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Neal Coonerty, Chair
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, California 95060



Regarding: Funding Experimental Service to the LaPosada Facility

Dear Chair Coonerty,

On June 28, 2013 the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) voted to initiate service to the LaPosada Facility located on Fredrick Street in Santa Cruz on a one year experimental basis. The experimental service to LaPosada will commence on September 12, 2013.

The action of the Board of Directors was in response to multiple requests from residents of LaPosada, advocates, citizens, relatives of LaPosada residents, the SCCRTC E&D TAC, and you. As a part of the action of June 28, 2013, the Board of Directors voted to request funding for the experimental LaPosada route from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, which you serve as the Chair of. The one year experimental LaPosada Route is anticipated to cost approximately \$130,000.

In reviewing the agendas and financial reports for the SCCRTC it appears that the revenue from the ¼ cent sales tax that funds the Transportation Development Act (TDA) activities will exceed the projection by the Santa Cruz County Auditor/Controller. The projection was used by the SCCRTC to establish disbursements to various TDA recipients. If the revenues from the ¼ cent sales tax do, in fact, exceed the projections, the METRO Board of Directors would request that the SCCRTC consider disbursing those funds, not previously committed (i.e. RTP-EIR to AMBAG), to the TDA recipients on the basis of the formula contained the Rules and Regulations. METRO would also request that the SCCRTC designate a portion of the funds disbursed to METRO (\$130,000) to be used to support the LaPosada experimental route for the next year.

The METRO Board of Directors is committed to the operation of the one year experimental service to LaPosada regardless of the funding received under this request. However, the financial participation by the SCCRTC would assist in offsetting the cost of this requested service.

Thank you for your consideration of this request regarding TDA funding for METRO. The continuing partnership between the two agencies is appreciated by all at METRO.

Sincerely,


Daniel Dodge, Chair
Board of Directors

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