



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

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Meeting

Santa Cruz County Community Room (Basement)
701 Ocean Street, Rm. 202
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060

Remote Participation

RTC Zoom

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1. Roll call

Members present:

City of Capitola

City of Santa Cruz

City of Scotts Valley

City of Watsonville

County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Caltrans (ExOfficio)

Gerry Jensen

Fred Keeley

Steve Clark

Eduardo Montesino

Manu Koenig

Kimberly DeSerpa

Andy Schiffrin (Alt.)

Monica Martinez

Lowell Hurst (Alt.)

Fabian Leonor

Rebecca Downing (Remote)

Darron Hill

Staff present:

Sarah Christensen

Yesenia Parra

Steve Mattas (RTC Counsel)

Bella Kressman

Nisha Singh

2. Consider SB 707 requests – Commissioner Downing communicated a need for remote participation under SB 707 for Just Cause related to a contagious illness.

3. Oral communications

Received public comment from:

David Schonbrunn, Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund
Brian Peoples, Trail Now

Through the Chair and in response to a comment from a member of the public, RTC Counsel Steve Mattas communicated that today's special meeting was called by Chairperson Montesino as part of a discussion amongst Chairperson Montesino, Sarah Christensen and Steve Mattas following receipt of the letter from the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund and that this special meeting was properly noticed as a closed session related to that letter. Mr. Mattas also noted that the letter is a public record available for public review.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – *none*

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Report on items to be discussed in closed session

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas provided a brief overview of the items to be discussed in closed session and stated that there may be reportable action resulting from the closed session. The Commission entered into closed session at 9:09 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case

OPEN SESSION

7. Report on items discussed in closed session

The Commission returned to open session at 9:35 a.m. RTC Counsel Steve Mattas announced that there was no reportable action from closed session. The special meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

8. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 9:00 p.m. at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, located at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

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