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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Aug. 8, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Ad Hoc Committee Appointed for Response to the Grand Jury Report on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

Commission Chair Eduardo Montesino appointed Commissioners Kimberly DeSerpa, Gerry Jensen, Fred Keeley and Manu Koenig to serve alongside him on an ad hoc committee to develop and review responses to the Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury Report on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The RTC is required to provide responses to the Grand Jury on its Findings and Recommendations by Sept. 28, 2026.

Coastal Rail Trail Southern Segments Project contract award

The Commission approved entering into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) phase of the Coastal Rail Trail Southern Segments (Segments 13-20) Project. The proposed project would implement a separated multi-use bicycle and pedestrian paved trail facility from Rio Del Mar Boulevard near Aptos to Pajaro Junction in Pajaro, northern Monterey County. The initial scope of work includes project scoping, preliminary engineering, initial right-of-way support services, and environmental documentation, as well as optional tasks for grant support services, final design and final right-of-way services, NEPA environmental review, environmental permitting, and bid support and design support during Project advertisement and construction, depending on the delivery method chosen and the performance of the consultant.

Issuance of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Measure D Sales Tax Revenue Bonds

The Commission authorized the issuance of Santa Measure D Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax Bonds), Series 2026 (the Series 2026 Bonds), the execution of related documents, and the taking of certain actions in connection with the financing. Based on previously approved programming in the Measure D 5-year plan, financing is required to meet programming commitments in the Highway and Active Transportation investment categories. A total of \$70 million in project proceeds (net of cost of issuance) will be raised through the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds – \$50 million will be allocated to the Highway investment category and \$20 million will be allocated to the Active Transportation investment category.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

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