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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) January 14, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study – Final Draft Report and Locally Preferred Alternative

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received information and provided input on the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Study (TCAA/RNIS) Final Draft Report including the locally preferred alternative. A public hearing was held to receive comments from the public. Based on the information received at the meeting, staff will edit and finalize the TCAA/RNIS report for the Commission to consideration at the February 4, 2021 RTC Meeting.

Contract award for vegetation control along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor

As part of the RTC's preventative maintenance program for the SCBRL, staff inspects the infrastructure a minimum of twice annually and procures construction contractors as needed to perform maintenance activities. As part of recent preventative maintenance inspections as well as concerns from local police and fire departments for encampment and fire risk, staff identified several areas requiring vegetation control. Staff developed and presented a plan with two potential approaches to controlling weeds and invasive regrowth for the areas that need this work, one that included the application of pre-emergent herbicide and one that only included the clearing of vegetation followed by mowing. The Commission did not approve either approach and asked staff to research non-hazardous products that can be used to control the weeds, and to research the development of a pest management policy for the longer term. Staff will bring additional information to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), <u>all RTC and</u> <u>committee meetings</u> will be held by teleconference only until further notice. Please check the RTC website [https://sccrtc.org/meetings/calendar/] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting and teleconference information. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting. Meetings may be canceled if there are no action items to be considered by the committee.

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Regional Transportation Commission

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Special Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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