



## **SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

### **State Goals:**

- 1.** Support legislation and actions necessary to restore existing funding sources and funding levels for transit operating assistance and capital assistance.
- 2.** Support the introduction and passage of legislation designed to enact additional sources of transit operating and capital assistance.
- 3.** Support efforts to insure that Federal Section 5307 formula funds in the Governor's apportionment (administered by AMBAG) are programmed statewide to the maximum extent possible to insure that SCMTD can access Section 5309 Federal discretionary earmarks and to insure that no funds lapse at the end of the SAFETEA-LU authorization.
- 4.** Support efforts to obtain operating and capital funds to meet the increasing service requirements of ADA Paratransit.
- 5.** Explore the possibility of using state education funds for the development, construction, and operation of off-campus park and ride facilities as well as public transit services at campuses in the University of California system.
- 6.** Explore the possibility of requesting legislation to grant the SCMTD the authority to issue subpoenas.
- 7.** Support efforts to improve communication and funding for public schools (K-12) and community college/university transportation needs.
- 8.** Prepare and implement a county-wide public awareness program to inform the public of the impacts of lowered or cancelled state funding on METRO service and projects. Involve all stakeholders in the design and implementation of the program. Encourage communication of concerns to members of the State Legislature with emphasis on those individuals representing Santa Cruz County.
- 9.** Support necessary actions to be taken by the Legislature, through the FY 2011 Budget process, that will ensure the state provides transit-eligible Proposition 1B and 1C funds on a timely and equitable basis, and that the sale of the bonds authorized by the voters will continue to be sold in a manner that will support the expenditures.
- 10.** Support legislation and litigation that will restore the Public Transportation Account funds that were diverted to the State General Fund in 2007, 2008, and 2009 as well as

comply with the ruling of the California Appellate Court regarding the illegal diversion of transit funds by the Legislature and Governor.

- 11.** Support legislation that will prevent Public Transportation Account funds from being diverted to other purposes in the future.