

Transit district dedicates maintenance facility

SANTA CRUZ — The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District dedicated its new minor maintenance facility Friday on Golf Club Drive near River Street.

The 10,000-square-foot maintenance facility is the first of three major projects to be completed. Work is in progress on the new downtown Santa Cruz transit center and a major maintenance facility in Watsonville.

When the Watsonville maintenance facility is completed, the Santa Cruz maintenance facility will serve about half the 95-bus fleet. Minor maintenance, including routine inspections, brake and light adjustments, lubrication and minor repairs, will be performed on the buses at five repair bays.

Until the Watsonville facility is completed, all repairs will be done in the new Santa Cruz shop. The transit district contracts with the city of Santa Cruz for maintenance of its buses. That contract will expire next July, when the district will assume all repair tasks.

Cost of the new Santa Cruz facility was \$840,000, plus \$38,000 for the land, which the district purchased in 1971. Two-thirds of the cost of construction was financed by the federal and state governments.



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Members of local government and the public attend dedication