



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission**

Revised AGENDA

**Thursday, May 7, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Meeting

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

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Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Rebecca Downing
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Fabian Leonor
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Caltrans (ex-officio)	Scott Eades

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1. Roll call
2. Additions or deletions to consent or regular agendas
3. Oral communications

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MINUTES

4. Approve draft minutes of the April 2, 2026 Regional Transportation Commission meeting
5. Accept draft committee meeting minutes
 - a. March 19, 2026 Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
 - b. April 13, 2026 Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - c. April 14, 2026 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

POLICY ITEMS

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING ITEMS

6. Authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements to accept the permanent trail easement for Segment 12 (**Resolution**)
7. Approve amending the RTC Programming and FY2025/26 and FY 2026/27 Budget and approve TDA Claims from Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), the Volunteer Center, Community Bridges, and the RTC (**Resolutions**)

8. Approve authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Lisac General Engineering for vegetation control along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (**Resolution**)

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES ITEMS

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

11. Approve authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an Administration, Coordination, and Licensing (ACL) agreement with Santa Cruz County Coastal Rail (**Resolution**)

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS

12. Accept monthly meeting schedule
13. Accept letters from RTC committees and staff to other agencies - *none*
14. Accept information items - *none*

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Commissioner Reports – oral reports
16. Director’s Report – oral report
(*Sarah Christensen, Executive Director*)
17. Caltrans Report
 - a. Santa Cruz County project updates
18. 2026 Draft Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List
(*Sierra Topp, Transportation Planning Technician and Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner*)
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. 2026 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List
 - c. Survey Results
 - d. Evaluation Criteria Applied to Strategies to Address Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs
19. **Review of items to be discussed in closed session**

CLOSED SESSION

20. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
SCCRTC v. Kajihara, et al. – Santa Cruz Court Case No.: 21CV00211

OPEN SESSION

21. Report on items discussed in closed session
22. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 9:00a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

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