RESOLUTION NO. 44-25

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on the date of May 1, 2025 on the motion of Commissioner Alternate **Schiffrin** duly seconded by Commissioner **Koenig**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2025-26 WORK PROGRAM FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission adopts and periodically amends a budget and work program for each fiscal year to guide its expenses and work;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

- 1. The FY 2025-26 Work Program for the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A; and
- 2. The RTC Executive Director is authorized to make revisions and amendments to the FY 2025-26 Work Program for the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission as needed to incorporate RTC budget changes, and to ensure state approval and receipt of planning funds secured by the RTC by formula or grant award.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Pederson, Clark, Montesino, DeSerpa, Koenig, Martinez, Downing, and Commissioner Alternates Newsome and Schiffrin

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Eduardo Montesino (May 6, 2025 13:23 CDT) Eduardo Montesino, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah Christensen, Secretary

Attachment: Exhibit A - SCCRTC FY 2025-26 RTC Work Program

EXHIBIT A



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Final May 1, 2025

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INTRODUCTION

Santa Cruz County is the second smallest of California's 58 counties with 445 square miles of land area. Santa Cruz County is on the coast 65 miles south of San Francisco, 35 miles north of Monterey, and 35 miles southwest of Silicon Valley. The California Department of Finance estimates the population of Santa Cruz County for 2024 at 262,572 and is estimated to increase to about 300,000 by 2050. The largest population (127,451) is in the unincorporated area of the county and the remainder in the four incorporated cities of Capitola (9,497), Scotts Valley (11,816), Watsonville (51,032) and Santa Cruz (62,776). About 80% of the population lives in approximately 20% of the area of the county. The population is clustered primarily along the coast between the City of Santa Cruz and Aptos and in Watsonville, Scotts Valley and the San Lorenzo Valley. Seniors aged 70 and over make up about 12% of the current population and will make up about 20% of the population by 2050.

Most work trips (78% or 99,440) are within county boundaries; however, 16% or 21,090 of Santa Cruz County commuters travel to San Francisco Bay Area counties, about 5% or 6,490 to Monterey County and about 1% or 1,248 go elsewhere. There are also about 18,000 who commute into Santa Cruz County for work. The Santa Cruz Conference and Visitors Council estimates that normally approximately 3 million people visit Santa Cruz County per year and the great majority during the summer months. This number was significantly lower during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic but rebounded to pre-pandemic levels. Nearly one third of Santa Cruz County residents – notably children, the elderly and disabled, and low income individuals and families who cannot afford a car – do not drive a personal vehicle. The vast majority of Santa Cruz County's low income and minority populations live in the south eastern part of the County in and around the City of Watsonville and much of their employment is located in and around the City of Santa Cruz.

The COVID-19 pandemic changed typical commute patterns and forced many employers to shift to remote work, especially for white-collar workers. Many were forced to stop or alter their daily commute to and from work. According to movement data tracked by Google, travel to workplaces within Santa Cruz County dropped more than 50% at the beginning of the statewide stay-at-home order in March 2020 and remains about 20% below prepandemic levels. Instead of completely going back to a pre-pandemic work style, many companies are adjusting to hybrid work, with a few days of teleworking and a few days of staggered in-person work schedules.

The demographics, geography, availability of jobs, and desirability of Santa Cruz County as a place to call home and visit significantly impact travel in Santa Cruz County and creates a variety of challenges. Those challenges are compounded by the effects of climate change and natural disasters. This fiscal year (FY) 2025/2026 overall work program for Santa Cruz County provides a summary of the work that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is undertaking to address those challenges, with the resources that are available

to the region. This includes the work of the RTC as a regional transportation planning agency, the authority for implementation of the Measure D transactions and use tax, and the various other functions of the Regional Transportation Commission. With input from partner agencies, the business community and the public, the RTC works to address the travel needs of the community through its planning work, its funding decisions and the projects and programs implemented. With the aid of those partnerships, Measure D was crafted by the RTC and it was approved in 2016 by a super majority of Santa Cruz County voters. Measure D generates new local revenue for transportation and helps to implement goals and address the challenges of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Thanks to the Measure D funds, the RTC and other local agencies have been successful in securing more grant funds for the transportation needs of Santa Cruz County.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted transportation funding, services, planning, and project implementation. Measure D and Transportation Development Act revenues are now at pre-pandemic levels but costs for project and program implementation are now significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels. The recent high levels of inflation locally and across the country significantly impacted costs. The uncertainties created by the policies of the current presidential administration with respect to transportation funding programs and tariffs that are likely to increase inflation create challenges which the RTC along with other agencies must work to address.

The Regional Transportation Commission

The RTC was created in 1972 to allocate funds raised by the state Transportation Development Act (TDA), which sets aside one quarter-cent of the state sales tax for local transportation purposes. The RTC is now designated in state statute as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Santa Cruz County. Responsibilities of this designation include preparation of the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), dissemination of local, state and federal funding, and setting local transportation policy.

With 12 (twelve) voting members representing all of the county's supervisorial districts, each of the cities and the transit district plus Caltrans as an ex-officio or non-voting member and a staff of 26 (twenty-six) full and part-time employees, the RTC works to deliver a full range of convenient, reliable and efficient transportation choices for the community. While promoting long-term sustainability, the RTC provides transportation services, construction management, planning and funding for all travel modes. The RTC board meets once per month for their regular broadcasted hybrid meetings and as needed for Transportation Policy Workshops (TPW). Commissioners meet in person at a publicly announced location consistent with the Brown Act while the public may participate either in person or remotely.

Some of the services provided by the RTC include traveler information and travel demand management through its Cruz511 and Go Santa Cruz County programs. The RTC also serves as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) for Santa Cruz County. On Highway 1 and 17, the RTC SAFE provides roadside call box services and Freeway Service Patrol tow trucks that quickly respond to and clear highway incidents. In addition, the RTC serves as the "Local Transportation Authority" responsible for implementation of Measure D, the Santa Cruz County Transportation Improvement Plan Measure, which was approved in November 2016 by over two-thirds of Santa Cruz County voters.

To help ensure ample community participation, the RTC works with the area's local and regional agencies, community groups, non-profit organizations, business groups and the public at large not only through its public meetings but also public meetings of the following advisory committees who provide recommendations to the RTC:

- The Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee consists of 6 commissioners selected annually by the RTC and provides oversight and recommendations on Commission administration, budget, policy, finance, audit, and personnel issues.
- The RTC's Bicycle Advisory Committee advises the RTC and project sponsors on bicycle-related activities/issues and reviews bicycle-related projects submitted to the RTC for funding.
- The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity not only to the RTC, but also to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, the county's Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (Community Bridges), and local jurisdictions on the planning, funding, and provision of transportation services and pedestrian facilities for seniors and people with physical, mental and economic disabilities. The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee also serves as the designated Social Service Advisory Council, as established by the state.
- The Interagency Technical Advisory Committee is composed of planning and public works representatives from the four cities, County of Santa Cruz, University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC), Cabrillo College, Ecology Action Transportation Group, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Monterey Bay Air Resources District, and Caltrans. The committee reviews and provides technical advice on transportation projects and programs in the region; coordinates and provides recommendations to the RTC on the use of transportation funds; and serves as a forum for sharing information on transportation projects and federal and state requirements for project implementation.

- In addition to the RTC's three advisory committees, the Traffic Operations System Oversight Committee provides input to Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) on the use of changeable and stationary message signs (located on Highways 1 and 17), and other elements of the automated Traffic Operations System. Also, the Safe on 17 Task Force identifies and provides input to Caltrans and the CHP on Highway 17 safety projects and programs.
- As the Local Transportation Authority responsible for the implementation of Measure D, the RTC established a
 Measured D Oversight Committee. The Committee is composed of one public member from each of the five
 supervisorial districts. The objective of the Committee is to review the annual independent fiscal audits of the
 expenditure of the Measure D Transportation Tax funds and issue an annual report on its findings regarding
 compliance with the requirements of the Expenditure Plan and the Ordinance.

Transportation Goals and Challenges

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission utilizes a sustainability framework for the production of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The goals, policies, performance measures and targets were developed with extensive public and partner input for a sustainable transportation plan. Performance measures are shaped by readily available data and are expected to evolve as new data becomes available. The goals for the 2045 RTP, which is currently in effect, are as follows:

- Goal 1: Establish livable communities that improve people's access to jobs, schools, recreation, healthy lifestyles and other regular needs in ways that improve health, reduce pollution and retain money in the local economy.
- Goal 2: Reduce transportation related fatalities and injuries for all transportation modes.
- Goal 3: Deliver access and safety improvements cost effectively, within available revenues, equitably and responsive to the needs of all users of the transportation system and beneficially for the natural environment.

The Santa Cruz County RTP identifies measurable outcomes, called targets that are each linked to a sustainability goal. Incorporating targets into the goals and policies enables the Regional Transportation Commission to assess how well the long range plan will perform over time in advancing the targets and address the following transportation challenges:

- System Preservation Resiliency Maintenance needs for the existing transportation network are increasing. Roadway, bikeway, sidewalk, bridge and other repairs must be addressed in parallel with multimodal capacity and operational enhancements. If ongoing routine maintenance needs are not addressed, the cost of deferred maintenance will grow exponentially, leaving little funding for new projects. As the transportation system is maintained, it must also be improved to ensure that it is resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- Safety The federal transportation act identifies safety as a national goal area and requires each state to set Safety Performance Management Targets in order to achieve a significant reduction in motorized and non-motorized traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The Metropolitan Planning Organizations must also establish targets in coordination with the state.
- Congestion Traffic congestion exists in Santa Cruz County and will not go away in the foreseeable future. Population growth and region-wide jobs to housing imbalances that encourage driving as the mode of choice result in more drivers making more automobile trips. The frequent traffic jams on Highway 1 are the most obvious example of congestion on roadways in the county.
- Environmental and Public Health A sustainable transportation system can play a vital role in the environmental health of Santa Cruz County and the health of its residents. Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) have global environmental and public health effects, and air pollutants can affect both the environment and public health on a regional scale. The link between limited use of active transportation, such as biking and walking, and adult and childhood obesity is increasingly strengthened through research. Strategies for addressing this concern are being discussed at federal, state and local levels.
- Energy Global energy demands are predicted to grow by 30% by 2045 as emerging economies increase their energy use comparable to other major energy consuming nations. Transportation relies heavily on fossil fuel which is a finite commodity. It cannot be assumed that fossil fuel will be abundant and inexpensive into the foreseeable future.
- Economy The economic vitality of a region can be affected by transportation in a number of ways. Improved access is likely to positively affect businesses through more efficient goods movement and increased tourist activity. Implementation of transportation projects can provide jobs, and the smaller the percentage of household income that goes to transportation, the greater the amount of money that is available to go back into the local economy.

Funding – Funding for transportation in Santa Cruz County has notably improved in the past few years.
Measure D, approved by Santa Cruz County voters in 2016, provides approximately \$27 million in revenues per
year from sales taxes that are dedicated for use on the transportation categories approved by voters. In 2017,
the California legislature provided more stable funding for transportation for the first time in nearly 25 years
with passage of Senate Bill 1 (SB1). The federal government approved the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
Act (IIJA).

The 2045 RTP endeavors to work toward a sustainable transportation system that addresses these challenges and results in safer, healthier and more efficient travel choices that provide improved multimodal access to opportunities such as jobs, education, and healthcare for our residents.

Funding Transportation Needs

Thanks to the passage of SB1, which was upheld by California voters through rejection of Proposition 6 in 2018, and the approval of Measure D in 2016 by a supermajority of Santa Cruz County voters, funding for Santa Cruz County's transportation system is better than it had been in many years. However, the amount of funding available is still quite insufficient to meet all of the community's transportation needs. According to the 2045 RTP, the funding need is about \$10 billion and the available funds are about \$5.35 billion over the next 25 years. The various sources of funding available to the Regional Transportation Commission include State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange funds, Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, Measure D funds and funds established through SB1 for various funding programs. The RTC uses these funds to meet the transportation goals and address the transportation challenges of the community, and establishes its funding decisions through the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The local Measure D funds have been very helpful to leverage federal and state grant funds. Unfortunately, due to the current presidential administration's priorities and their reworking of criteria for winning grant funds, it remains unclear as to whether transportation projects and programs in Santa Cruz County will remain competitive or whether the current grant programs available will continue to exist.

The RTIP is developed biennially by the RTC and is due to the CTC by December 15 of every odd numbered year. The program of projects in the RTIP is a subset of projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is developed through an extensive public participation process in the region and reflects the unique mobility, sustainability, and air quality needs of the community. As set forth in the California Transportation Commission (CTC) STIP Guidelines, the RTIP is based on the Regional Transportation Plan that has been developed and updated pursuant to Government Code Section 65080, and a region-wide assessment of transportation needs and deficiencies.

The RTIP is developed in consultation with stakeholders and partner agencies, including Caltrans, the County of Santa Cruz, the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC), and local non-profits that provide community transportation services or implement local transportation programs. Every year, the RTC also produces a Measure D 5-year program of projects; and working with RTC partners and the Measure D Oversight Committee, the RTC reviews Measure D funds expenditures and issues a public annual report.

Community Participation

Santa Cruz County is a very engaged community and community participation is a very important and integral part of all of the work done by the RTC. The RTC also consults with and coordinates with Native American bands and federal land management agencies on specific projects and efforts. The RTC engages with the community through its various public meetings of the Commission and its committees. Committees include an Interagency Technical Advisory Committee, a Bicycle Advisory Committee, and an Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee. The RTC also establishes work groups for planning and funding efforts and develops community participation plans that regularly include open houses, workshops, online surveys, and outreach through email lists, social media, traditional media, radio, television and at established local events. In addition, the RTC produces materials in Spanish and conducts outreach in Spanish to better engage with the Spanish speaking members of the community, about 26% of the population. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the RTC continued strong engagement with the community holding meetings via Zoom and employing a variety of tools such as online virtual open houses, online workshops, and online surveys for a variety of planning and project development efforts. The RTC continues to make remote participation at meetings available to the public and continues to use a variety of on-line tools to help ensure a high level of public engagement. The RTC has also been working on an equity action plan which is nearly complete and will include tools and strategies to help ensure better engagement of the entire community in the work of the RTC.

The Work Program

The fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 work program (OWP) for the RTC describes the activities planned during the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, to help meet the goals and address the challenges described in the Regional Transportation Plan using the available transportation funds. These activities include the following mandated responsibilities and RTC priorities:

• Implementation of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable

Communities Strategy in coordination and cooperation with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) the San Benito Council of Governments (SBtCOG), local jurisdictions, Caltrans and other local and regional agencies;

- Production of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy in cooperation with AMBAG, Caltrans, regional partner agencies and local partner agencies;
- Conducting planning efforts, in cooperation with partner agencies and the community, to ensure that the
 challenges facing our transportation system such as resiliency, equity, safety, etc. are addressed effectively
 including an Equity Action Plan, a North Coast Transportation Demand Management Plan (TDM) Plan, a Rural
 Highways Safety Plan, Planning for Coastal Resilience along Highway 1 at Waddell and San Vicente Creeks, and
 Planning for Climate Resilience of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Corridor;
- Production and implementation of the various required state and federal funding documents including the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP);
- Implementation of the Highway 1 Investment Program which includes environmental work, design work and construction of auxiliary lanes/bus on shoulder projects and bicycle and pedestrian facilities from Freedom Boulevard to Soquel Drive;
- Management, operation, planning and improvement of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line;
- Implementation of the master plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network, which includes environmental work, design work and construction of a variety of trail segments from Davenport to Watsonville;
- Continued work to complete the Zero Emissions Passenger Rail and Trail concept report;
- Continued work to carry out the RTC's responsibilities to monitor and coordinate with Caltrans and local agencies on timely implementation of state highway and local projects with state or federal funding participation;
- Continued work with project sponsors and funding agencies on securing funds for high priority projects for all modes of transportation;
- Continued services to Santa Cruz area travelers through the SAFE callbox, Safe on 17 and Freeway Service Patrol programs, including coordination with partner agencies to ensure the best possible service;
- Continued implementation of the Cruz511 and Go Santa Cruz County programs for Santa Cruz County travelers with the Commute Manager program, which is used to partner with other agencies such as the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to help implement their One Ride at a Time campaign;
- Continuation of the Bike to Work and the Community Traffic Safety Coalition's bicycle and pedestrian education programs;
- Implementation of the electric bikes incentive program targeting lower income participants;
- Continued implementation of the TNC Access for All program;
- Continued maintenance and enhancement of a variety of public information outlets, which include information

and outreach in Spanish;

- Continued development and implementation of systems necessary to ensure that the RTC continues to function efficiently and effectively as an independent government agency;
- Monitor and participate in local, state, and federal efforts to address global warming, sustainability, resiliency and equity;
- Implement the federal transportation laws, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA);
- Maximize the transportation benefits of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1);
- Implement the Measure D ½-cent transactions and use tax for transportation to maximize the benefits to the community; and
- Pursuit of any and all funding sources for transportation projects in the region including the development of local funding sources as well as seeking other new sources.

Through the activities listed in this work program, the RTC works to deliver a full range of safe, convenient, reliable and efficient transportation choices for the community taking into account sustainability, equity and economic vitality. The RTC also addresses the planning factors listed in the FAST Act and Table 1 below shows which planning factors are addressed by each of the work program elements.

Table 1: FAST Act Planning Factors and Overall Work Program

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1	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.		х			х			X							X	X	X	X		Х	Х
2	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.		x			x	x	x	x			x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	X	x	Х
3	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.			Х			x			х	х	х	х	х		x	Х	Х	х	Х		Х
4	Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.	Х	Х			Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	<u> </u>	Х	Х
5		X	х	х	х	х		х	х	X	X	X	X	х	х	х	х	Х	X		X	X
6	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х		х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х
7	Promote efficient system management and operation.	Х		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
8	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.	Х	ı		Х			Х	Х			'		ı		Х	Х	Х	Х	'	Х	Х
9	reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater of surface transportation.		Х						X			X				Х	X	X				X
10	Enhance travel and tourism.	11 '	X	1	1 '	1 '	1 '	X	X	X	X	Χ	X	l X	Х	X	Х	X	X	X	Х	Х

Overall Work Program

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Luis Pavel Mendez, Director of Planning, Programming and Total Budget: \$45,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source Amount (\$) Change
Personnel	45,000	0	State RPA 0 0
Services & Supplies	0	0	Local 45,000 0
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TOTAL	45,000	0	TOTAL 45,000 0 % Federal 0 %

Project Description

Develop, maintain, and oversee the annual overall work program (OWP) and budget to carry out the transportation planning activities of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) in accordance with federal, state and local requirements and available funding. This includes OWP development, coordination, and meetings with local, regional, state and federal agencies (including AMBAG, Caltrans, FHWA, TAMC and San Benito COG) to ensure that the entire three-county region is meeting federal requirements. Additionally, this work element provides monitoring and review of policy and legislative activities that impact the production, coordination, implementation and requirements of the OWP. Further duties include quarterly reporting to verify progress in implementing the work program.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Task 2 - Final FY 2024/25 quarterly report	8/15/2025
Task 3 - Fall FY 2025/26 budget and work program amendment	11/14/2025
Task 4 - quaterly work program reports for FY 2025/26	10/31/2025, 01/30/2026 and 4/30/2026
Task 6 and Task 9 - FY 2026/27 draft and final work program and budget	3/1/2026 and 5/15/2026
Task 7 - FY 2025/26 spring budget and overal work program amendment	3/27/2026
Task 11 - FY 2026/27 work program agreement and associated forms and documents	5/15/2026
Federally Eligible Task	Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Develop and implement annual Overall Work Program and Budget

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Develop, implement and oversee the annual OWP activities and budget in accordance with federal and state requirements in coordination with Caltrans, AMBAG and other partner agencies; and produce quarterly and annual progress reports.

Previous Accomplishments

Developed and adopted FY 2024/25 OWP and Budget; Processed amendments to the FY 2024/25 OWP and Budget; provided required quarterly and annual progress reports for transportation planning and project activities to Caltrans. Entered into new ten-year Master Fund Transfer Agreement for planning funds and activities.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Finalize FY 2024/25 revenues and expenditures (staff)	Revenues and expenditures files	8/15/2025

2	Produce final FY 2024/25 work program quarterly report and end of the year package and provide to Caltrans (staff)	Final FY 2024/25 quarterly report	8/15/2025
3	Prepare and adopt the annual fall FY 2025/26 budget and overall work program amendment (staff)	FY 2025/26 amendment and staff reports	11/14/2025
4	Produce FY 2025/26 quarterly work program reports and invoices for planning funds and provide to Caltrans (staff)	Three FY 2025/26 quarterly work program reports and invoices	10/31/2025 01/30/2026 04/30/2026
5	Prepare for and participate in annual OWP kick-off meeting with TAMC, AMBAG, Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, SBTCOG, SCMTD and MST (staff and partner agencies)	Meeting with regional partners, agenda and materials	1/16/2026
6	Develop FY 2026-27 draft work program and budget and provide document to Caltrans (staff)	Draft FY 2026-27 draft work program and budget	03/01/26
7	Prepare and adopt the annual spring FY 2025/26 budget and overall work program amendment and provide to Caltrans (staff)	Amendment and staff report	03/27/26
8	Participate in FY 2026-27 OWP development and coordination meetings with AMBAG, Caltrans and other agencies in the region (staff and partner agencies)	Meetings, agendas and materials	04/30/26
9	Incorporate comments/suggestions into final draft FY 2026-27 OWP and provide document to Caltrans (staff)	Final draft FY 2026-27 OWP	05/15/26
10	Prepare and present final FY 2026-27 OWP to SCCRTC board for approval (staff)	Final OWP and staff report	05/07/26
11	Prepare the FY 2026-27 OWP agreement and all associated documents and submit to Caltrans for review, incorporate Caltrans comments on the OWP agreement and associated documents and submit final documents to Caltrans for approval (staff)	OWP Agreement and associated documets	05/15/26
12	Prepare other amendments to the FY 2025/26 budget and work program as necessary and submit to Caltrans (staff)	Amendments and staff reports (two estimated)	05/01/26

WORK ELEMENT NUMBER 102

Transportation Development Act Administration

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Luis Pavel Mendez, Director of Planning, Programming, & Total Budget: \$1,271,149

Tracy New, Director of Finance and Budgets

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES		REVEN	REVENUE				
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change		
Personnel Services & Supplies	240,000 1,031,149	0 124,480	Local	1,271,149	124,480		
TOTAL	1,271,149	124,480	TOTAL	1,271,149	124,480		

Project Description

The SCCRTC was originally created in 1972 under the Transportation Developement Act (TDA). SCCRTC as Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Santa Cruz county implements and administers the Transporation Development Act for Santa Cruz County and distributes TDA Local Transportation Fund (LTF), State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, STA State of Good Repair (SGR) funds, and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for planning, transit, bicycle facilities and programs, pedestrian facilities and programs and specialized transportation in accordance with state law and the unmet transit needs process.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Tasks 1 & 4 - Programming, allocations and claims for TDA, STA, SGR and LCTOP funds	6/30/2026
Task 3 - Unmet Transit Needs List	5/29/2026
Task 9 - FY 2024-25 Fiscal Audit	3/31/2026
Task 15 - Triennial performance audit and corresponding modifications Unmet Transit Needs List (by 5/30/2025)	6/30/2026

Other Task (Nonfederal)

Manage, coordinate and distribute TDA, STA, STA SGR, and LCTOP funds in accordance with state law, requirements and guidelines, and RTC rules and regulations; and implement and adminster the TDA in accordance with state law and requirements

Previous Accomplishments

Every year the RTC obtains TDA fund estimates from the Santa Cruz County Auditor and sets funding apportionments based on those estimates. In recent years, due to declines in TDA revenue, the RTC has used TDA reserve funds to meet its TDA allocation obligations and then replenished the reserves in FY 2024-25. In addition, to the annual fiscal audits of TDA revenues, disbursements and expenditures for the RTC and transit operators, the RTC conducts triennial TDA performance audits. The most recent trienninal performance audit was initiated in FY 2024-25 and is expected to be completed in FY 2025-26 and covered fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. In FY 2024-25, the RTC processed a variety of TDA, SGR, STA and LCTOP funding apportionments, claims and allocations for the Santa Cruz METRO, Community Bridges, the Volunteer Center, the County of Santa Cruz and the the Cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola and Watsonville. The RTC also completed a staffing assessment and a meet and confer process with barganining units on that staffing assessment, which resulted in expanding staff resources.

Task	Description (all tasks below are on-going tasks)	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Coordinate review of appropriate TDA claims (estimate twelve) with advisory committees (staff and claimants)	Staff reports and resolutions	06/30/26
2	Provide staff support to Budget and Administration/ Personnel Committee (staff)	Agendas and staff reports for two to four meeting	s 06/30/26

3	Coordinate annual unmet transit needs process, including outreach to traditionally underrepresented communities, and adopt resolution of unmet transit needs finding (staff)	Staff reports, presentation, information materials (Spanish), public outreach, meetings and resolution	05/30/26
4	Maintain records and pay claims for TDA, STA and other trust fund accounts (staff)	Files, invoice processing and payments	06/30/26
5	Assist transit operators with annual financial audits (staff)	Phone calls, emails	06/30/26
6	Implement recommendations in most recent performance audit (staff and claimants)	Staff reports and modifications to processes and forms	06/30/26
7	Obtain TDA funds estimates from County Auditor Controller (staff and County Auditor)	Emails and estimate materials	06/30/26
8	Monitor TDA revenue receipts, compare to estimates and adjust estimates as necessary (staff and County Auditor)	Reports to B&A/P Committee and RTC	06/30/26
9	Conduct the FY 2024/25 annual fiscal audit and implement suggested changes (staff and auditing firm)	Audit report and staff reports	06/30/26
10	Produce staff assignment lists, performance evaluations and personnel actions (staff)	Assignment list, individual staff meetings, evaluation forms	06/30/26
11	Prepare and submit to Caltrans the FY 2025/26 indirect cost allocation plan (staff)	ICAP report and staff report	06/30/26
12	Produce and distribute annual financial report (staff)	Financial report and staff reports	06/30/26
13	Coordinate, meet, confer and negotiate with labor representatives; such activities are included in the indirect cost allocation plan (staff and labor units)	Meetings, agenda and information materials	06/30/26
14	Update RTC's Title VI Civil Rights Program and Language Assistance Plan consistent with federal and state requirements (staff)	Updated Civil Rights Program a language assistance plan	06/30/26
15	Complete the triennial performance audit of FY's 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (staff)	Staff reports, procurement and consultant contract	06/30/26

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Rachel Moriconi, Supervising Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$155,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source Amount (\$) Change
Personnel	155,000	0	State RPA 130,957 0
			Local 24,043 0
TOTAL	155,000	0	TOTAL 155,000 0
			% Federal 0%

Project Description

This is an ongoing element concerned with the coordination of regional transportation planning activities consistent with federal and state law to maintain a coordinated approach to transportation planning on a local, regional, state and federal level that addresses all aspects of the transportation system, including safety and GHG emissions reductions. This includes coordinated implementation of the the federal FAST Act, and subsequent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the State's Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Reports to ITAC on programming priorities for funds programmed by RTC	6/30/2026
Reports to ITAC on components developed for the 2050 RTP and 2050 MTP/SCS	6/30/2026

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding

Coordinate the implementation of the FAST Act and IIJA requirements as it relates to regional transportation planning and monitoring

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2024/25, the SCCRTC held six regular meetings of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC). In addition, SCCRTC staff met regularly with Santa Cruz Metro, AMBAG, TAMC, San Benito COG, VTA, educational institutions, non-profits, local jurisdictions, the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, other regional agencies and Caltrans to discuss and implement coordination efforts. Through these meetings and related efforts, the RTC concluded in 2023 that there was a need for a rural highways safety plan. The RTC secured a funding grant for such a plan and in 2024, the RTC initiated the work on such a plan. In FY 2022/23 the RTC coordinated with other agencies on efforts to respond to storm damages to the transportation system and other infrastructure. In FY 2024-25, the RTC coordinated with local and state entities on strategies to ensure that federal funds would continue flowing to transportation projects even with the new presidential administration's policy changes.

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Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Collect, process and transmit information on funding, plans and related activities to facilitate interagency communication (staff)	Phone calls, emails, and information materials	06/30/26
2	Meet quarterly with Caltrans to coordinate planning and programming activities and prepare materials for meetings (staff)	Teleconference, Agenda and meeting materials a action items	nd 06/30/26

3	Coordinate on planning and programming with other agencies throughout the state through participation in the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies group, the Central Coast Coalition, the Rural Counties Task Force, the Self Help Counties Coalition, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the California Transportation Commission (staff and partner agencies)	Meeting participation, meeting notes, agendas	06/30/26
4	Participate in the MTP/SCS Steering Committee with AMBAG, TAMC, SBCOG, and transit agencies to coordinate Santa Cruz County efforts with those of other transportation planning agencies in the region (staff and partner agencies)	Agendas, materials, notes, communications and MTP/SCS	06/30/26
5	Participate in Santa Cruz METRO board meetings and Santa Cruz METRO/RTC management meetings and communicate with other agencies in the region, including Community Bridges and UCSC, to help ensure regional transit planning coordination (staff and partner agencies)	Agendas, materials, notes, communications and coordinated transit plans	06/30/26
6	Continue to coordinate with Caltrans, AMBAG and other partner agencies on improved planning for the movement of goods into, out of and through the region, including designation of Critical Urban/Rural Freight Corridors (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies, meetings	06/30/26
7	Work with the City of Watsonville through its General Plan process, Caltrans Aeronautics and other partner agencies to update and implement the master plan for the Watsonville airport to help ensure efficient access to and from the airport (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies, meetings	06/30/26
8	Exchange information concerning transportation planning, and funding with local jurisdictions, Caltrans, AMBAG, Santa Cruz Metro, the Air District, UCSC, and other federal, state and local agencies (staff and partner agencies)	Meetings, phone calls, emails and information materials	06/30/26
9	Participate in, and prepare agendas, reports and materials for the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) to facilitate planning and programming coordination among all of the various transportation partners represented on the Committee - (staff, public works departments, planning departments, transit district, UCSC, Caltrans, AMBAG, Air District)	Five ITAC meetings, agendas and packets	06/30/26
10	Monitor and participate in efforts at the federal, state and local level related to reduction of VMT and other transportation planning and programming measures to reduce green house gases (GHG) and address global warming (staff)	Conference calls, meetings and notes	06/30/26
11	Monitor and participate in efforts at the federal, state and local level and with law enforcement agencies to address and improve the safety of the transportation system (staff and partner agencies)	Conference calls, meetings and notes	06/30/26
12	Prepare for and participate in meetings of the AMBAG Board as an ex-officio representative (staff)	Meetings and notes	06/30/26
13	Coordinate with business and community organizations, and task forces, including those who engage traditionally underrepresented communities, on transportation planning, and funding issues (staff and community organizations)	Presentations, phone calls, meetings and materials in Spanish	06/30/26
14	With the assistance of consultant services, stay informed on state and federal legislative, regulatory and budgetary developments affecting transportation to more effectively and efficiently coordinate transportation activities with changing requirements - (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Consultant reports, Staff reports and information materials	06/30/26
15	Communicate with legislative officials and others on the effective and efficient coordination of proposed legislative and budgetary changes with transportation planning and programming activities - (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails, letters and meetings	06/30/26
16	Continue to work with Interagency Technical Advisory Committee members and other transportation partners to cooperatively develop and pursue grant opportunities for transportation studies and development of transportation plan components and funding (staff and partner agencies)	Joint grant applications	06/30/26

17	Develop partnerships with local agencies responsible for land use decisions to facilitate coordination of transportation planning with land use, open space, job-housing balance, environmental constraints, and growth management; this includes intergovernmental review of CEQA documents and development plans in coordination with other agencies including Caltrans (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails, meetings, notes and information materials	06/30/26
18	Monitor and participate in efforts at the state and regional level to effectively implement the requirements of the FAST Act, the IIJA and SB1-The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, including federal rulemaking, guidelines and performance measure requirements (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, teleconferences, emails, notes and information materials	06/30/26
19	Coordinate with partner agencies for the collection and dissemination of transportation information (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies, and transportation data	06/30/26

Public Participation Program

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Shannon Munz, Communications Specialist Total Budget: \$100,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source Amount (\$) Change
Personnel	60,000	0	Local 100,000 0
Services & Supplies	40,000	0	
TOTAL	100,000	0	TOTAL 100,000 0 % Federal 0%

Project Description

This work element includes public participation activities that support the overall public participation program of the SCCRTC but are not attributable to a specific project, program or activity. This includes general maintenance of the RTC website and social media outlets and responding to general inquiries regarding the SCCRTC.

Project Product(s)

Well functioning website and social media outlets and updated general postings, press releases, e-news, SCCRTC meeting highlights, year in review communicating notable accomplishments for the previous year; broadcasts of RTC meetings; hybrid RTC meetings so that the public may participate remotely

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2024/25, the SCCRTC updated its templates and style sheets for web pages, media releases, reports and other documents to ensure consistent and recognizabel styles for RTC documents and ensure better public engagement.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Provide information to and solicit information from the community at large regarding the general functions and duties of the RTC using the media, internet, advertisements, in-office and partner organization contact distribution mechanisms and presentations to local groups as a means to involve the public in the transportation planning process (staff)	Updated and functioning website	6/30/2026
2	Use print and electronic media to disseminate and solicit information to and from traditionally underrepresented populations (staff)	Bilingual print and electronic media	6/30/2026
3	Fully implement and update as necessary the RTC's Title VI Civil Rights Program and Language Assistance Plan and fully investigate and monitor all Title VI complaints (staff)	Webpage, postings, agendas, forms and list of complaints and investigations	6/30/2026
4	Broadcast regular RTC meetings and public hearings countywide on Community TV (staff and Community TV)	Televised RTC meetings	6/30/2026
5	Hold RTC and committee meetings as hybrid so that the public may participate in person or remotely	Hybrid meetings	6/30/2026
6	Utilize Spanish translation services during SCCRTC meetings, public workshops and public hearings (staff and consultants)	Translators at meetings	6/30/2026

7	Continue to provide outreach to the community regarding ways to improve safety as users of the transportation system (staff)	Bilingual print and electronic media and public presentations	6/30/2026
8	Work with Caltrans to support their efforts to conduct equitable, meaningful, and collaborative partner agency and community engagement associated with state highway projects and planning studies. Provide feedback to Caltrans on their engagement efforts, when appropriate. (staff and partner agencies)	Meeting materials, public events and presenations	6/30/2026
9	Publicize regional and state news items at the request of Caltrans, including lane closure reports and news releases (staff)	Webpage and social media postings, enews	6/30/2026
10	Work to include Native American tribes/bands (including non-federally recognized) within Santa Cruz County region in public participation outreach efforts (staff)	Print and electronic media inlcuidng enews	6/30/2026

Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$522,815

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES REVENUE

Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	86,500	0	Caltrans FSP	291,815	0
Services & Supplies	436,315	0	Measure D	231,000	0
To Reserves	0	0	From Reserves	0	0
TOTAL	522,815	0	TOTAL	522,815	0

Project Description

SCCRTC Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) operates on Highways 1 and 17 in Santa Cruz County to assist stranded or stalled motorists, and to remove collisions and freeway debris that cause episodic traffic congestion. SCCRTC works closely with Caltrans and California Highway Patrol to implement the program.

Project Product(s)

Service statistics and reports, funding agreements, and towing service contracts

Other Task (Nonfederal)

Implement county level Freeway Service Patrol

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2021-22, the RTC conducted a procurement process for new FSP tow services which resulted in new tow service contracts that required significant negotiations due to increased costs. In FY 2021-22 and FY 2022/23, RTC staff worked with other FSP programs throughout the State and Caltrans HQ staff to update the statewide FSP guidelines, which incorporated SB1 FSP funds more seemlessly with traditional FSP funds making administration of the funds more efficient. In FY 2023/24, the RTC worked with the tow service contractor to help address tow truck driver needs, insurance concerns, and data discrepancies, and maintain good service. In FY 24-25, the RTC extended the tow service contract one year and plans to procure new towing contracts in FY 2025-26.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Provide supplies as needed, monitor use, evaluate future program needs, and process invoices for payment of service from contractors (staff)	Tow truck service to motorists, invoices, purchase orders, statistics, and reports	06/30/26
2	Conduct quarterly training and informational meetings with Caltrans, CHP and tow operators and partner with TAMC for the quarterly trainings (staff and partner agencies)	Training sessions, agendas and materials	06/30/26
3	Continue to provide tow truck service to motorists through contracts with tow service providers and under supervision of the CHP (staff, contractor and CHP)	Tow truck service to motorists, contracts for servi logs and invoices	ce, 06/30/26
4	Represent the RTC at statewide oversight committee meetings to demonstrate effectiveness and to maintain and increase state funding for FSP program (staff)	Meeting participation, reports, presentations	06/30/26

5	Improve data collection techniques and enhance data gathering equipment to demonstrate effectiveness of program and improve truck tracking and vehicle dispatching capabilities (staff, partner agencies and contractor)	Data reports and analysis	06/30/26
6	Work with other freeway service patrol programs within the region and neighboring counties to enhance the program's cost-effectiveness and coordinate FSP service (staff and partner agencies)	Cost effectiveness analysis and coordinated services	06/30/26
7	Prepare Annual Report (staff)	Annual report and presentation	06/30/26
8	Continue to promote the program and increase awareness (staff)	Outreach materials in English and Spanish	06/30/26
9	Continue to implement and monitor the usage and effectiveness of FSP tow truck service in cooperation with CHP and Caltrans (staff and partner agencies)	Data reports and analysis	06/30/26
10	Consider revisions to FSP services based on analysis of usage and availability of funding (staff)	Analysis and reports	06/30/26
11	Maintain FSP data collection system and feed the data into the statewide FSP benefit/cost model to better reflect conditions of smaller FSP programs (staff and partner agencies)	Data reports and analysis	06/30/26
12	Investigate and pursue potential new funding sources for FSP programs (staff)	Phone calls, emails, letters and meetings	06/30/26

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$584,250

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE	REVENUE		
Agency	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change	
Personnel	134,000	0	SAFE Funds	484,250	0	
Services & Supplies	450,250	0	MTC SAFE funds	50,000	0	
			Measure D	50,000	0	
TOTAL	584,250	0	TOTAL	584,250	0	
			% Federal	0%		

Project Description

The Santa Cruz County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) operates the County's highway callbox system and works with the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans on motorist aid and highway safety projects and programs.

Project Product(s)

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies call box system and extra CHP enforcement to reduce collisions

Other Task (Nonfederal)

Maintain and implement SAFE program and provide extra CHP enforcement

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2023-24, the RTC continued to see a reduction in the use of highway call boxes due to the ubiquity of cell phones. Therefore, in FY 2024-25, the RTC initiated an analysis of the call box system which will likely result in a significant reduction in the number of call boxes. In recent years, partly due to rain, RTC and CHP have seen an increase in the number of collisions on Highway 17. Therefore, the RTC increased the amount of funds going to the SAFE on 17 program to significantly increase the amount of CHP enforcement on Higway 17 and reduce collisions.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Continue to work with contractors to provide reliable and efficient call box facilities and services (staff and contractors)	Roadside call box service	06/30/26
2	Complete mobility and site improvements for call boxes as needed (staff and contractors)	ADA accessible call box sites	06/30/26
3	Track DMV collection of SAFE funds to ensure accurate revenue collection (staff)	Revenue history	06/30/26
4	Continue to work with the CalSAFE Committee to coordinate on statewide issues related to Call Box and motorist aid systems (staff and partner agencies)	Coordinated and consistent services	06/30/26
5	Work with other SAFE agencies in the region to solicit new contracts for call box implementation and maintenance services (staff and partner agencies)	Maintenance contract	06/30/26

6	Continue to administer enhanced CHP enforcement as part of the SAFE on 17 Program to reduce collisions and improve the safety of the transportation system (staff and CHP)	Enforcement data and reports	06/30/26
7	Continue the funding partnership with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to ensure continuation of the enhanced CHP enforcement on Hwy 17 and work to match RTC funding by MTC (staff and MTC)	Funding agreement and invoices	06/30/26
8	Continue to monitor and track collision and safety issues on Highways 1 and 17 (staff and partner agencies)	Collision information	06/30/26
9	Coordinate with Caltrans, the County of Santa Cruz, and emergency services on disaster preparedness and evacuation planning (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies and disaster and evacuation plans	06/30/26
10	Produce annual report for the Safe on 17 program and invoice MTC for funds (staff)	Annual report	06/30/26

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$422,935

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE		
Agency	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	210,535	0	STBG & RSTPX	65,535	0
Services & Supplies	212,400	0	SAFE Funds	50,000	0
Reserves			Measure D	231,000	0
			Local	76,400	0
			MBARD	0	0
TOTAL	422,935	0	TOTAL	422,935	0

Project Description

Through Cruz511/Rideshare SCCRTC provides traveler information and direct services to Santa Cruz County residents, visitors and employers to encourage the use of sustainable transportation modes; increase vehicle occupancy through carpooling, vanpooling and riding the bus; eliminate vehicle trips through telecommuting and compressed work weeks; and implements other Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies. The TDM program establishes the strategies that result in more efficient use of available transportation resources. The program promotes sustainable transportation choices and implements programs that result in emission reduction, regional traffic congestion and delay mitigation, and reduction in vehicle trips and vehicle miles travelled. The work is done in coordination with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Council of San Benito County Governments, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the San Francisco Bay Area, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the local cities.

Project Product(s)

Cruz511 Rideshare and Traveler Information Program and Go Santa Cruz County commute manager program

Federally Eligible Task

Promote sustainable transportation modes and choices region-wide through the coordination of incentives, promotional events, campaigns and information dissemination

Previous Accomplishments

To keep the service attractive and useful to the community, the RTC constantly updates services and strategies. The commute manager program was fully implemented in FY 2022-23 as Go Santa Cruz County in partnership with the City of Santa Cruz, UCSC and the County of Santa Cruz. For FY 2022-23 and 2023-24, the RTC focused on conducting more intense marketing for Go Santa Cruz County and improved incentives to increase participation. As a result, the RTC saw participation continue to increase during FY 2024-25. The RTC also partnered with Santa Cruz METRO to use the RTC's Go Santa Cruz County commute manager program to assist with the implementation of METRO's One Ride At A Time program to help increase transit ridership.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
4	Update and maintain content and design of websites including the Cruz511 traveler	Updated Rideshare/Cruz511 Website & traveler	c /20 /202c
T	information component (staff)	information component	6/30/2026

2	Operate 429-POOL hotline and coordinate regional participation and access to the online ride matching system. Maintain online database of people interested in a ride match (staff and consultant)	Match lists, robust database	6/30/2026
3	Direct, monitor, and document media communications related to program's objectives and goals (staff)	Media releases, interviews, articles, etc.	6/30/2026
4	Assist employers in promoting multi-modal travel options and services through transportation fairs and on-site presentations (staff and employers)	Scatter maps, presentation materials, list of employers	6/30/2026
5	Develop and apply a consistent set of evaluation measures for TDM projects and programs (staff)	Improved evaluation tools	6/30/2026
6	Promote VMT-reduction efforts through TDM strategies in partnership with other agencies, including for transportation and development projects (staff and partner agencies)	Coordinated VMT reduction efforts	6/30/2026
7	Promote and facilitate access to existing mobility hubs and park and ride Lots and plan for future facility needs (staff)	Improved mobility hubs, park and ride lots, signs, and agreements; usage counts	6/30/2026
8	Develop and maintain information on TDM initiatives in the community (staff and consultants)	Data on TDM programs	6/30/2026
9	Research most effective methods and strategies to meet program objectives (staff)	Information on other programs	6/30/2026
10	Coordinate with regional rideshare and transit service providers to promote transit services (staff and service providers)	Promotional materials and handouts	6/30/2026
11	Participate in tri-county coordination of outreach campaigns - i.e. Rideshare Week (staff)	Agendas, notes and action items	6/30/2026
12	Prepare and conduct community outreach, education, and promotional materials and provide personalized ridematching services (staff and consultants)	Promotional materials and handouts	6/30/2026
13	After full launch of the commute manager program, Go Santa Cruz County, continue to implement and expand the program with implementation of UCSC's commuter manager for UCSC students and staff (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	commute manager website, promotional materials, ads, rewards program, Go Santa Cruz County, UCSE commuter manager	6/30/2026
14	Update Cruz 511 In Your Neighborhood promotional and information materials and continue to provide to the public to encourage use of alternative transportation modes (staff)	Updated Cruz 511 in Your Neighborhood materials	6/30/2026

WORK ELEMENT NUMBER 414

Planning for Climate Resilience of the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Corridor

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$1,379,980

Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2024-2025

EXPENDITURES		REVENUE			
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	262,808	0	SHA CAP	1,221,696	0
Consultant Services	788,422	0	Local	158,284	0
Other	328,750	0			
TOTAL	1,379,980	0	TOTAL % Federal	1,379,980 0%	0

Project Description

The RTC purchased the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL) in 2012 for preservation and to improve area transportation through transit and active transportation uses. The RTC is planning to use the SCBRL as a zero emissions passenger rail and trail corridor. The RTC has been working with a variety of partners to develop multi-use trail segments along the corridor and is developing concepts for a zero emission passenger rail and trail (ZEPRT). The SCBRL corridor is vulnerable to climate change impacts as evidenced by recent weather events and projected future conditions. The planning project proposed here ("Project") will develop short-, medium-, and long-term climate-resilient concepts for the ZEPRT corridor at the four locations most vulnerable to climate hazards - Capitola bluffs, La Selva/Manresa bluffs, Harkins Slough Rail Crossing, and Pajaro River Rail Bridge. Design concepts will consider the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, bluff retreat, and coastal erosion.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Task 01 - Quarterly reports and invoices	30 days after end of each quarter
Task 1 - e-news and social media posts	6/30/2025
Task 2 - Existing conditions memo, map of climate stressors and impact areas, list of technical studies, tech reports	3/30/2026
Task 3 - Draft plan	6/30/2026

Federally Eligible Task	Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)
Ensure resiliency of the transportation system	0%

Previous Accomplishments

The RTC has been working on a variety of efforts to ensure more sustainable transportation planning. This has included employing the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS), supporting more active transportation and climate adaptation strategies. The RTC also submitted a grant funding application to Caltrans for Sustainable Transportation Planning Gant funds for this climate resilience planning for the zero emission passenger rail and trail corridor. The RTC was successful in securing \$1,369,780 in grant funds, which will be matched with \$177,470 in local funds. This work element represents these funds. In FY 2024-25, the RTC initiated the work for this plan and secured a project consultant.

Future Deliverable List

recommended project concepts, final plan, RTC Board agendas and minutes and plan acceptance.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
01	Project Administration: Manage and administer the project according to the grant application guidelines, Regional Planning Handbook, and the executed grant contract (staff)	Kick-off meeting, Invoices, and Quarterly Project Reports	on-going
02	Consultant Procurement: Prepare request for proposals with scope of work and schedule and secure consultant (staff)	RFP, consultant contract, kick-off meeting, RTC procurement manual	complete

1	Stakeholder and Public Outreach: Develop stakeholder and public engagement plan employing strategies developed through the Equity Action Plan and leveraging outreach efforts of the zero emissions passenger rail and trail concept project then conduct stakeholder and public engagement through a variety of means throughout the duration fo the project (staff and consultant) Identification of Existing Conditions and Climate Hazards: Identify the existing conditions; assess existing, short-term, and	website, e-news, social media posts, meeting announcements, agendas and materials, stakeholder and community organization representative list Existing conditions memo, map of climate stressors	on-going - 12/31/2026
2	long-term climate hazards for the four locations on the zero emission passenger rail and trail corridor; and perform technical analysis tailored to each site for a robust assessment (staff and consultant)	and impact areas, list of needed technical studies, and technical reports	03/30/26
3	Develop project concepts and a draft plan for the four locations on the zero emissions passenger rail and trail corridor for 2050 and 2100 (staff and consultant)	Draft plan with alternatives evaluatin matrix and summary of alternatives evaluation	06/30/26
4	Recommended Project Concepts: Determine the recommended project concepts for each of the four locations to infom the alingment of transportation uses on the corridor including passenger rail, freight rail and multi-use trail. (staff and	Recommended project concepts for each location	on-going - 12/2026
5	Final Climare Resilience: Produce the final plan for climate resilience at the four locations on the corridor with consideration of comments from the public, stakenholders and partner agencies (staff and consultant)	Final plan for climate resilience	future task - 07/2026 to 06/2027
6	RTC Input and Acceptance: Input from RTC Board at key milestones and acceptance of the final plan for climate resilience by the RTC Board (staff and consultant)	Board agendas, presentation materials, meeting minutes	future task 04/2027 to 06/2027

Note: WE414 has a total State Highway Account (SHA) Climate Adaptation Program (CAP) grant funding amount of \$1,369,780. This project is being implemented with funding that is split over 3 fiscal years: FY24-25, 25-26, and 26-27. All work must be completed by June 30, 2027. Final RFR/invoice and the final product are due to Caltrans no later than August 29, 2027. The funding budgeted for FY25-26 takes into account the work completed in FY 24-25 and that anticipated to be done in FY 25-26. "Other" includes staff and consultant work to be done in future fiscal years (26-27).

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$54,406

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVEN	NUE	
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	19,406	0	FTA 5304	4 43,476	0
Consultant Services	35,000	0	Local	10,930	0
TOTAL	54,406	0	TOTAL	54,406	0
			% Federa	al 79.91%	

Project Description

Development of a Santa Cruz County Transportation Equity Action Plan to advance racial, social, and environmental justice in Santa Cruz County through the development of more proactive public engagement practices, more equitable and anti-racist policies, project evaluation, planning, programs, investments, and implementation practices to ensure an accessible, affordable, safe, sustainable, innovative, and healthy transportation system for disadvantaged communities.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Task 01 - Quarterly reports and invoices	30 days after the end of each quarter
Tasks 1.2, 2 &3 - Engagement toolkit and engagement materials	12/31/2025
Task 1.3 - List of metrics, goals and targets	12/31/2025
Tasks 1.4, 1.5 & 1.6 - Report on existing conditions	12/31/2025
Task 4 - Draft and final plans	12/31/2025
Task 5 - Board resolutions	12/31/2025

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303 or 5304)

Ensure inclusion of disadvantaged communities in transportatin planning and project implementation

Previous Accomplishments

In 2021, RTC prepared and submitted a sustainable planning grant application to Caltrans and was awarded the funds to produce this Transportation Equity Action Plan for Santa Cruz County. In FY 2022/23, the RTC initiated work on the SCC Transportation Equity Action Plan. In FY 2023/24, the RTC established the Equity Work Group and began meeting with the group. In FY 2024/25, the RTC secured a consultant, established a local definition of disadvanaged communities (priority populations), devloped training materials and held trainings with the Board, committees and staff.

80%

Future Deliverables List

Work to be completed in this fiscal year

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
01	Manage and administer the project according to the grant application guidelines, Regional Planning Handbook, and the executed grant contract (staff)	RTC-Caltrans Agreement, Invoices, and Quarterly Project Reports	12/31/25
02	Prepare request for proposals with scope or work and schedule ans sedure consultant (staff and partner agencies)	RFP and consultant contract	completed

1.1	Update the regional definition of disadvantaged communities using more detailed local data (staff, stakeholders and consultant)	Local definition of disadvantaged communities	completed
1.2, 2, & 3	Public Outreach: Develop and implement public engagement toolkit that ensures greater involvement of traditionally underserved and under-represented communities; includes engagement in Spanish (staff and partner agencies)	Engagement toolkit, Print and digital engagement materials, Surveys, Media releases, Workshops, etc.	12/31/25
1.3	Develop equity performance metrics and accountability metrics and targets to evaluate local transportatin plans, projects and services and progress towards equity (staff, partner agencies and consultant)	Metrics, goals and targets	12/31/25
1.4, 1.5 8 1.6	Perform equity analysis of the existing transportation network, planned projects and services, and agency policies and procedures (staff, partner agencies and consultant)	Report of existing conditions and planned projects	12/31/25
4	Produce draft plan and seek stakeholder and public outreach on the draft, and incoroporate comments into the final plan (staff and consultants)	Draft and final plans	12/31/25
5	RTC Board review, consideration and approval (staff)	Agenda reports, presentations and resolutions	12/31/25

Note: WE415 has a total FTA5304 funding amount of \$338,000. This project is being implemented with funding that is split over 3.5 fiscal years, after a six-month extension: FY22/23, 23/24, 24/25 and 25/26. All work must be completed by December 31, 2025 after the six-month extension. Final RFR/invoice and the final product are due to Caltrans no later than February 28, 2026. The funding budgeted for FY24/25 takes into account the funds estimated to b used by the end in FY24/25 and work estimated to be done.

WORK ELEMENT NUMBER 417

SCC North Coast Transportation Demand Management Plan

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Max Friedman, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$240,265

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES REVENUE

Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	65,000	0	SPR Part I	173,631	0
Consultant Services	175,265	0	Local	66,634	0
Other	0				
TOTAL	240,265	0	TOTAL % Federal	240,265 72%	0

Project Description

This project is to develop a North Coast Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan for Santa Cruz County to improve acces without a car to North Coast facilities and destinatios, while also addressing regional and state safety and equity goals. The plan will identify transportation challenges, strategies for managing demand and providing alternatives to access the spectacular North Coast without an automobile.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Task 01 - Quarterly reports and invoices, DBE reporting	30 days after end of each quarter
Task 4 - transportaiton strategy develpoment memo	8/29/2025
Task 5 - public outreach summary	2/27/2026
Task 6 - North Coast TDM plan draft report	12/31/2025
Task 7 - board resolutions	06/30/2026

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303 or 5304)

Ensure inclusion of disadvantaged communities in transportatin planning and project implementation

72%

Previous Accomplishments

In 2023, RTC prepared and submitted a planning grant application to Caltrans and was awarded the funds to produce this North Coast TDM PLan for Santa Cruz County. In FY 2024-25, the RTCcompleted the procurement process and secured a consultant and initiated work for this North Coast TDM plan. RTC conducted public outreach through an online survey and develop the TDM plan's vision and objectives.

Future Deliverables List

transportaiton strategy develpoment memo, public outreach summary, North Coast TDM plan draft report, North Coast TDM plan final report, resolution

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
01	Manage and administer the project according to the grant application guidelines, Regional Planning Handbook, and the executed grant contract (staff)	RTC-Caltrans Agreement, Kick-off meeting, Invoice and Quarterly Project Reports	os, 06/30/26
02	Prepare request for proposals with scope of work and schedule and secure consultant (staff and partner agencies)	RFP, Consultant Contract	completed

1	Review existing applicable plans, reports, documents and other literature; review and compile existing relevant data and identify needs; and document existing conditions relevant to project (staff, stakeholders and consultant)	Literature review memo, existing transportation conditions report, data needs list, compiled data, transportation infrastructure conditions memo	completed
2	Define the vision and objectives and establish a framework for evaluating strategies (staff, stakeholders and consultant)	TDM Plan visions & objectives, framework to evaluate strategies	completed
3	Evaluate existing conditions against desired system performance with information on challenges and barriers; prepare and distribute survey to obtain information and solicit broad public input (staff, stakeholders & consultant)	Transportation needs memo	completed
4	Identify strategies to address needs; evaluate identified strategies; develop detailed project descriptions; describe steps to implement recommended strategies (staff and consultant)	and concepts, funding strategies, estimated schedule and sequence, strategy development	08/29/25
5	Identify stakeholders for outreach and input; hold stakeholder and public meetings and workshops with presentations for outreach and input; construct and conduct survey; solicit input from RTC committees at public meetings; and compile public outreach summary. (staff, stakeholders and consultant)	Stakeholder & public workshops with presentations; website, E-news, list of comments, Survey results, Staff reports and minutes, public outreach summary	02/27/26
6	Produce administrative draft and draft plan and seek stakeholder and public input on the draft plans, and incoroporate comments into the final plan (staff and consultants)	Admnistrative Draft, Draft and Final plans	12/31/25
7	RTC Board review, consideration and approval (staff)	Agenda reports, presentations and resolutions	06/30/26

Note: WE417 has a total of \$362,560 in Strategic Partnership FHWA (SPR Part I) funds with a required local match of \$90,640. This project will be implemented over 3 fiscal years: 23-24, 24-25 and 25-26. All work must be completed by June 30, 2026. Final RFR/invoice and the final product are due to Caltrans no later than August 31, 2026. The funding estimated to be used in FY25-26 takes into account the work done in prior fiscal years and the work anticipated to be done in FY 25-26 by RTC staff and consultants.

Project Manager: Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner **Total Budget: Agency: SCCRTC** \$1,316,940

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE		
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	75,000	0	SHA	1,165,854	0
Subrecipient (RCD)	100,000		Local	151,086	0
Consultant Services	350,000	0			
Other	791,940	0			
TOTAL	1,316,940	0	TOTAL	1,316,940	0
			% Federal		

Project Description

This project is to develop a Coastal Resilience Plan for for Highway 1 at Waddell ans San Vicente Creeks. The RTC will work in partnership with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) to identify short, medium and long term actions for viability and resilience to climate stressors in tandem with ecological restoration of the creeks. A best practices framework will be developed outlining a workable methodology that facilitates multi-agency consensus for developing resilience plans for coastal transportation infrastructure.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date
Task 01 - Quarterly reports and invoices	30 days after end of each quarter
Task 2 - Website url, e-news, social media posts	6/30/2026
Task 3 - Memo identifying climate stressors	11/30/2025
Task 4 - Memo on historical and baseline ecology	5/31/2026

Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303 or 5304) **Federally Eligible Task** 0%

Ensure inclusion of disadvantaged communities in transportatin planning and project implementation

In 2023, RTC prepared and submitted a planning grant application to Caltrans and was awarded the funds to produce this Coastal Resilience Plan for Highway 1 at Waddell and San Vicente Creeks. In FY 2023-24, the kick-off meeting for the project was held with Caltrans, the RTC and Resource Conservation District entered into an agreement specifying the responsibilities and share of funding for each entity. In FY 2024-25 the RTC completed a procurement process and entered into an agreement with a consultant. The RTC also established the stakeholder technical advisory committee.

Future Deliverables List

presentation materials, technical reports, summary of alternatives evaluation, draft plans for coastal resilience at San Vicente & Waddell Creeks, short list of alternative project concepts at San Vicente & Waddell Creeks, final plans for coastal resilience at San Vicente and Waddell Creeks, Board approval & minutes, climate adaptation best practices framework for infrastructure and ecological coastal resilience

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
01	Manage and administer the project according to the grant application guidelines, Regional Planning Handbook, and the executed grant contract (staff)	RTC-Caltrans Agreement, RTC-RCD Agreeent, Kick off meeting, Invoices, and Quarterly Project Report	On-going

02	Prepare request for proposals with scope of work and schedule and secure consultant (staff and RCD)	RFP, Consultant Contract, Consultant kick-off	completed
1	Establish a technical advisory committee to include resources/regularory agencies at local, state and federal levels; hold meetings and workshops with the technical advisory committee to obtain input; contact tribal (staff, RCD and consultant)	Technical Advisory Committee, agendas and minutes of TAC meetings, tribal outreach list and meetings	On-going
2	Conduct public outreach and seek public input through a variety of means including the creation of an advisory group of local representatives, employing strategies devloped thorugh the Equity Action Plan, public meetings within the project area, and small group meetings with underserved community members (staff, RCD and consultant)	Website, e-news, social media posts, public meetings with presentations, list of advisory group reps	On-going
3	Follow the Caltrans Adaptation Framework to identify and assess climate stressors (staff, RCD and consultant)	Memo and maps on climate stressors	11/30/25
4	Compile and summarize existing ecosystem data for the projet area and address data gaps with targeted data collection (staff, RCD and consultant)	Memo on ecosystem of project area	05/31/26
5	Conduct technical analysis for forecasting future physical processes, habitat tyes and suitability of focus species (staff, RCD, and consultant)	List of needed technical studies, technical reports	On-going
6	Develop alternative project concepts for transportation infrastructure and ecosystem restoration that are resilient to climate stressors and improve the ecosystem and maintain access (staff, RCD, and consultant)	Conceptual drawings and descriptions of project alternatives and evaluation of alternatives	Future Task
7	Produce the draft plan for the project area with the various alternative project concepts for transportation infrastructure and ecosystem restoration (staff, RCD, and consultant)	Draft Plan	Future Task
8	Determine and produce a short list of concept alternatives that provide the most benefit and are the most feasible (staff, RCD, and consultant)	Short list of alternatives	Future Task
9	Produce the final coastal resilience plan with short list of preferred alternative project concepts (staff, RCD, and consultant)	Final Plan	Future Task
10	Present the plan to the RCD for input and to the RTC Board for input and acceptance (staff, RCD and consultant)	Board agendas, resolution, materials and minutes	Future Task
11	Develop a best practices framework for a workable methodology that facilitates resource agency agreement for identifying needed actions for resilience of coastal highway infrastructure and enhancements to coastal ecosystems (staff, RCD and consultant)	Climate adaptation best practices framework	Future Task

Note: WE419 has a total of \$1,254,691 in Climate Adaptation SHA funds with a required local match of \$162,558. This project will be implemented over 3 fiscal years: 23-24, 24-25 and 25-26 with a requested one-year extension of FY 26-27. With the extension the work must be completed by June 30, 2027, and the final RFR/invoice and the final product due to Caltrans no later than August 31, 2027. The funding estimated to be used in FY25-26 takes into account the work done in prior years, the work anticipated to be done in FY25-26 and the work estimated for FY 26-27. "Other" includes funds for personnel in future years, consultant work in future years, and other project expenses.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Thomas Travers, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$75,000

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES REVENUE

Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel Contractual	75,000	0 0	STIP Local	0 75,000	0 0
TOTAL	75,000	0	TOTAL % Federal	75,000 0%	0

Project Description

The objective of this program is to ensure the development of a regional pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as an integral part of the overall transportation system for the Santa Cruz County and the AMBAG region. This helps to ensure a better integrated and connected transportation system across modes and helps to ensure a safer transportation system for non-motorists and reduce GHG emissions. This work element includes working with cities and the county to develop, update and implement active transportation plans and integrate active transportation planning in all transportation planning efforts, including project plans, corridor plans and studies, specific area plans, general plans, the regional transportation plan and the metropolitan transportation plan. Work with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Council of San Benito County Governments and AMBAG to ensure that the local active transportation planning efforts are the components that lead to a more robust and integrated active transportation infrastructure for the entire AMBAG region.

Project Product(s)

Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings and materials, updated bicycle plans and active transportation plans, coordinated and safer multimodal transportation system

Federally Eligible Tasks Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Planning for a better developed and safer bicycle and pedestrian transportation network that is integrated with other modes and coordinated across the AMBAG region

0%

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2024-25, the Bicycle Committee reviewed and provided input on components of the 2050 RTP, including the project lists, reviewed and provided recommendations on programming of state and federal funds, reviewed and provided funding recommendatios for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and Measure D funds, considered potential improvements to Hwy 9 in San Lorenzo Valley and continued its efforts to maintain committee positions filled. Through ad-hoc committees, the Committee examined and made recommendations on improvements for gap closures or other safety measures throughout the county. The Bicycle Committee held hybrind meetings via Zoom providing the public the option to participate in the meetings remotely.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Coordinate and provide staff support for SCCRTC's Bicycle Committee including the production of agendas, staff reports and minutes for six meetings per year. (staff)	Agendas, agenda packets, meetings and minutes	06/08/26

2	Work with the City of Santa Cruz, the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and other local jurisdictions to modify and update their Active Transportation Plans ensuring that federal and state requirements are met and that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are coordinated with other modes and facilities throughout the region. (staff and partner agencies)	Active Transportation Plans for Santa Cruz and UCSC and other local jurisdictions	06/30/26
3	Engage the public in bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning efforts including the Watsonville community through coordination with Jovenes Sanos, County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency and other community groups (staff)	Meetings, presentations, and information materials in English and Spanish	06/30/26
4	Work with the local jurisdictions on implementation of their plans and policies to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian travel is adequately integrated and coordinated with other modes and across the region and with overall development to ensure a better integrated and safer multimodal transportation system and employment of a complete streets approach. (staff and partner agencies)	Bicycle and pedestrian transportation network consistent with approved general plans and bicycle plans	06/30/26
5	Pursue continued collection of bicycle counts, pedestrian counts and mode split data (staff and partner agencies)	Bicycle and pedestrian counts, and mode split data	06/30/26
6	Continue working with AMBAG in its efforts to improve the regional travel demand model that includes a bicycle and active transportation component (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails, meetings, analysis of bicycle use data	06/30/26
7	Coordinate and participate with Caltrans on the implementation of the California Active Transportation Plan, Toward an Active California inlcuding the production of a statewide bicycle map and implementatin and update of the District 5 Active Transportation Plan (staff and partner agencies)	Agendas, materials, communications and active, bike and ped transportation plans	06/30/26
8	Coordinate with local, regional, state and federal agencies on bicycle and pedestrian planning and funding efforts (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails, meetings, grant applicatins and information materials	06/30/26
9	Work with the County of Santa Cruz, Caltrans, local community groups, businesses and the public on planning for improved bicycle and pedestrian access and facilities in the San Lorenzo Valley that is coordinated with the regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and other transportation modes (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails and meetings	06/30/26
10	Work with the County of Santa Cruz, Caltrans and community groups on bicycle safety improvements including green bike lane treatments at select freeway interchanges throughout the county (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails and meetings	06/30/26

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects and Programs

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$7,693,531

Thomas Travers, Transportation Planner

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES REVENUE

Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	796,202	0	RSTP Exchange	14,953	0
Contractual	6,897,329	0	Measure D	7,375,578	0
Other		0	Local	303,000	0
			Coastal Conservancy	0	0
TOTAL	7,693,531	0	TOTAL	7,693,531	0
			% Federal	0%	

Project Description

The objective of this program is to encourage a safer bicycle and pedestrian transportation network through the funding, support and implementation of bicycle and pedestrian safety and education programs and projects working in partnership with the Community Traffic Safety Coalition, Bike to Work, partner agencies, the local jurisdictions, the business community and the community at large. This work element also implements the master plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail network and the countywide bike signage plan.

Project Product(s)

Initiate construction of Segment 5 of the Coastal Rail Trail, Complete construction of Segment 7; Completion of Environmental Documents for Segments 10, 11 and 12

Federally Eligible Tasks

Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Coordinate and advance bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs in Santa Cruz County

0%

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2023-24, the RTC continued implementation of the award-winning Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (and Coastal Rail Trail spine) as defined in the adopted Master Plan and secured federal, state and private grant funds for trail segments. In FY 2023-24 one segment of the Coastal Rail Trail opened to the public in the City of Santa Cruz, and one began constrution in the Northcoast. In FY 2023-24 the RTC and partner agencies secured funds for 4 additional segments. In FY 2024-25, construction of Segment 7 in the City of Santa Cruz was completed and the environmental documents for Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 were completed and final design was initiated.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Da
1	Continue financial support of the Bike to Work/School program, and the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) - (staff and consultants)	Bike week and Bike month; Work Plan implementation for bicycle and pedstrian safety education	06/30/26
2	Continue funding and promoting the bilingual bicycle and pedestrian safety education program (Ride N' Stride) at schools - (staff and consultant)	Approved allocations; safety trainings	06/30/26
3	Investigate and implement methods to reduce vehicle travel by expanding and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian facilities (staff)	Expanded bike and ped facilities	06/30/26
4	Continue to compile and update digitized bikeway information to be provided to the public as a roadway layer through the County's GIS webpage (staff and partner agencies)	Digitized map information	06/30/26
5	Continue outreach and administration of Bicycle Hazard and Pedestrian Access Reports to identify network deficiencies (staff and partner agencies)	Compiled reports	06/30/26

6	Continue working with the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and its subcommittees to implement the findings of the report "Improving Safety and Accessibility of Sidewalks in Santa Cruz County" (staff)	Improvements to sidewalks	06/30/26
7	Expand the Bicycle Route Signage system in coordination with local jurisdictions, bicycle advocates and community members. Provide outreach to inform the community of the system and conduct bicycle counts to determine its impact on bicycling (staff and partner agencies)	Bike route signage system, outreah materials, bicycle counts	06/30/26
8	Implement the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (and Coastal Rail Trail spine) project as defined in the adopted Master Plan; continue to apply for funding for additional trail segment implementation, coordinate with local jurisdictions and execute contracts, and develop overall guidelines and policies (staff and partner agencies)	Funding, implementation plans, guidelines, agreements and policies	06/30/26
9	Implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the San Lorenzo Valley working with partner agencies, especially the San Lorenzo Valley School District, the County of Santa Cruz and Caltrans (staff and partner agencies)	Bike and pedestrian improvements, agreements	06/30/26
10	Continue partnering with Caltrans on the production of PID documents that will lead to implemention of bicycle and pedestrian improvements in San Lorenzo Valley (staff and partner agencies)	Partering agreements and PID documents	06/30/26
11	Continue updating and distributing the Santa Cruz County Bikeways Map (staff)	Updated bikeways map	06/30/26

Elderly & Disabled & Americans with Disabilities Act

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$80,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE	[/] ENUE	
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	80,000	0	Local	80,000	0
TOTAL	80,000	0	TOTAL % Federal	80,000 0%	0

Project Description

To plan and coordinate the delivery of transportation services to the elderly and persons with disabilities, and to achieve economies of scale among human service and transportation agencies. Additionally, this work element identifies the transportation needs of traditionally underserved groups (elderly, persons with disabilities, persons of color, and low-income) and assesses the adequacy of the transportation system to meet those needs.

Project Product(s)

Agenda packets and minutes of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Inclusion of transportation needs of elderly and disabled into transportation planning and programming efforts and documents

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Administer and conduct Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee meetings

0%

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2024-25 the Committee, RTC and staff continued its extensive efforts to maintain Committee positions filled. The efforts have been successful in keeping the vast majority of the committee positions filled. In FY 2024-25, the E&D TAC reviewed and made funding recommendations for TDA, Measure D, state and federal funds. In FY 2024-25, the TNC Access for All program completed one year of implementation and it is on pace to exceed the total rides goal. In FY 2024-25, staff working with the E&D TAC and with extensive public engagement, produced a significantly updated unmet transit and paratransit needs list, which will be used to help seek funds for needed projects.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Coordinate and provide staff support for SCCRTC's Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee including the production of agendas, staff reports and minutes for six meetings per year (staff)	Agenda, agenda packet and minutes	06/30/26
2	Implement the accessible pedestrian planning program through the Pedestrian Safety Work Group (subcommittee)	Annual report summarizing activities	06/30/26

3	Continue to coordinate with local public, private, and non-profit entities involved in providing specialized transportation, including Community Bridges, the Volunteer Center, SCMTD and its Metro Advisory Committee (MAC) to ensure that all planning and programming at all levels in the region consider and incorporate the needs of the elderly, disabled and low income communities and is consistent with state plans and coordinated with the Caltrans DOTP Rail Program (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, meetings, reports, presentations and improved planning and programming documents	06/30/26
4	Work with the E&D Transportation Advisory Committee to conduct outreach to the elderly, disabled and low income communities in the region on transportation needs to be included in Regional Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Federal Transportation Improvement Program and other transportation planning and programming documents (staff)	Public meetings, outreach materials, reports and presentations	06/30/26
5	Update the Guide for Specialized Transportation and provide other public information materials on transportation planning and programming for specialized transportation (staff)	Updated public information materials	06/30/26
6	Review project plans to ensure consistency with Regional Transportation Plan policies for improved access to elderly and disabled individuals (staff)	Project summaries and comments	06/30/26
7	Work with AMBAG and other agencies to update the Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan, as needed (staff)	Updated plan	06/30/26
8	Implement relevant recommendations from the Equity Action Plan	Improved equity initiatives	06/30/26

Transportation Planning for the Region

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$425,000

Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE	REVENUE	
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	325,000	0	State RPA	168,789	0
Other	100,000	0	State RPA C/O	0	0
			Local	256,211	0
TOTAL	425,000	0	TOTAL	425,000	0
			% Federal	0%	

Project Description

The focus of this work element is implementation of the existing transportation plans for the region - the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Santa Cruz County and the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy. This work element also includes modifications, updates and amendments that may be necessary to the existing plans and coordination with local and regional agencies for the production of the next set of transportation plans with a 2050 horizon year. Additionally, rules regarding regional transportation planning established by the federal transportation acts, will continue to be implemented. This work element also includes working with local jurisdictions to ensure that regional transportation policies and projects are included in local jurisdiction planning activities. Staff will also continue work on incorporating sustainability, resisliency and equity into all transportation planning documents and activities for the region.

Project Product(s)

Implementation of the 2045 RTP and 2045 MTP/SCS

Draft and final 2050 RTP and 2050 MTP/SCS

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Implement and update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2022-23, the RTC produced the final 2045 RTP and began implementing through a variety of efforts with partner agencies, including revised criteria for fudning efforts. In FY 2023-24, working with AMBAG and other partner agencies, the RTC initiated production of the 2050 RTP and 2050 MTP/SCS, completing the goals and policies and initiating update of the project list. In FY 2024-25, the RTC completed the project lists and funding forecasts. The RTC in coordination with AMBAG, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the San Benito County Council of Governments initiated the environmental review process for the 2050 RTPs and 2050 MTP/SCS. In FY 2024-25, the RTC accepted the Santa Cruz County Regional VMT Mitigation Program report produced by the County of Santa Cruz with RTC participation.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Work with other entities in the region on long-range transportation planning activities within the region, including timelines, public participation efforts, updated project costs and revenue estimates, program level environmental documentation, and other efforts that may produce economies of scale in the production of the next RTP and MTP/SCS, with a horizon year of 2050. (staff and partner agencies)	Components of RTP and MTP/SCS	06/30/26

2	Work with AMBAG, local jurisdictions, the public and other entities in the region to implement and advance the goals, policies, and targets of the 2045 RTP and 2045 MTP/SCS including safety improvements, VMT reduction and greenhouse gas emission reductions. Monitor performance of Santa Cruz County to advance sustainability targets where feasible given limited data availability. (staff and partner agencies)	Performance monitoring where feasible.	06/30/26
3	Implement a comprehensive public participation and outreach program for implementation of the 2045 MTP/SCS and 2045 RTP, and production of the 2050 MTP/SCS and2050 RTP, that may include public events, public meetings, printed materials, web site information, public surveying, bilingual outreach, Facebook posts, email distributions, media releases, radio, etc. (staff and partner agencies)	Outreach materials that may include email distributions, website updates, facebook posts, surveys, media releases, including outreach to Spanish speaking population.	06/30/26
4	Continue to work with AMBAG, Caltrans and local agencies to implement the RTP's and MTP's projects, policies, sustainability and safety goals through the various planning and capital improvement programming actions. (staff and partner agencies)	Programming documents that reflect MTP and RTP policies, goals and priorities	06/30/26
5	Working with local jurisdictions, AMBAG, and other partner agencies, identify and document transportation projects and programs required to meet regional and interregional goals, policies and targets including mobility, access, safety, maintenance, greenhouse gas emission reductions and VMT reduction, including development and implementation of a VMT mitigation banking program for Santa Cruz County. (staff and partner agencies)	Phone calls, emails, meetings, outreach materials, reduced VMT	06/30/26
6	Study potential new transportation revenue sources to decrease the funding shortfalls and help to implement the projects in the MTP and RTP, including vehicle registration fees and countywide development impact fee programs. (staff and partner agencies)	Analysis of revenue source options	06/30/26
7	Work with Caltrans and AMBAG on implementing regional planning and transportation safety requirements enacted through the federal transportation acts (staff and partner agencies)	Planning documents consistent with federal requirements	06/30/26
8	Apply the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS) process to the implementation and updates of the MTP and RTP to ensure a more sustainable transportation planning process. (staff)	STARS analysis of MTP and RTP	06/30/26
9	Ensure consistency between the MTP and RTP with other transportation planning documents in the region such as general plans, active transportation plans, climate action plans, etc. to ensure that all other planning documents that include transportation are consistent with the MTP and RTP. (staff and partner agencies)	Planning documents consistent with MTP and RTP	06/30/26
10	Ensure that projects proposed for federal, state or local funding are consistent with the MTP and RTP (staff and partner agencies)	Programming documents consistent with MTP and RTP	06/30/26
11	Work with Caltrans to evaluate projects in the Santa Cruz County pipeline to ensure that projects are consistent with state planning documents including the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, the California Transportation Plan, etc. (staff and partner agencies)	Programming documents and projects consistent with state plans	06/30/26
12	Work with Central Coast partner agencies on implementation and update of regional plans including the Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study and the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure for the Monterey Bay Area (staff and partner agencies)	Implementation of plan activities	06/30/26
13	Work with Caltrans on local implementation of the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP), production of the CFMP uncostrained project list, Caltrans freight technical services contract tasks, and PM3 reporting activities (staff)	Coordinated CFMP implementation	06/30/26
14	Continue to participate in Caltrans system planning activities including in the development of planning documents such as California Transportation Plan, plans for regionally significant major studies, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, California Freight Mobility Plan, Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, District 5 System Management Plan, Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans, Ramp Metering Development Plan, US 101 Business Plan, and the Multi-modal, Operations, Non-SHOPP Transportation Equity Report (MONSTER), etc. (staff)	Regional and state planning documents coordinated with local plans	06/30/26

Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$280,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES REVENUE

Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel	255,000	0	State RPA	79,161	0
Consultant Services	25,000	0	STIP	160,000	0
			Local	40,839	0
TOTAL	280,000	0	TOTAL	280,000	0
			% Federal	0%	

Note: Contractual work under this work element is paid for by local funds and is for assistance with the analysis of programming criteria or potential development of funding sources

Project Description

Administer and monitor federal aid funding programs whose projects are included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), including programs identified in FAST Act and IIJA such as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG - formerly RSTP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (SB 1) including the Local Partnership Program (LPP,) Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP). This includes the production, maintenance and amendments of programming documents required for federally funded and regionally significant projects. The work also includes assisting project sponsors with compliance of requirements to receive the funds and deliver the federally funded and regionally significant projects. This work element also includes leveraging federal funds to secure any required match and funding from other sources to deliver as many regionally significant transportation projects as possible. Produce and implement the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to secure State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for federally funded and regionally significant projects to ensure delivery of as many regionally significant projects as possible that are included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Work with regional and state partners on appropriate implementation of the federal transportation act, FAST Act and IIJA, in California and the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1.)

Project Product(s)

FY 2025-26 to FY 2028-29 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Funding applications and decisions for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds and other funding sources

Production of the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and State Transportation Improvement Program

Federally Eligible Task Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL)

Production and maintenance of the MTIP, RTIP and other programming documents to secure funding and delivery of federally funded and regionally significant projects.

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Implementation, administration and monitoring of federal aid funding programs

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2023-24, the RTC implemented a consolidated funding plan to program funds from a variety of sources and produced the 2024 RTIP. In FYs 2023-24 and 2024-25, the RTC made amendments to the 2024 RTIP and worked with AMBAG and the CTC to make corresponding amendments to the FTIP and the STIP. The RTC also coordinated with AMBAG on the production of and amendments to the 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). In addition, RTC worked to implement funding programs in the federal FAST Act and IIJA. In FY 2024-25, the RTC was successful in securing federal and state funds to help fund projects in the 2024 RTIP. In FY 2024-25, the RTC also initiated efforts to produce the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The RTC also worked with local project sponsors to secure funding allocations from the CTC.

Task Description Activities and Milestones Completion Date

1	Prepare, amend and maintain the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to ensure full funding and delivery of projects in the MTP/SCS and MTIP (staff)	Materials including draft documents, final documents, amendments and timeline	06/30/26
2	Prepare applications and programming documents for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds (staff)	Application and timeline	06/30/26
3	Solicit and receive project applications for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (staff)	Funding applications	06/30/26
4	Review and evaluate project proposals for the RTIP including their potential to improve safety of the transportation system and reduce GHG emissions; produce draft programming recommendations and program funds (staff)	Recommendations and staff reports and materials	06/30/26
5	Work with AMBAG to prepare amendments to the MTIP and any supporting programming documents such as the RTIP and STIP as needed (staff)	Materials for MTIP amendments	06/30/26
6	Coordinate with AMBAG, Caltrans and other entities as needed on all Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendments and amendments of other programming documents such as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that impact the FTIP (staff and partner agencies)	FTIP amendments	06/30/26
7	Conduct planning activities (including corridor studies and other transportation planning studies) to identify candidate projects and develop candidate project lists for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (staff)	Planning studies	06/30/26
8	Monitor the state and federal transportation budgets and work with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission on obtaining funding for federally funded and regionally significant projects included in the FTIP, STIP, RTIP, and MTP/RTP (staff and partner agencies)	State and federal transportation budget information materials and reports	06/30/26
9	Monitor federal actions with regard to federal transportation act reauthorization, implementation, extensions and appropriations to ensure funding availability for the MTP and MTIP projet lists (staff)	Materials and reports, teleconferences phone calls	06/30/26
10	Program funds for projects through federal and state funding programs that provide funding for regionally significant projects included in the MTIP such as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (staff)	Transportation improvement program documents	06/30/26
11	Monitor the implementation of STBG, STIP, HSIP, TAP, NHPP, HBP, Earmark, and other federally-funded programs, with an emphasis on meeting funding program requirements such as timely use of funds and compliance with all Federal and state laws and California Transportation Commission guidelines (staff)	Communications with project sponsors	06/30/26
12	Exchange federal STBG funds for State funds through the State's STP Exchange program (staff)	Reports, resolutions, and agreements	06/30/26
13	Assist local agencies with funding allocation requests (staff)	Allocation requests	06/30/26
14	Work with AMBAG and Caltrans to monitor both major and minor state highway data and information for potential programming of federal, state and/or local funds and secure the funding needed for delivery (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies	06/30/26
15	Work with AMBAG, counterpart regional agencies, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on the development of implementation policies and procedures for federal and state funding programs, including those under SB 1 (staff and partner agencies)	Improved funding procedures	06/30/26
16	Prepare state and federally-mandated information and reports for AMBAG, Caltrans, FHWA, and the CTC (staff)	Reports	06/30/26
17	Monitor development of performance measures as part of FAST Act and IIJA implementation to maximize efficiency of implementation of the MTP and MTIP (staff)	Reports, communications with state and federal agencies	06/30/26

18	Implement a comprehensive public participation and outreach program for production of the various programming documents and funding decisions that includes public workshops, public meetings, printed materials, web site information, public surveying, bilingual outreach, social media, media releases, radio, remote participation for public meetings, etc. (staff)	Outreach materials including materials in Spanish and to traditionally underrepresented communities	06/30/26
19	Work with local agencies, regional agencies, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission to ensure full compliance with requirements of SB 1 funding sources and maximize the Santa Cruz County benefits from SB 1 funding (staff and partner agencies)	Communications with partner agencies	06/30/26

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director Total Budget: \$15,986,925

Riley Gerbrandt, Senior Transportation Engineer

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUE	REVENUE		
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change	
Personnel	985,000	0	Measure D	2,343,000	0	
Services & Supplies	15,001,925	5,000	TIRCP	13,436,000	0	
To Reserve			Local	193,772	0	
			From Reserve	14,153	5,000	
TOTAL	15,986,925	5,000	TOTAL	15,986,925	5,000	

Project Description

This work element involves management and development of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way, purchased by the RTC in 2012 from Union Pacific (UP), and planning for improved future uses. UP retained a freight easement, which UP transferred to the shortline freight service provider selected by the RTC. The RTC, through partnership with the selected rail service operator instituted seasonal recreational passenger rail service and will consider other recreational service possibilities. The development of bicycle and pedestrian paths using the right-of way adjacent to the rail line is shown within the bicycle pedestrian projects work element.

Project Product(s)

SCCRTC meeting materials; Implementation plans for recreational rail service; studies for potential rail and other transit service; agreements with operators; leases

Other Task (nonfederal)

Ownership and management of Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way and infrastructure and its operation

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2021-22, the RTC secured a Short Line RR Improvement Program grant for repairs to Pajaro River bridge and in FY 2022-23 awarded a construction contract for those repairs and FY 2023-24 completed the work. In FY 2022-23 the rail line again sustained storm damages and the RTC initiated work with FEMA and CalOES for storm damage clean up and repairs. In FY 2022-23, the RTC approved funding and selected a consultant for a zero emissions passenger rail concept plan that will lead to environmental analysis and preliminary design and in FY 2023/24 the work was initiated. In FY 2022-23, the RTC also secured a TIRCP grant in the amount fo \$3.45 million for the production of the passenger rail concept plan. In FY 2023-24, the RTC programmed some TIRCP formula funds for the zero emissions passenger rail concept plan. In FY 2024-25, the RTC completed the closeout process with CalOES for reimbursement of funds used for storm damage repairs resulting from the 2017 storm events and the closeout and assitance request was submitted to FEMA. The RTC responded to requests from FEMA for additional information. The RTC completed Milestones 2 and 3 for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Concept

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Establish and maintain contracts and systems to effectively, efficiently and reliably operate the freight service, maintain the rail line and manage the ownership of the property (staff and consultants)	Service contracts, leases, property management policies	06/30/26
2	Investigate lease possibilities, update old leases and secure new leases (staff and consultants)	Updated leases	06/30/26
3	Coordinate operation of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, including current and future uses, with operators, shippers, partner agencies and local jurisdictions (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Operation agreements	06/30/26

4	Work with rail service operators on the development of recreational rail service on the rail line (staff)	Rail service plan and implementation	06/30/26
5	Seek planning grant funds for the production of feasibility studies and implementation plans for various types of passenger and transit service on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (staff)	Grant applications	06/30/26
6	Guide consultant and contractor work on the rehabilitation of structures and repair and maintenance of railroad infrastructure of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line in cooperation with the rail operator and local jurisdictions (staff and consultants)	Meetings, agendas, minutes, phone calls	06/30/26
7	Seek funding for other necessary improvements to the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line in cooperation with the rail operator and other regional partners (staff and partner agencies)	Funding applications and requests	06/30/26
8	Working with the selected consultant, Caltrans, local jurisdictions, stakeholders and the public work towards completion of the concept plan for zero emissions passenger rail with a trail (staff and consultants)	Zero emissions passenger rail concept plan	06/30/26
9	Continue to work with the Caltrans Division of Rail (DOR) to support the FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program to help implement the State Rail Plan in Santa Cruz County and on any updates and implementation of the State Rail Plan and regional rail service efforts that could benefit Santa Cruz County travelers (staff and partner agencies)	Plan production materials and State Rail Plan	06/30/26
10	Continue to work with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, Caltrain, AMTRAK and Caltrans Division of Rail (DOR) to support the establishment of a rail station at the Pajaro junction for any new or expanded rail passenger service on the coast mainline (staff and partner agencies)	Meetings, phone calls, email, reports, presentations	06/30/26

Highway and Roadway Planning (SCCRTC)

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$583,000

Brian Zamora, Assistant Transportation Engineer

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES			REVENUI	REVENUE		
Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change	
Personnel	125,000	0	State RPA	87,593	0	
Consultant Services	458,000	0	Federal Earr	mark 0	0	
Other	0	0	Measure D	458,000	0	
			Local	37,407	0	
TOTAL	583,000	0	TOTAL	583,000	0	
			% Federal	0%		

Project Description

This work element is for the planning work necessary to maintain and improve the roadway and highway system for efficient movement of people and goods. The work includes participation and coordination with Caltrans on the State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and any other planning documents and efforts to improve the operation and safety of the state highway system. The work also includes participation with local jurisdictions and other partner agencies in their planning efforts to maintain and improve the operation and safety of the highway and roadway system and intersections of the system. This element also includes working with Caltrans, AMBAG and other regional agencies on the effective movement of goods into, out of and through Santa Cruz County.

Project Product(s)

Coordinated State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)

Funding for plans for improvements along state highways

Local roadway needs assessment

Local highways safety plan or Safe Streets for All Action Plan

Federally Eligible Task

Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303)

Work with Caltrans and local jurisdictions and other entities on planning for improved roadways and highways

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Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2023-24, the RTC completed the SLV Schools Circulation and Access Study in cooperation with Caltrans, County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz METRO, and San Lorenzo Unified School District. RTC staff and committees reviewed and provided input on the Caltrans SHOPP. The RTC also participated with the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville as they worked to produce a local roadway safety plan for county roads and roads in the City of Watsonville. In FY 2023-24, the RTC staff secured funding for a rural highways safety plan and began work on it. In FY 2022-23, working with local stakeholders, the RTC developed a workplan for Highway 1 North Coast TDM plan and sought funds for the production of such a plan to address the transportation needs of locals and visitors. In FY 2023-24, the RTC secured funds for the Highway 1 North Coast TDM Plan and for a resiliency plan at Wadell and San Vicene Creeks along Highway 1 and began work on those plans. In FY 2024-25, the RTC reviewed local roadways and state highways needs assessments and worked extensively with all jurisdictions and Caltrans to update local roads and state highways projects listed in planning documents (RTP, RTIP, etc).

Task Description Activities and Milestones Completion Dates

Prepare public information materials in English and Spanish regarding highway and roadway needs and priorities and to communicate to decision makers and the public the need for funding these priorities. (staff) Work with Caltrans, the CHP and other transportation partners through the Traffic Operation Systems (TOS) Oversight Committee and Safe on 17 Task Force to identify safety, mobility and operations needs, priorities and improvements for inclusion in planning and programming documents. (staff and partner agencies) Work with Caltrans and other partners to implement the State Route 17 Access Management Plan and communicate to the public the efforts and progress of implementation. (staff and partner agencies) In cooperation with Caltrans and other regional partners, review and participate in the production of corridor studies to help ensure consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (staff and partner agencies) Work with Caltrans, the County of Santa Cruz, and the public to prioritize funding needs and identify funding opportunities for the Highway 9 Corridor (staff and partner agencies) Working with Caltrans, the County of Santa Cruz, the San Lorenzo Valley School District and the public to coordinate and work toward implementation of findings from the Highway 9 schools complex circulation and access study (staff, partner agencies) and consultant) Continue to work with Caltrans on collaboration and funding partnerships for complete streets improvements on Highway 9 (staff and partner agencies) Work with Caltrans and local agencies to develop strategies of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) appropriate to Santa Cruz County and investigate the possibility of developing a dedicated local highway safety plan or safe streets for all action plan for Santa Cruz County (staff and partner agencies) Work with Caltrans, the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and other transportation partners be develop plans for improved motorist safety and wildlife protection along Highways 1 and 17. (staff and partne	ations with partner agencies and naterials, coordinated SHOPP	06/30/26
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Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$199,260

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
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Category	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change
Personnel Consultant Services	60,000 139,260	0 0	SPR Part I Local	126,102 73,158	0 0
TOTAL	199,260	0	TOTAL % Federal	199,260 63%	0

Project Description

Produce a Santa Cruz County Rural Highway Safety Plan (RHSP) to improve roadway safety for all users of the County's six conventional highways: Highway 1 north of the City of Santa Cruz city limits, Highway 9, Highway 236, Highway 35, and Highways 129 and 152 outside of the City of Watsonville limits which collectively function as main streets, intercommunity connectors, and rural highways. Comprehensive data-driven analysis will be performed to identify crash locations, severity, factors, and types of crashes that include pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Stakeholders will be engaged in the production of the RHSP, especially underserved and vulnerable communities, to develop goals, a prioritized list of projects, strategies, and policy updates, as well as systems to measure progress and outcomes.

FY 2025-26 Deliverables	Completion Date	
Task 01 - Quarterly reports and invoices, DBE reporting	30 days after end of each quarter	
Task 5 - transportation strategy development memo	7/31/2025	
Task 6 - public outreach summary	8/30/2025	
Task 7 - draft and final reports	2/28/2026	
Task 8 - board resolution, report and minutes	2/28/2026	

Federally Eligible Task

Proposed Expenditure of Federal Funding (PL/FTA 5303 or 5304)

Increase safety of transportation facilities for all users

Previous Accomplishments

In 2023, RTC prepared and submitted a planning grant application to Caltrans and was awarded the funds to produce this Santa Cruz County Rural Highways Safety Plan. In FY 2023-24 the RTC secured a consultant through a competitive procurement process. In FY 2024-25, the RTC completed tasks 2,3 and 4.

Future Deliverables List

rural highway safety plan draft report, rural highway safety plan final report, and RTC Board resolution, reports and minutes

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
01	Manage and administer the project according to the grant application guidelines, Regional Planning Handbook, and the executed grant contract (staff)	Kick-off meeting, Invoices, and Quarterly Project Reports, DBE reporting	05/31/26
02	Prepare request for proposals with scope of work and schedule and secure consultant (staff)	RFP and Consultant Contract	completed
1	Develop cooperative agreement with partner agency (Caltrans) to establish roles and responsibilities and implement (staff & Caltrans)	signed cooperative agreement	02/28/26

2	Review existing applicable plans, reports, documents and other literature; review and compile existing relevant data and identify needs; and document existing conditions relevant to project (staff, consultant and partner agency)	Literature review memo, existing transportaiton conditions report, data needs list, compiled data, transportation infrastructure conditions memo	completed
3	Define the vision and objectives and establish a framework for evaluating strategies for the RHSP (staff, consultant and partner agency)	RHSP Vision & Objectives, Framework to Evaluate transportation Strategies	completed
4	Identify transportation needs through review of collected data, programs, policies, etc. and evaluation of existing conditions against desired performance (staff, consultant and partner agency)	Transportation needs memo	completed
5	Identify strategies to address needs; evaluate identified strategies; develop detailed project descriptions; describe steps to implement recommended strategies (staff and consultant)	list of emphasis areas and strategies recommended, project descriptions and concepts, funding strategies, estimated schedule and sequence, strategy development memo	07/31/25
6	Identify stakeholders for outreach and input; hold stakeholder and public meetings and workshops with presentations for outreach and input; solicit input from RTC committees at public meetings; and compile public outreach summary. (staff, stakeholders and consultant)	Stakeholder & public workshops with presentations; website, E-news, list of comments, Survey results, Staff reports and minutes, public outreach summary	08/30/25
7	Produce administrative draft and draft plan and seek stakeholder and public input on the draft plans, and incoroporate comments into the final plan (staff and consultants)	Admnistrative Draft, Draft and Final plans	02/28/26
8	RTC Board review, consideration and approval (staff)	Board reports, resolution, presentations and minutes	02/28/26

Note: WE683a has a total of \$285,600 in Strategic Partnership FHWA (SPR Part I) funds with a required local match of \$71,400. This project will be implemented over 3 fiscal years: 23-24, 24-25 and 25-26. All work must be completed by June 30, 2026. Final RFR/invoice and the final product are due to Caltrans no later than August 31, 2026. The funding estimated to be used in FY25-26 takes into account the work anticipated to be done in FY25-26 by RTC staff and consultants.

Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program (SCCRTC)

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer Total Budget: \$22,309,928

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

Agency Amount (\$) Change Personnel 500,000 0 Services and supplies 21,809,928 0 Contingency Reserves 0 TOTAL 22,309,928 0		REVENUE	REVENUE					
Agency	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change			
Personnel	500,000	0	STIP	300,000	0			
Services and supplies	21,809,928	0	Local		0			
Contingency Reserves	0		Measure D	21,731,014	0			
			SB1-SCCP	278,914	0			
TOTAL	22,309,928	0	TOTAL	22,309,928	0			
			% Federal	0%				

Project Description

SCCRTC is responsible for tasks including the implementation of the Project Approval/ Environmental Documents (PA/ED) phase for the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program, which includes HOV Lanes and bicycle and pedestrian crossings. Through this investment program, the SCCRTC will produce environmental documents with project level environmental review for auxiliary lanes and bus on shoulder projects between 41st Avenue and Freedom Boulevard with bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings as planned. As environmental review is completed for specific highway segments, the RTC will proceed to design and then construction of projects. Through every step the RTC will work with Caltrans and other partner agencies and secure funding to implement the projects.

Project Product(s)

Environmental documents for specific highway segments within the Highway 1 Corridor Investment Program to construct auxiliary lanes, bus on shoulder infrastructure and bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings; final design of specific highway segments and components; and construction of projects

Other Task

Project Approval/ Environmental Documents (PA/ED) for specific highway segments, final design documents and construction of projects

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2023-24, construction of the Highway 1 41st to Soquel Auxiliary Lanes project continued. In FY 2022-23, the RTC completed the final design and bid package for the Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park Drive Auxiliary Lanes and Mar Vista Overcrossing project and a construction contract was awarded for the project. In FY 2023-24, construction began on the Highway 1 Bay/porter to State Park Drive segment. In addition, the RTC completed the draft environmental review documents for the Highway 1 State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard Auxiliary Lanes project. In FY 2024-25, the RTC also continued construction of the Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park Drive Auxiliary Lanes project and continued with final design and right of way work for the Highway 1 State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard Auxiliary Lanes project.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Work with and support consultants, project development teams, Caltrans, local, and regional agencies on the construction of the Highway 1 41st to Soquel auxiliary lanes with bus on shoulders project (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Meetings, agendas, minutes	06/30/26

2	Work with and support consultants, project development teams, Caltrans, local, and regional agencies on the construction of the Highway 1 State Park to Bay/Porter auxiliary lanes and Mar Vista overcrossing with bus on shoulders project (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Meetings, agendas, minutes	06/30/26
3	Guide the consultant work in cooperation with project partners to complete the design and initiate construction for the Highway 1 Freedom Boulevard to State Park Drive Auxiliary lanes and Coastal Trail Segment 12 with bus on shoulders project (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Final design and construction contract	06/30/26
4	Working with Santa Cruz METRO, Caltrans and other partners incorporate the necessary Bus on Shoulder features into the design of the auxiliary lanes projects (staff, partner agencies and consultants)	Technical studies, preliminary design & environmental document	06/30/26
5	Update concept of operations as needed and enter into and update as needed memorandum of understanding with Caltrans, CHP and SC METRO (staff)	Submittals to the CTCDC and CTCDC approval	06/30/26
6	Work with Caltrans, resource agencies and local partners to produce a plan, project initiation documents and environmental analysis to identify strategies that preserve and enhance the critical transportation link that is Highway 1 in the North Coast while preserving and enhancing the critical habitat in the region. (staff and partner agencies)	Meetings, communications, Feasibility Study, Modeling, and concept report	06/30/26
7	Coordinate with Caltrans and the consultant team to ensure consistency with cooperative agreements, to meet all funding and project reporting requirements and to sensure designs and environmental documents meet state requirements. (staff and consultants)	Reports, invoices	06/30/26
8	Implement public outreach plans for the environmental documents and design including outreach to traditionally underrepresented communities (staff and consultants)	Public meetings, outreach materials in English and Spanish	06/30/26
9	Coordinate public outreach efforts with other RTC projects and other local and regional agencies, and respond to concerns from residents and businesses (staff and partner agencies)	Coordinated outreach, responses to public	06/30/26
10	Release requests for proposals and select consultants for various environmental review and design work activities; and release requests for bids and award contracts for construction activities (staff and consultants)	RFPs, RFBs, consultant contracts	06/30/26

Measure D Implementation

Agency: SCCRTC Project Manager: Thomas Travers, Transportation Planner Total Budget: \$27,667,051

Tracy New, Director of Finance and Budgets

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE: FY 2025-2026

Agency Amount (\$) Change Personnel 710,612 0 Services and supplies 134,129 0 Apportionments 26,822,060 0			REVENUE					
Agency	Amount (\$)	Change	Source	Amount (\$)	Change			
Personnel	710,612	0	Measure D	27,666,801	0			
Services and supplies	134,129	0	Interest	250				
Apportionments	26,822,060	0						
Unappropriated	250	0						
TOTAL	27,667,051	0	TOTAL % Federal	27,667,051 0%	0			

Project Description

SCCRTC is responsible for implementing Measure D, which was approved in November 2016 by over 2/3 of county voters and began generating revenue for transportation projects in April 2017, after the RTC established the necessary agreements with the State. Implementation includes receiving funds from the 1/2-cent transactions and use tax and distributing those funds to the cities, the county, SC Metro and Community Bridges. The RTC also programs some of the Measure D funds to projects and is responsible to ensure that those projects get delivered in accordance with Measure D. The effort includes an oversight committee to help account for the expenditure of funds consistent with the approved Measure D and to produce an annual report.

Project Product(s)

Agreements with local agencies and project sponsors, annual reports, audit reports, 5 year implementation plans and updates, 30-year implementation plan and updates

Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2024-25, Measure D raised over \$27 million for a variety of transportation projects, after rebounding from a revenue reduction during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The RTC approved Measure D 5-year plans, which estimate Measure D revenues and allocations over the next five years. The Measure D Oversight Committee reviewed FY 2023-24 Measure D audits of all of the agencies receiving Measure D funds, determined that the expenditures were consistent with the measure and released an annual report in both English and Spanish.

Task	Description	Activities and Milestones	Completion Date
1	Receive runus from State Department of Tax and Fee Administration, distribute the runus to local agencies and projects in accordance with Measure D and RTC policies and decisions (staff and partner agencies)	Payments received and issued	06/30/26
2	Produce estimates of overall funding available and the formula distributions to each category of projects and implementing entity (staff and consultants)	Fund estimates	06/30/26
3	Secure and manage consultant services to analyze funds received and produce reports and audit the use of the funds (staff and consultants)	Requests for proposals, contracts	06/30/26
4	Produce and implement outreach plan to inform voters on the use of Measure D funds (staff and partner agencies)	Public outreach plan, including Spanish outreach	06/30/26
5	Produce, maintain and update agreements with local agencies for funding allocations (staff and partner agencies)	Funding agreements	06/30/26
6	Produce and publish annual reports and audit reports per Measure D (staff and partner agencies)	Reports	06/30/26

9	Establish, staff and maintain citizens oversight committee in accordance with Measure D (staff)	Oversight committee, agendas, minutes	06/30/26
8	Establish policies and guidelines and update them as necessary to ensure sound implementation of Measure D (staff)	Guidelines and policies	06/30/26
7	Prepare and update 5-year and 30-year implementation plans consistent with the approved Measure D and the approved Expenditure Plan included in the measure (staff)	Implementation plans	06/30/26

Fiscal Year 2025-26 SCCRTC Work Program Funding Summary

		State RPA	STIP	SB1- SCCP	TIRCP	Local	Caltrans FSP	RTC SAFE	MTC SAFE	FTA 5304 C/O	SPR Part 1 FHWA	SHA	Measure D	RSTPX	Federal Earmark	TOTAL
WE101	Overall Work Program					45,000										45,000
WE102	TDA Administration					1,271,149										1,271,149
WE112	Transp Plan Coord. & Interagency Liaison	130,957				24,043										155,000
WE113	Public Part. Program					100,000										100,000
WE177	Freeway Serv. Patrol						291,815						231,000			522,815
WE178	Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies							484,250	50,000				50,000			584,250
WE179	Cruz511/Rideshare					76,400		50,000					231,000	65,535		422,935
WE414	Climate Resilience for ZEPRT Corridor					158,284						1,221,696				1,379,980
WE415	SCC Transp Equity Action Plan					10,930				43,476						54,406
WE417	SCC North Coast TDM Plan					66,634					173,631					240,265
WE419	Plng for Coastal Res Waddell & San Vicente					151,086						1,165,854				1,316,940
WE614	Bike/Ped Planning					75,000										75,000
WE615	Bike & Ped Projects					303,000							7,375,578	14,953		7,693,531
WE621	Eld & Disabld & ADA					80,000										80,000
WE622	Transp Plng for Region	168,789				256,211										425,000
WE641	Transp Imprvmt Prgm	79,161	160,000			40,839										280,000
WE682	Rail/Trail Authority				13,436,000	207,925							2,343,000			15,986,925
WE683	Hwy & Roadway Plng	87,593				37,407							458,000		0	583,000
WE683c	SCC Rural Hwy Safety Plan					73,158					126,102					199,260
WE684	Hwy1 Invest Prgm		300,000	278,914		0							21,731,014			22,309,928
WE801	Measure D Implement												27,667,051			27,667,051
TOTAL		466,500	460,000	278,914	13,436,000	2,977,065	291,815	534,250	50,000	43,476	299,733	2,387,550	60,086,643	80,488	0	81,392,434

Notes:

- (1) WE 414 full SHA funding which will be use over fiscal years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27. The work must be completed by June 30, 2027.
- (2) WE 415 full FTA 5304 grant funding minus estimated past usage is programmed. This will be used over fiscal year 2025-26. The work must be completed by December 31, 2025.
- (3) WE 417 full SPR Part I funding minus estimated past usage is programmed. This will be used over fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26. The work must be completed by June 30, 2026.
- (4) WE 419 full SHA funding minus estimated past usage is programmed. This will be used over fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The work must be completed by June 30, 2027.
- (5) WE 683c full SPR Part I funding minus estimated past usage is programmed. This will be used over fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26. The work must be completed by June 30, 2026.

Resolution 44-25 Overall Work Program

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