization	Subject
09/20/25	Email	Incoming	RTC Staff 9.22.2025	Riley	Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Brian	Peoples	Trail Now	Correcting Santa Cruz's Costly Mistakes
09/21/25	Email	Incoming	pending	Tommy	Travers	SCCRTC	Paula	Jorgenson	Resident	Bike lanes feedback

AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

RE: Letters from RTC Committees and Staff to Other Agencies

Letters are included in the Commission meeting packet as part of the RTC efforts for transparency to inform the public of actions that the RTC and its committees have taken in support of recent actions from state, partner agencies and other agencies on transportation related projects, issues and legislative actions.

Attachments:

1. September 1, 2025 Letter to Joe Clarke, City of Capitola Mayor, RE: RTC Response to City of Capitola Questions Regarding Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10-11 (17th Avenue to State Park Drive) and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line



September 10, 2025

Joe Clarke
City of Capitola Mayor
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11. Who currently holds maintenance responsibility for the rail corridor within Capitola city limits?

The RTC currently holds maintenance responsibility for the rail corridor within the Capitola city limits.

Attachment 2

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Capitola Trestle on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

Background

The Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) owns the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The rail line is a freight rail line in need of structural repairs on several bridges, including the Capitola Trestle. The RTC, in partnership with local jurisdictions, is pursuing development of a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facility, referred to as the Coastal Rail Trail, within the rail right-of-way. The RTC is also pursuing development of passenger rail within the rail right-of-way as part of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project.

The Capitola Trestle complex is comprised of 5 individual, but connected, bridges, each made of different materials. The Capitola Trestle provides an elevated rail crossing of Soquel Creek, Wharf Road, Riverview Avenue, and Capitola Avenue. Repairs to the Capitola Trestle complex are needed before the bridge is viable for freight or passenger service.

FAQS

Can a bicycle and pedestrian bridge be attached to the existing Capitola Trestle to provide bicycles and pedestrians access across Soquel Creek within the rail line right-of-way?

A bicycle and pedestrian bridge cannot be attached to the existing Capitola Trestle. The Capitola Trestle complex is made up of 5 bridges including two concrete spans, two multi-span open deck timber trestles, and an open deck wrought iron bridge that spans Soquel Creek. The wrought iron bridge and timber trestles do not have a location suitable to connect a cantilevered bicycle and pedestrian bridge and do not have adequate structural capacity to support the added weight. Therefore, a bicycle and pedestrian bridge, like the one cantilevered from the San Lorenzo River Trestle, is not feasible on the Capitola Trestle complex.

Can a separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge be constructed across Soquel Creek within the rail line right-of-way?

The rail right-of-way in the area of the Capitola Trestle complex is constrained. Constructing a stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian bridge next to the existing Capitola Trestle and within the rail right-of-way may not be feasible and would require significant engineering. Due to this space constraint, the engineering challenges of constructing a bridge spanning Soquel Creek, and the cost of constructing a new bridge (trail or rail bridge) over Soquel Creek, staff is recommending that a bicycle and pedestrian trail bridge be combined with replacement of a

new Capitola Trestle complex. The Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Concept Report will evaluate the feasibility and cost of a combined rail and trail bridge to replace the Capitola Trestle complex. To date, no cost estimate has been developed for a new combined rail and trail bridge to replace the current Capitola Trestle complex.

Can the Capitola Trestle bicycle and pedestrian trail be constructed on the existing Capitola Trestle?

The 2021 Capitola Railroad Bridge Repurposing Conceptual Study analyzed the feasibility of converting the Capitola Trestle from a rail bridge to a bicycle and pedestrian trail bridge. The Study determined that, from a constructability and engineering standpoint, the Capitola Trestle could be repurposed into a bicycle and pedestrian bridge if required structural repairs are completed, including the replacement of the wrought iron bearings, all the timber bracing, and 30-40% of the timber piles. After structural repairs are completed, the existing rails, decking, and ballast could be removed and replaced with a steel and fiber reinforced polymer deck system similar to that used on the San Lorenzo trail bridge. The study estimated that repair and repurposing of the bridge would cost approximately \$7 million in 2021 dollars.

What are the regulatory requirements to allow the repurposing of the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge?

In order to be able to repurpose the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge, the rail line would

Attachment 3

either need to go through the regulatory process administered by the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) to be abandoned or railbanked. STB regulations designate a common carrier who has the obligation to provide freight rail service to potential customers. To remove the obligation, a freight railroad would need to apply to the STB for abandonment based on the lack of freight service and the high cost of repairs. Abandonment is not desired by the RTC since any right-of-way owned by easement and not fee title would revert to the underlying property owners. Railbanking is a method by which freight rail lines proposed for abandonment can be preserved for future freight rail use through interim conversion to trail use and other uses. If railbanked, the rail and ties could be removed, and the right-of-way would be preserved for potential re-activation of freight and other potential rail service.

How can the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line be railbanked to allow for repurposing of the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge?

To abandon and railbank the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, the freight operator would need to file for direct abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) or an interested party could file for adverse abandonment. The RTC would need to both file a petition with the STB to enter into railbanking negotiations, and subsequently enter into a railbank agreement with the freight operator. The RTC would need to assume financial liability for preserving the rail line. Railbanking by means of a direct abandonment proceeding can be streamlined when there is no opposition. Another freight operator can make an Offer of Financial Assistance (OFA) to maintain the line and assume the legal obligation to provide freight service. A freight rail customer or the owner of a potential stranded line would have grounds to object to abandonment and railbanking. The STB will not refuse to issue a railbanking order based on third-party objections about the desirability or appropriateness of the proposed use. The best path to railbanking is to have the mutual support of all affected parties, including the freight operator, affected freight customers, and owners of potential stranded lines.

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The draft conceptual alignment for passenger rail identified that implementation of passenger rail service could require almost the entire rail right-of-way width between Monterey Avenue and Grove Lane to allow for the mainline track, a passing siding and station platform. Under this scenario, there would not be room for the 12-foot-wide trail in the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way for the trail should passenger rail be implemented in the long-term. Since that time, the passenger rail project designers have looked at options for minimizing the passenger rail footprint in this location, and the trail project team has looked at options for designing the trail with the intent of minimizing potential future impacts to the trail should passenger rail be implemented. Potential impacts of the passenger rail project on the trail project would not be known until after the passenger rail project completes the project approval and environmental phase and final design.

11. Who currently holds maintenance responsibility for the rail corridor within Capitola city limits?

The RTC currently holds maintenance responsibility for the rail corridor within the Capitola city limits.

Attachment 2

Chronology of Recent SCCRTC Presentations to Capitola City Council for Transportation Projects along the Branch Line

May 27, 2021	The RTC staff presented regional projects to the City Council including the Coastal Rail Trail projects under development and the SCCRTC-led Capitola Trestle repurposing study that concluded in the fall of 2021.
March 23, 2023	County and RTC staff presented an overview of the design of Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project through the City of Capitola, including a description of plans for the Capitola Trestle, and noted that a trail on the Trestle is excluded under the Ultimate Trail configuration.
October 26, 2023	County and RTC staff presented a second design overview of the project, and responded to City staff's request for details about why a trail on the Capitola Trestle was not included as part of the Ultimate Trail Configuration or the County's ATP grant application, as well as a request for details on the planned improvements to route trail users through Capitola Village.
March 23, 2023	RTC staff presented the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project, including future rail and trail improvements for the Capitola Trestle.
February 8, 2024	RTC staff presented the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail (ZEPRT) Project, with the scope of work including replacement of the Capitola Trestle railroad bridge with a facility that can serve both rail & trail, and requested input on the preliminary Purpose & Need statement for the project.
February 13, 2025	The project team including City, County, and RTC staff presented the Park Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements with Coastal Rail Trail Segment 10-11 Project options. The City staff recommendation was for the City Council to review options for Coastal Rail Trail improvements in the Park Avenue right-of-way and identify Option A (as described in the staff report) as the preferred alternative for further analysis. Action was not taken by the Capitola City Council.

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Capitola Trestle on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

Background

The Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) owns the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The rail line is a freight rail line in need of structural repairs on several bridges, including the Capitola Trestle. The RTC, in partnership with local jurisdictions, is pursuing development of a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facility, referred to as the Coastal Rail Trail, within the rail right-of-way. The RTC is also pursuing development of passenger rail within the rail right-of-way as part of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project.

The Capitola Trestle complex is comprised of 5 individual, but connected, bridges, each made of different materials. The Capitola Trestle provides an elevated rail crossing of Soquel Creek, Wharf Road, Riverview Avenue, and Capitola Avenue. Repairs to the Capitola Trestle complex are needed before the bridge is viable for freight or passenger service.

FAQS

Can a bicycle and pedestrian bridge be attached to the existing Capitola Trestle to provide bicycles and pedestrians access across Soquel Creek within the rail line right-of-way?

A bicycle and pedestrian bridge cannot be attached to the existing Capitola Trestle. The Capitola Trestle complex is made up of 5 bridges including two concrete spans, two multi-span open deck timber trestles, and an open deck wrought iron bridge that spans Soquel Creek. The wrought iron bridge and timber trestles do not have a location suitable to connect a cantilevered bicycle and pedestrian bridge and do not have adequate structural capacity to support the added weight. Therefore, a bicycle and pedestrian bridge, like the one cantilevered from the San Lorenzo River Trestle, is not feasible on the Capitola Trestle complex.

Can a separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge be constructed across Soquel Creek within the rail line right-of-way?

The rail right-of-way in the area of the Capitola Trestle complex is constrained. Constructing a stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian bridge next to the existing Capitola Trestle and within the rail right-of-way may not be feasible and would require significant engineering. Due to this space constraint, the engineering challenges of constructing a bridge spanning Soquel Creek, and the cost of constructing a new bridge (trail or rail bridge) over Soquel Creek, staff is recommending that a bicycle and pedestrian trail bridge be combined with replacement of a

new Capitola Trestle complex. The Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Concept Report will evaluate the feasibility and cost of a combined rail and trail bridge to replace the Capitola Trestle complex. To date, no cost estimate has been developed for a new combined rail and trail bridge to replace the current Capitola Trestle complex.

Can the Capitola Trestle bicycle and pedestrian trail be constructed on the existing Capitola Trestle?

The 2021 Capitola Railroad Bridge Repurposing Conceptual Study analyzed the feasibility of converting the Capitola Trestle from a rail bridge to a bicycle and pedestrian trail bridge. The Study determined that, from a constructability and engineering standpoint, the Capitola Trestle could be repurposed into a bicycle and pedestrian bridge if required structural repairs are completed, including the replacement of the wrought iron bearings, all the timber bracing, and 30-40% of the timber piles. After structural repairs are completed, the existing rails, decking, and ballast could be removed and replaced with a steel and fiber reinforced polymer deck system similar to that used on the San Lorenzo trail bridge. The study estimated that repair and repurposing of the bridge would cost approximately \$7 million in 2021 dollars.

What are the regulatory requirements to allow the repurposing of the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge?

In order to be able to repurpose the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge, the rail line would

Attachment 3

either need to go through the regulatory process administered by the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) to be abandoned or railbanked. STB regulations designate a common carrier who has the obligation to provide freight rail service to potential customers. To remove the obligation, a freight railroad would need to apply to the STB for abandonment based on the lack of freight service and the high cost of repairs. Abandonment is not desired by the RTC since any right-of-way owned by easement and not fee title would revert to the underlying property owners. Railbanking is a method by which freight rail lines proposed for abandonment can be preserved for future freight rail use through interim conversion to trail use and other uses. If railbanked, the rail and ties could be removed, and the right-of-way would be preserved for potential re-activation of freight and other potential rail service.

How can the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line be railbanked to allow for repurposing of the Capitola Trestle to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge?

To abandon and railbank the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, the freight operator would need to file for direct abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) or an interested party could file for adverse abandonment. The RTC would need to both file a petition with the STB to enter into railbanking negotiations, and subsequently enter into a railbank agreement with the freight operator. The RTC would need to assume financial liability for preserving the rail line. Railbanking by means of a direct abandonment proceeding can be streamlined when there is no opposition. Another freight operator can make an Offer of Financial Assistance (OFA) to maintain the line and assume the legal obligation to provide freight service. A freight rail customer or the owner of a potential stranded line would have grounds to object to abandonment and railbanking. The STB will not refuse to issue a railbanking order based on third-party objections about the desirability or appropriateness of the proposed use. The best path to railbanking is to have the mutual support of all affected parties, including the freight operator, affected freight customers, and owners of potential stranded lines.

What other steps are required to develop an interim trail on the Capitola Trestle?

In addition to railbanking, several steps need to occur to develop an interim trail on the Capitola Trestle, including environmental review, design, permitting and securing funding. The Coastal Rail Trail Segment

10 & 11 Project environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will include evaluation of the Ultimate Trail Configuration (Trail next to Rail Line) and an optional Interim Trail (Trail on the Rail Line) and both are part of the Proposed Project. In addition, the Ultimate Trail Configuration includes a design option that would provide environmental clearance under CEQA for an Interim Trail on the Capitola Trestle as part of the Ultimate Trail Configuration to maximize flexibility. Therefore, an interim trail project on the Capitola Trestle will be environmentally cleared under CEQA as part of the proposed Coastal Rail Trail Segment 10 & 11 environmental review, should the County of Santa Cruz certify the Segment 10 & 11 Final Environmental Impact Report. Once the interim trail is environmentally cleared, the project could enter the project design phase, should funding be available.

Is there funding for construction of an interim trail on the Capitola Trestle?

There is not approved funding for repurposing the Capitola Trestle for an interim trail. The County of Santa Cruz, in coordination with the RTC and City of Capitola, are developing the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 & 11 project, which extends from 17th Avenue to State Park Drive in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Cruz. A combination of local, state and federal funding is dedicated to construction of Segment 10 & 11 for the Ultimate Trail Configuration (Trail next to Rail Line). The current funded project does not include funding for development of a trail across the Capitola Trestle.

What does the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 10 & 11 funded project include for Capitola Village?

The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 & 11 project includes re-striping the existing bike lanes in Capitola Village and enhancing the Class II bike lanes with green thermoplastic striping, and enhancing existing sharrows on Class III roadways with green paint. The project also includes adding signage directing bicyclists and pedestrians through the Village to the Coastal Rail Trail. In addition, a roughly 350-foot-long section of Cliff Drive from the end of the trail to the start of the Cliff Drive sidewalk will be restriped to create a delineated pedestrian walkway and Class II bike lane on the coastal side of the roadway where bicyclists and pedestrians currently have to share the bike lane.






Capitola Response Letter - Rail Trail Impacts

Final Audit Report

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AGENDA: October 2, 2025

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Sarah Christensen, Executive Director
RE: Caltrans Report

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) receive a report generated by Caltrans on their active projects within Santa Cruz County.

BACKGROUND

Caltrans provides a project update report listing all active project locations, brief description, construction timeline, cost, assigned project manager, construction contractor (as applicable) and comments with updates to the Commission for each RTC meeting.

DISCUSSION

The October 2, 2025, Caltrans report includes updates on projects in construction and under development. Changes since the last project update are shown in bold-face font. Each project location is listed by route and postmile, which can be found using the Caltrans postmile services website query tool: postmile.dot.ca.gov. The types of projects range from storm damage repairs, pavement preservation, drainage upgrades, bridge rehabilitation or replacement, and safety upgrades. Resources for general Caltrans inquiries can be found after the project update report.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with receiving a report generated by Caltrans on their active projects within Santa Cruz County.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Caltrans Project Update Report



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REPORT PURPOSE: This report lists high profile or moderate to high impact to the traveling public projects on the State Highway System (SHS) in Santa Cruz County (SCR). This report does not necessarily list all projects or encroachment permit activities. To be included in the SCCRTC's agenda packet, this report generally begins compiling information two to three weeks in advance of the SCCRTC's board meeting. Please refer to Caltrans' News Releases and social media posts for the most up to date road closure information and activity notices.

For information on current roadway conditions and active closures: <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

For a 7-day look-ahead on planned lane closures, updated each Friday: <https://lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/searchdistricts?district=5>

Given the sheer number of Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, and to assist in providing satisfactory responses: If a Commissioner/Commissioner's Alternate of the SCCRTC intends in advance to ask about a particular project at the Board meeting, it is kindly requested that they submit their inquiry in advance so that Caltrans staff have time to research details & nuances on the matter.

The projects below are listed in order of State Route, then by beginning post mile, with all projects covering multiple State Routes listed first. There are two tables of projects displayed:

1. "Projects in Construction" (Milestone range: Construction Contract Approval to Construction Contract Acceptance);
2. "Projects in Development" (project phases "Project Initiation Document" (PID), "Project Approval & Environmental Documents" (PA&ED), "Plans, Specifications, & Estimates" (PS&E), and "Right of Way" (RW));

The Right of Way phase often overlaps with the Plans, Specifications, & Estimates (PS&E) phase. Oversight Projects are usually only included below when Caltrans is the Lead Agency for a given phase or activity. Maintenance activities are not generally included. Generally, updates since the last publication of the project update list are in **bold** type.

Please see a list of Caltrans resources available to the public at the end of this document.



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C1	Drainage Improvements 1K640	State Route: 1 PM: MON SR-1 PM 101.53 to SCR County Line / SCR PM 0 to R7.7 From 0.5 miles south of the Santa Cruz / Monterey County Line to 0.2 miles north of Larkin Valley Rd	Culvert repairs, improved lighting, new traffic monitoring systems, and construct maintenance vehicle pullouts.	February 2025 – December 2025	C Cap: \$5.9 million Total: \$12 million SHOPP- Drainage	Ryan Caldera	Granite Construction	Construction in progress. Please watch for Caltrans News Releases and social media posts regarding specific construction updates.
C2	Inside Shoulder Widening 1P180	State Route: 1 PM: R5 to 8.2	Widen existing paved inside shoulder to improve vehicle drift recovery	April 2025 – September 2025	C Cap: \$4.5 million Total: \$8 million 010 Safety Funds	Chad Stoehr	Granite Rock Company	Construction in progress. Please watch for Caltrans News Releases and social media posts for specific construction updates.



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C3	Auxiliary Lanes & BOS from State Park Dr to Bay/Porter 0C733	State Route: 1 PM: 10.4 to 13.3	Construct auxiliary lanes between State Park Dr & Bay/Porter interchanges. Construct Bus-on-shoulder elements. Reconstruct the Capitola Ave overcrossing.	July 2023 – September 2028	C Cap: \$82.3 million Total: \$94.1 million SCCRTC Project-Caltrans Lead for Construction	Madilyn Jacobsen	Granite Construction Company	Regular project updates are being published as News Releases through Caltrans' Public Information Office and SCCRTC's constant contact list. Both publications use identical information.
C4	Aux Lanes & BOS 41 st to Soquel Ave 0C732	State Route: 1 PM: 13.4 to 14.9	Construct auxiliary Lanes, Bus-on-shoulder elements, & bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing near Chanticleer Avenue.	November 2022 – December 2025	C Cap: \$34.6 million Total: \$39.1 million Oversight Project: SCCRTC Project - Caltrans Lead for Construction	Madilyn Jacobsen	Granite Construction Company	The project held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 30, 2025. Minor construction activities will continue through Fall 2025.



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C5	FLAP N. Coast Rail Trail 1N610	State Route: 1 PM: 26.45 to 28.78	Formalize two parking areas along Highway 1 with toilet facilities and other amenities. Add turn-pockets on Highway 1 for entry into parking lots. Install a crosswalk with high-visibility striping across Highway 1 in Davenport. Convert existing pedestrian beacon to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on existing poles.	April 2024 – March 2026	C Cap: \$31.9 million Oversight Project: Federal Highway Administration: Central Federal Lands	Madilyn Jacobsen	Joseph J. Albanese Inc.	FHWA awarded the construction contract in late April 2024. Construction is underway and estimated to be complete in Spring 2026.



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C6	Upper Drainage & Erosion Control Improvements 1G950	State Route: 9 PM: 8.5 to 25.5 In Boulder Creek from Holiday Ln, just south of Ben Lomond, to 4.7 miles north of the SR 236/9 Junction	Upgrade drainage and erosion control at 27 spot locations along Highway 9	July 2025 – August 2027	C Cap: \$11.1 million Total: \$19.5 million SHOPP- Sustainability / Climate Change	Kelli Hill	Gordon N. Ball	Please watch for Caltrans News Releases and social media posts for specific construction updates. This project features several full and partial closures both at night and during the day. Please see a copy of the September 3 News Release at the bottom of this report.
C7	Holohan Rd Intersection Improvement 0T770	State Route: 152 PM: 1.85 to 2.15	Intersection improvements including: intersection widening to incorporate sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bike lanes and enhanced lane configuration; traffic signal replacement; 4 new crosswalks; modified drainage.	March 2024 – September 2025	County of Santa Cruz encroachment permit project Caltrans contribution through Minor A funds	Madilyn Jacobsen	Precision Grade, Inc.	Project has reached substantial completion. The County of Santa Cruz, the project's lead, is completing final inspections and checklists. This project will be removed from this list after the November publication.



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D1	SR-17 Pavement Maintenance Treatment 1R450	State Route: 1, 17, 152 PM: SR-17 0.15 to 0.55 NB lanes; SR-1 fish hook; SR-152 east of Carlton Rd	Install Non-Rubberized Open Grade Friction Coarse pavement for enhanced vehicle to roadway grip	Fall 2027 – Fall 2028	C Cap: \$2.1M Total: \$2.1 million Minor A Program	Chad Stoehr	PA&ED	This project is working through the Environmental Phase (PA&ED) and anticipates completing this phase in Fall 2025. After adding additional locations to the project's scope for environmental clearance, this project's Capital Costs are beyond the Minor A Program limits. This project will evaluate funding strategies after PAED is completed to maximize implementation options.
D2	Pajaro Flood Management Bridges 1Q980	State Routes: 129 & 152 PMs: 1.841 & 2.028	Raise levees along the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes Creek and raise & replace the SR-152 (36-0001) and SR-129 (36-0034) bridges over Salsipuedes Creek.	Winter 2027-28 – Winter 2029-30	Local Funds Oversight Project: Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency	Ryan Caldera	PID - Completed	The local agency developed a Project Initiation Document (PID) using a consultant. The final document was approved and signed. Caltrans will continue to serve as the oversight agency through the Environmental Phase (PA&ED).



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D3	Harkins Slough Bike-Ped Overcrossing 1G490	State Route: 1 PM: 1.86 to 2.73	Widen overcrossing to accommodate the widening of the sidewalk and addition of a Class 4 two-way bikeway on the north side of the bridge.	Fall 2026 – Summer 2028	C Cap: \$10.54 million Total: \$15.8 million Active Transportation Program Funds Oversight Project: Caltrans completing PS&E and RW on behalf of City of Watsonville.	Madilyn Jacobsen	PS&E/RW	City of Watsonville and Caltrans have completed Design plans. The CTC allocated Construction Phase funds on March 21, 2025. The project team will continue to prepare and seek bids from contractors. This project is experiencing delays due to utility relocation needs. Note: This project is part of the City's ATP Project called the "Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School and Beyond".
D4	Freedom to State Aux Lanes 0C734	State Route: 1 PM: 8.1 to 10.7	Construct auxiliary lanes between State Park Dr and Freedom Blvd at ramps. Construct bus-on-shoulder facilities, bridge replacements, and the Class 1 Rail Trail	Spring 2027 – Fall 2029	C Cap: \$165 million Total: \$221 million SCCRTC Project-Caltrans CEQA/NEPA Lead Agency	Madilyn Jacobsen	PS&E/RW	The team is working on the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (Design) and Right-of-Way phases. The 95% Plans milestone was met in November 2024. Final design continues.



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D5	Roadside Safety 1J960	State Route: 1 PM: 8.20 to 26 From 0.5 miles north of Larkin Valley Rd to Laguna Rd (North)	Drainage system restoration; remove three Beam Barrier & Install Concrete Barrier (PM 10.38/12.9; 13.65/14.84); Roadside Safety Improvements paving at multiple ramps; Install Lighting at Interchanges and Install Count Stations	Summer 2026 – Summer 2027	C Cap: \$9.9 million Total: \$19.3 million SHOPP- Drainage	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E/RW	The 100% PS&E package is going through final DOE review. The milestone, "Ready to List" is anticipated to be reached in late Fall 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026.
D6	SR 1/9 Junction Lighting Project 1Q250	State Route: 1 PM: 17.46 to 17.66	Construct continuous lighting approaching the junction of SR 1 with SR 9 to improve intersection illuminance and uniformity and to enhance motorist and pedestrian safety.	Spring 2026 – Winter 2026-27	C Cap: \$1.6 million Total: \$3.5 million 010 Safety Funds	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E/RW	The project is in final Design review and anticipates achieving the milestone "Ready to List" in December 2025 .



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D7	Santa Cruz CAPM 1M110	State Route: 1 PM: 17.5 to 20.2 In & near the City of Santa Cruz from 0.06 miles south of SR-1/9 Junction to 0.09 miles north of the Mission St intersection	Grinding/ paving 2.7 miles of pavement, upgrading up to 89 curb ramps, guard rail upgrade, sign panel upgrade, loop detector replacement; enhanced crosswalks; pedestrian refuge islands; 2 new bus stop locations.	Fall 2027 – Spring 2029	C Cap: \$9.9 million Total: \$16.8 million SHOPP-Pavement IJA Supplement	Madilyn Jacobsen	PS&E/RW	This project is in the Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) phase, aka the Design phase. The first Design milestone, "60% Design" was met in April 2025. The design continues to consider public comments received regarding project features from the environmental phase. The 95% Design milestone is anticipated to be reached in late Fall 2025.
D8	Cotoni-Coast Dairies NM Hwy 1 Overpass 1S850	State Route: 1 PM: 26.764 to 26.764 Over State Route 1 north of the entrance to the Yellowbank Parking lot.	Construct a pedestrian overcrossing over State Route 1, connecting BLM lands known as the Cotoni-Coast Dairies to the MBSST. This project is also known as Segment 5, Phase 3 of the North Coast Rail Trail.	Fall 2028 – Summer 2030	C Cap: \$2.195M Total: \$5.4M Oversight Project: SCCRTC and FHWA Central Federal Lands	Madilyn Jacobsen	PA&ED	SCCRTC and Caltrans kicked off this oversight project in January 2025. Preliminary (30%) plans and relevant environmental documents were reviewed. Coordination continues on the project's environmental and preliminary engineering phase.



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D9	Scott Creek Coastal Resiliency Project 1M720	State Route: 1 PM: 31.3 to 32	Replace the existing Scott Creek Bridge with an 800-foot bridge that addresses the needs of the proposed restoration of the Scott Creek Lagoon.	Fall 2034 – Winter 2037-38	C Cap: \$110,000,000 Total: \$136,660,000 SHOPP- Bridge Health Potentially other funding sources	Meg Henry	PA&ED	This project is conducting studies and related work as part of the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. This project is a multi-agency collaboration project. The project team continues to seek funding opportunities for future phases and ways to reduce overall construction costs. A permitting agencies / stakeholder check-in meeting occurred August 21.
D10	Waddell Creek Bridge Replacement 1R420	State Route: 1 PM: 36.3	Replace existing Waddell Creek Bridge to address scour at existing structure and build a new bridge that will address climate resiliency and sea level rise.	Targeted Construction Year: 2030-31	To be developed during the PID phase SHOPP- Bridge Health	Aaron Wolfram	PID	Development of this bridge replacement project's Project Initiation Document has been put on a long-term pause to allow the SCCRTC's Coastal Resiliency study to be completed prior to the project moving forward. This project will be removed from this list after the November publication.



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D11	SR-9 South CAPM 1K890	State Route: 9 PM: 0.046 to 7.5 From 0.5 miles south of Irwin Way to 150 feet south of El Solyd Heights Dr	Pavement Preservation, Drainage, TMS, ADA, Sign Panel replacement and Stormwater Mitigation elements in Santa Cruz County on Route 9.	Spring 2027 – Summer 2029	C Cap: \$14.7 million Total: \$25 million SHOPP-Pavement Local Contribution pending coop agreement with SCCRTC	Kelli Hill	PS&E/RW	The project completed its environmental phase in April 2025. The Design phase has now begun with the first design milestone, “60%” anticipated to be reached in Winter 2025-26. This project will continue in close partnership with the SCCRTC to deliver additional complete streets scope.
D12	Felton Safety Improvements 1M400	State Route: 9 PM: 6.3 to 7.2 From Kirby St To the San Lorenzo Valley High School signaled intersection	Construct a continuous sidewalk and a bikeable shoulder on the west/southbound side of Highway 9 from Graham Hill Rd to the SLV Schools Complex.	Fall 2025 – Summer 2027	C Cap: \$5.8 million Total: \$17.6 million 010 Safety Funds	Kelli Hill	PS&E/RW	The project reached the milestone “Ready to List” (RTL) on June 4, 2025. The project is now preparing to seek and contract with a construction contractor.



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D13	Hwy 9 Complete Streets: Seg 5- Boulder Creek: River St to Bear Creek Rd 1M555	State Route: 9 PM: 12.45 to 13.239 On Hwy 9 in Boulder Creek from River St to Bear Creek Rd	This project proposes at select locations: bike lanes; curb extensions; widened and new sidewalk; median islands for traffic calming; enhanced shoulders; enhanced crosswalks.	Summer 2029 – Summer 2031	Oversight Project: SCCRTC Project. SCCRTC leading PA&ED phase	Kelli Hill	PA&ED	Following the completion of the RTC-funded Project Initiation Document by Caltrans in 2022, RTC has opened & funded the PA&ED phase for the segment of Hwy 9 through Boulder Creek. RTC will conduct the primary PA&ED work. Caltrans will be the CEQA and NEPA lead-agency. A draft environmental document is anticipated to be available to the public in Winter 2026-27.



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D14	Boulder Creek Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project 1T340	State Route: 9 PM: 12.78 to 12.92 On Hwy 9 in Boulder Creek between Mountain St and Forest St	This project proposes to construct: a sidewalk on the southbound side of Hwy 9 from the Lomond St bus stop to Mountain St; mid-block crossing & RRFB between Ace & Redwood Keg businesses; curb extensions across Hwy 9 on the north side of the Lomond St intersection; curb extensions on the north & south side of Forest St intersection	Spring 2029 – Fall 2029	C Cap: \$3.25 million Total: To be estimated during the PID phase 010 Safety Funds	Kelli Hill	PID	This is a new Reactive Safety project responding to the "Pedestrian Safety Monitoring Program." A traffic safety investigation was conducted resulting in the project's scope being recommended and approved as a method to improve project area statistics.
D15	San Lorenzo River Bridge & Kings Creek Bridge Replacement 1H470	State Route: 9 PM: 13.6 & 15.5 Near Boulder Creek, at the San Lorenzo River Bridge and at Kings Creek Bridge	Replace two bridges on State Route 9	Fall 2025 – Spring 2028	C Cap: \$14.7 million Total: \$25.9 million SHOPP- Bridge	Kelli Hill	PS&E/RW	The project reached the milestone, "Ready to List", in September 2024 and anticipates the approval of the construction contract in Fall 2025.



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D16	SR-9 North CAPM 1K900	State Route: 9 PM: 18.89 to 27.09 From 0.4 miles south of Saratoga Toll Rd to the Santa Cruz/San Mateo County Line	Pavement preservation strategies including but not limited to dig-outs, profile grinding, overlay, placing shoulder backing and dike. Reconstruct guardrail, rehabilitate or replace 6 culvert and replace 67 sign panels	Fall 2026 – Fall 2028	C Cap: \$7.5 million Total: \$13.15 million SHOPP-Pavement	Kelli Hill	PS&E/RW	The project completed its environmental phase at the end of June 2024 and kicked-off its Plans, Specifications, & Estimates (design) phase in August 2024. The first design milestone, "60% Design", was reached in July 2025. Design continues toward the next milestone, 95% Design, anticipated to be reached in Fall 2025.
D17	Waterman Gap Fish Passage 1K901	State Route: 9 PM: 19.2 to 19.2	The project is a "child" of the 1K900 pavement project. This project proposes to replace a culvert identified as a fish passage barrier with a bridge structure to. This project is in partnership with the CA State Parks.	Fall 2026 – Fall 2028	C Cap: \$9.17 million Total: \$14.65 million SHOPP-Sustainability/Climate Change Federal Grant + State Parks Contribution	Kelli Hill	PS&E/RW	This project is progressing in tandem with "parent" project 1K900.



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D18	SR-17 Drainage Improvements 1K670	State Route: 17 PM: 0 to 12.5 At various locations within the project limits	Stormwater mitigation by replacing and restoring culverts and drainage systems	Fall 2027 – Fall 2028	C Cap: \$4.6 million Total: \$9.5 million SHOPP-Stormwater Mitigation	Ryan Caldera	PS&E/RW	The design phase (PS&E) began in March 2024, with the milestone, 60% design, anticipated to be reached in Fall 2025.
D19	SR-17 Replace Culverts 1R980	State Route: 17 PM: 7.31 & 11.96	Replace 2 drainage systems currently in poor condition.	Fall 2027 – Spring 2028	C Cap: \$1.25 million Minor A Program	Aaron Wolfram	PA&ED	The Project is on schedule for an approved Project Report and Environmental Document in March 2026.
D20	Hwy 129 & Hwy 1 Ramp Roundabout Project 1T330	State Route: 129 PM: L0.12 to L0.12 On Hwy 129 at the Hwy 1 northbound on- and off-ramp	This project proposes to construct: a one-lane roundabout with bypass lanes	Spring 2030 – Fall 2031	C Cap: \$7 million Total: To be estimated during the PID phase 010 Safety Funds	Aaron Wolfram	PID	This is a new Reactive Safety project responding to the determination that the location has a Traffic Safety Index of greater than 230. A traffic safety investigation was conducted resulting in the project's scope being recommended and approved as a method to improve the project area's statistics.



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D21	SR-129 CAPM 1J830	State Route: 129 PM: 0.0 to 0.56 In and near Watsonville from the SR 1/129 junction to Salsipuedes Creek Bridge. This project includes curb extensions at select locations on SR-152.	Pavement Preservation, Lighting, Sign Panel Replacement and TMS Elements improvements	Winter 2025-26 – Spring 2027	C Cap: \$8.4 million Total: \$17.1 million SHOPP-Pavement	Madilyn Jacobsen	PS&E/RW	The milestone, Ready to List, was reached in June 2025 and construction funding was authorized at the August CTC Meeting. The project is now working towards advertise and award of the construction contract.
D22	Highway 129 Pavement Preservation Project 1R340	State Route: 129 PM: 0.56 to 9.998 (County line)	Pavement preservation (CAPM)- grind and replace pavement, refresh striping. Replace degraded culverts.	Fall 2029 – Spring 2031	C Cap: \$16 million Total: \$21.3 million SHOPP-Pavement	Aaron Wolfram	PID Completed (Candidate for Programing)	This project completed its Project Initiation Document (PID) in June 2025 and is now a candidate project to be funded to begin its environmental (PA&ED) phase. This project is anticipated to begin PAED in Spring 2026.



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D23	SR-152 Rehabilitation Project 1P110	State Route: 152 PM: T0.31 to 4.14 In and near Watsonville, from the SR-1/152 junction to 0.5 miles east of Carlton Rd	Preserve pavement, rehabilitate or replace Salsipuedes Creek Bridge, replace culverts, rehabilitate traffic signals, upgrade curb ramps, reconstruct guardrail, replace sign panels, and complete streets elements including road diet, bike lanes, and curb extensions in various locations	Long-lead: Spring 2031 – Winter 2033-34	C Cap: \$28.3 million Total: \$44.7 million SHOPP-Complete Streets; Pavement	Madilyn Jacobsen	PA&ED	The Project team began the Project Approval & Environmental Document (Environmental) phase in July 2024. This phase will conduct project-level studies evaluating the impact and feasibility of proposed scope. A draft environmental document is anticipated to be ready in late Fall 2026. The Final Environmental Document and the Project Report are anticipated to be completed by Fall 2027.
D24	Struve Slough Sidewalk Repair 1S380	State Route: 152 PM: T1.35 to T1.59 Along SR-152 westbound	Repair the sidewalk and supporting embankment located along Highway 152 westbound at Struve Slough.	Fall 2025 – Summer 2026	C Cap: \$5.09M Total: \$6.315M SHOPP-Permanent Restoration	Madilyn Jacobsen	Director's Order, proceeding through Design	As a project responding to the failure of the existing sidewalk, this project is on an accelerated timeline under a Director's Order. This project will look to address the near-term conditions necessary to reopen the sidewalk. This project reached the milestone "Ready to List" on June 12, 2025. Construction funding was authorized at the August CTC meeting and the team will now work to approve the construction contract.



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D25	Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Safety Project 1Q150	State Route: 152 PM: T2.45 to T2.929 In Watsonville, between Freedom Blvd & Beck St	Construct curb extensions & high visibility crosswalks to enhance pedestrian safety	Winter 2026-27 – Summer 2029	C Cap: \$4.6 million Total: \$10.1 million 010 Safety Fund	Madilyn Jacobsen	PS&E/RW	The project's environmental documents were completed in April 2025. This project continues with the Design phase and anticipates reaching the 95% Design milestone in Fall 2025.



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D26	Watsonville Downtown Gateway Intersection Redesign 1S400	State Route: 152 PM: T2.5 to T2.5 In Watsonville, at the intersection of Hwy 152 & Freedom Blvd	Perform an intersection control evaluation and consider conceptual redesigns, including as a roundabout, of the intersection that are consistent with adjacent & overlapping State & Local projects & plans.	Spring 2031	To be developed during the PID phase. This project's Project Initiation Phase is funded and led by Caltrans with the understanding that further development must be carried forward by a local agency.	Kelli Hill	PID	<p>This project, identified in the Watsonville Downtown Specific Plan, won State-sponsored Project Initiation Document (PID) development. The State-sponsorship program only covers the project's first phase, at which point a local agency will need to lead it forward.</p> <p>Members of the project team met with Watsonville Public Works and Planning staff to discuss the results of the Caltrans' Division of Traffic's "ISOAP" intersection evaluation. City staff provided guidance to the project team regarding openness to methods of implementation of intersection alterations. The project's Design team will now conceptualize alternatives based on needs & parameters.</p>



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D27	Scour Mitigation (Bridge No. 36-0006) 1P240	State Route: 236 PM: 4.27 to 4.27 On Hwy 236 over Boulder Creek at Branson Ranch Rd	Place a reinforced concrete curtain wall along the footing of one abutment; patching "spalls and rock pockets" to prevent scour from undermining the bridge structure.	Summer 2026 – Winter 2027-28	C Cap: \$1.1 million Total: \$3.3 million SHOPP Minor A	Chad Stoehr	PS&E/RW	Final Design is almost complete and will be routed to the Office Engineer for final review in Fall 2025.



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ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CC	Coastal Commission
CCA	Construction Contract Acceptance (formal end of Construction activities)
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DOE	District Office Engineer (conducts review of final design plan packages for completion)
ED	Environmental Document
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
HFST	High Friction Surface Treatment
Hwy	Highway
ISOAP	Intersection Safety & Operational Assessment Process
MBSST	Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
PIR	Project Initiation Report- a type of PID and a product of the PID phase
PM	Postmile or Post Mile or Project Manager (based on context)
PSR-PDS	Project Study Report-Project Development Support- a type of PID and a product of the PID phase
RRFB	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

RTL	Ready to List- when project design is complete, and efforts begin to take the project to Bid
SB1	Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCCP	Solutions for Congested Corridors [grant program]
SCL	Santa Clara (County)
SCR	Santa Cruz (City or County)
SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TMS	Traffic Management System
VMT	Vehicle Miles Travelled

Project Phases

PID	Project Initiation Document (<i>development of the project scope</i>)
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document (<i>study of environmental impacts of project scope; development of a Project Report; determination of project's permit, right-of-way, and mitigation needs</i>)
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (<i>the Design phase</i>)
RW	Right-of-Way
CON	Construction, as a phase title



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For Project Specific Questions or Partnering Opportunities:

Please reach out to the Public Information Office who will assist with coordinating your inquiry.

REQUESTS:

Customer Service Requests:

To notify Caltrans of specific concerns regarding current roadway or facility conditions, please submit a customer service request through the following online portal: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>

Examples of Customer Service Requests:

Any of the following on the State's highway system:

- Streetlight issues



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- Plant over-growth
- Damaged roadway
- Graffiti
- Fallen trees on the roadway
- Any other highway condition presenting an immediate hazard
- Other maintenance issues

For less specific concerns, please reach out to the Public Information Officer to be directed to the appropriate respondent.

Public Records Requests:

For all public records requests, please submit your request through the Public Records Request portal:
[https://caltrans.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/_rs/\(S\(4iui15cbqujv3ppvenlmgvx1\)\)/support/home.aspx](https://caltrans.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/_rs/(S(4iui15cbqujv3ppvenlmgvx1))/support/home.aspx)

INFORMATIONAL:

Quickmaps Mobile App/Caltrans Website: “Caltrans QuickMap”

- Available for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store
- Provides realtime conditions for the State Highway System
- Desktop Format: <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Caltrans Lane Closures Reporting System: <https://lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/>

- Provides a 7-day look-ahead for planned lane closures
- Does not include unanticipated emergency closures (see Quickmaps for in-the-moment roadway conditions)

Caltrans' Postmile Tool

- Postmiles or Post Miles are used to specify locations on California's State Highway System.
- Postmiles may have prefixes or suffixes and may use up to three decimal places.
- Use this website to locate or determine postmiles along the State Highway System (SHS) or to determine the closest highway postmile to a location off the system.
- <https://postmile.dot.ca.gov/PMQT/PostmileQueryTool.html>

Caltrans CCTV Camera Map: <https://cwwp2.dot.ca.gov/vm/iframeemap.htm>



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- Allows the public to see current conditions along the State Highway System

The Caltrans District 5 Office of Local Assistance: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/>

- Includes links to many Federal and State funding opportunities
- Can help guide interested folks through the above-mentioned program requirements

The Official Caltrans District 5 Webpage: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>





Copy of the September 3, 2025 News Release pertaining to project 1G950, "Upper Drainage & Erosion Control Improvements" at 27 spot locations along Highway 9:



News Release

**HIGHWAY 9 LANE AND FULL CLOSURES SCHEDULED
BETWEEN WILLOW BROOK DRIVE AND NORTH OF HIGHWAY 236**

- **September 15, 2025 – May 20, 2026:**
 - Monday – Thursday from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am & 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - No lane closure after 6:00 am Fridays until 9:00 pm Sundays
- **May 21, 2026 – Sept. 1, 2026:**
 - Monday – Thursday from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am
 - No lane closure after 6:00 am Fridays until 8:00 pm Sundays
- **North of Hwy. 236 (Big Basin Way):**
 - Lane closures allowed: Monday – Thursday from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am & 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - No lane closure after 6:00 am Fridays until 8:00 pm Sundays

Traffic Impacts:

- Expect 5–10 minute delays
- 10ft of lane width will remain open for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians to share.
- Sidewalk impacts will occur September 12 – October 15, 2025.

2026 Full Highway Closure:

- **December 22, 2025 – March 2, 2026:**
 - 10:00 pm to 4:00 am, seven days a week, excluding holidays.
 - 1 mile north of Hwy. 9/Hwy. 236. And Old Mill Road intersection.
- **February 9, 2024 – April 3, 2026:**
 - 10:00 pm to 4:00 am, seven days a week, excluding holidays.
 - 1 mile north of Tin Can Rand Road.
- **June 15, 2026 – September 24, 2026:**
 - 10:00 pm to 4:00 am, seven days a week, excluding holidays.
 - 1 mile north of Stapp Road.

Detours:

- **North of Stapp Rd off Hwy. 9:** Traffic will detour via Highway 236 through Boulder Creek to the Old Mill Rd//Highway 236 intersection.
- **North of Santa Cruz & San Mateo County Line off Hwy. 9:** Traffic will detour via Hwy. 35 and Bear Creek Rd, from the Hwy. 9/25 junction near Saratoga Ave. to the Bear Creek Rd/Hwy. 9 intersection.

Traffic Impacts:

- Detours route may add 30-40 minutes of travel time.

Project Purpose:

Project Purpose: This project will improve road stability, safety, and drainage along Highway 9, with work including slope repair, retaining wall construction, culvert replacement, and roadway paving.

Caltrans reminds travelers to slow down in construction zones and allow extra time when traveling through these areas.

Road information and updates can also be found on Caltrans District 5 Social Media platforms: X/Twitter at: @CaltransD5, Facebook at: Caltrans Central Coast (District 5) and Instagram at: Caltrans D5.

**Our crews deserve to get home safely too.
Drive slowly and carefully in work zones.**

CHP Traffic Incident Information Page: <http://cad.chp.ca.gov>
Traveler information at: <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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