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Santa Cruz METRO Board To Hold Public Hearing On Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal

Santa Cruz, CA, June 10, 2019 – The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to review the proposed two year rolling budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

The public hearing offers the community an opportunity to learn more about the capital projects that and new programs that will enhance Santa Cruz METRO services. Some of those projects include: investments in customer-facing mobile technologies like mobile ticketing and real time arrival information, the introduction of electric vehicles, and a continued focus on customer service improvements.

The proposed budget includes more than \$51 million in operating expenses for FY20 and more than \$52 million in operating expenses for FY21, and a capital budget of more than \$21 million.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to learn more about the proposed budget and offer their comments at the public hearing held on June 28, 2019 at 9 a.m. (or as soon as the Board reaches this item) at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers located at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

About Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Established in 1968, Santa Cruz METRO provides fixed route and Highway 17 commuter service throughout Santa Cruz County, with limited service connecting to Monterey Salinas Transit at our Watsonville Transit Center and Santa Clara County, transporting more than 5 million passenger trips a year. METRO also operates Paracruz paratransit service to Santa Cruz County service, providing about 72,000 trips per year. METRO's operating budget in FY19 is \$52 million and is funded through a combination of farebox revenues, sales tax and state and federal sources. Today it operates a fleet of 98 buses on 26 fixed routes. For more information, visit www.scmtd.com