

Commissioners; redirection of funds going to the City of Watsonville; significance of Interlaken Routes project; support for rail/trail projects; upcoming decision about rail and trail project delivery; encouragement to work with local jurisdictions to achieve balance.

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas clarified for the record that the motion would revise the numbers in the exhibit to the resolution to reflect Commissioner Keeley's motion and modified by the friendly amendment from Commissioner Clark and that Section 2 of the resolution would reference \$1 million in future STIP funds for the ZEPRT project. Commissioner Keeley confirmed that the motion shall reflect the advice of legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioners ~~Jensen~~, Keeley, Clark, Montesino, Hernandez, DeSerpa, Koenig, Martinez, Quiroz-Carter, Leonor, and Commissioner Alternate Schiffrin voting "aye."

19. PUBLIC HEARING: Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects and Lift Line

Commissioner Jensen rejoined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Supervising Transportation Planner Grace Blakeslee delivered the staff report, gave a presentation, and responded to Commissioners' questions regarding: preserving future programming for segments 13-19 in Watsonville.

Rob Tidmore, Principal Planner for the County of Santa Cruz responded to Commissioners' questions about the difference in the cost estimates for the final design of the interim trail and the ultimate trail in segments 10 & 11; and escalation of costs provided in the tables for interim and ultimate trail configurations.

Murray Fontes, Assistant Public Works Director for the City of Watsonville responded to a Commissioner's question regarding programming funds for segments of the rail trail in and around Watsonville, and confirmed Watsonville's preparedness to pursue an Active Transportation grant for project development, as informed by the design proposed in the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Concept Report.

Executive Director Christensen responded to the discussion about the City of Watsonville with more information about the Commission's approach to funding construction of the City of Watsonville's rail trail segments.

Commissioners discussed: including additional funding for South County segments in the five-year plan in subsequent years; demonstrating the Commission's commitment to funding projects in South County; finishing preconstruction now so that projects can be shovel-ready to compete for