



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Special Meeting**

MINUTES

**Thursday, August 7, 2025
12:00 p.m.**

In-Person Meeting

Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Remote Participation (see page 5 for more information)

RTC Zoom

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1. Roll call. The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m.

Members present:

City of Capitola

City of Santa Cruz

City of Scotts Valley

City of Watsonville

County of Santa Cruz

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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

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Gerry Jensen

Fred Keeley

Steve Clark

Eduardo Montesino

Manu Koenig

Kimberly DeSerpa

Andy Schiffrin (Alt.)

Monica Martinez

Felipe Hernandez

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Remote)

Fabian Leonor

Staff present:

Sarah Christensen

Amin AbuAmara

Amy Naranjo

Bella Kressman

Grace Blakeslee

Shannon Munz

Sierra Topp

Luis Mendez

Riley Gerbrandt

Yesenia Parra

Steven Mattas (RTC Counsel)

Amanda Marino

Max Firedman

2. Considered AB 2449 Just Cause and Emergency Circumstances Requests
–Commissioner Quiroz Carter was remote under the regular Brown Act, location address was noted on the agenda.

There were no requests.

3. Oral communications
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. City of Santa Cruz's Urgent Request to Use the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Railroad Bridge Crossing the Santa Cruz Harbor Temporarily for Pedestrian and Bicycle Access During Construction of the City's Murray Street Bridge Retrofit Project

Commissioners Keeley, Cummings, and Koenig delivered the staff report.

Executive Director Sarah Christensen responded to Commissioner questions regarding implementation of the proposed project; funding constraints; collaboration with the City of Santa Cruz.

Commissioners discussed: support for a temporary stop gap measure; expedite construction of Segments 8 and 9 of the Coastal Rail Trail; impact on Seabright businesses; emergency permits; desire for a visual presentation; transparency; challenge and opportunity to obtain funding for segments 8 and 9 of the Coastal Rail Trail; financing and regulatory challenges of a shuttle; staff's workload.

Commissioner Clark made a motion and Commissioner DeSerpa seconded the motion to agree to allow the City of Santa Cruz access to the railroad bridge crossing Santa Cruz Harbor and its approaches for purposes of providing a temporary pedestrian and bicycle facility between Seabright Avenue and 7th Avenue, subject to approval by the railroad operator, and direct the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with the City of Santa Cruz to facilitate the implementation of these actions in an expedited manner and direct the Executive Director to work with such other public agencies to facilitate these actions.

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin proposed a friendly amendment to use whatever emergency powers the Commission has to expedite access, and

that staff produce a report on the progress of the temporary bridge access project on the agenda of the next meeting.

The maker and seconder of the motion accepted the amendments. .

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Jensen, Keeley, Clark, Montesino, Hernandez, DeSerpa, Koenig, Martinez, Quiroz-Carter, Leonor, and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin voting "aye."

Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin made a motion and Commissioner Quiroz-Carter seconded the motion to direct staff to return to the RTC September meeting with a work program having an objective of the construction of segments 8 and 9 to be completed by the fall of 2026 and an application to the CTC for emergency funding necessary to achieve this objective.

Commissioner Quiroz-Carter proposed a friendly amendment to direct staff to research the feasibility of a temporary shuttle for pedestrians and cyclists as well. The maker of the motion accepted the amendment.

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

Received public comment from:

Patrice Boyle

Java Junction Owner

Bill Cox

Lani Faulkner

Saladin Sale

Jack Brown

Enda Brennan

Elizabeth Bertrand

Sally Arnold

Tina Andreatta

Lowell Hurst

John Will

Brian Peoples

Jean Brocklebank

David Van Brink

Matt Farrell

Barry Scott

Cami Corvin

Ryan Sarnataro

6. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 9:00a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076.

The special meeting closed at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

Attendees

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Trink Praxel
Janine Ramirez
Cindy Convisser
BobFi
Terre Thomas
Will Mayall
Steve Weisner
BVB
Elizabeth Madrigal
Jeannette Guire
Bill Lewis
Miller Maxfield
Lori
Vkostca
Jean Brocklebank
Michael Lewis

David <3 Public Transit
Ramon Gomez
Blake Anderson
Nadene Thorne
Kevin Crossley
Isaac Jensen
Rosemary Sarka
Nasya
Jon Chown
Reed Geisreiter
C Schneiter
James Weller
Nathan Nguyen