

## Comments from the Public

From: killarney Clary  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:06 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: train

No train guard are necessary if there will be no trains. No expensive tourist trains are necessary.  
Improve transportation.

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**From:** Brian Peoples  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 7:58 AM  
**To:** Sccrtc Info  
**Cc:** Casey Beyer; Zach Friend  
**Subject:** No New Railroad cross-gaurds in Aptos Village

RTC, New railroad cross-guards are planned to support Aptos Village improvements. The cost to replace these cross-guards is paid with taxpayer dollars. Since RTC has recently recognized that a passenger train is not economically viable and funding of a train is not included in the proposed ½% Transportation Sales Tax Measure, why would RTC continue to use existing tax dollars for new railroad cross-guards. This may indicate that the goal is for a train? This definitely sends the wrong message on tax measure. - Brian Peoples

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From: allen crane  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 11:38 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Tax payer dollars for new cross-guards?

Please rethink you're desire to spend thousands of tax-payer dollars for new railroad cross-guards in Aptos for non-existent trains! Why would we need to do this? Since RTC has recently recognized that a passenger train is not economically viable and funding of a train is not included in the proposed ½% Transportation Sales Tax Measure, why would RTC continue to use existing tax dollars for new railroad cross-guards? Are freight trains returning to the area? If the thought is for tax-payers to fund cross-guards for private concerns that will operate for profit, then this is not correct thinking – the private concerns should pay at least something towards the retrofitting.

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From: Robert Bicoff and Erik Nielsen  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 4:57 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: new crossing guard arms

waste of tax payers money! quit spending tax payers dollars on railroad stuff that is totally unnecessary, the train is not even likely ever going to happen here at all...why do we taxpayers have to pay for this? there are *no* trains using this track. thanks...  
Robert Bicoff, Erik Nielsen – homeowners, North ave, Aptos

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From: Jack Brown  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 5:34 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Crossing Guard and Dinner Train opposition

To Whom It May Concern,I have been informed that once again the train tracks are trying to be used for purposes other than their intention. I have heard that there is now plans for a dinner train to travel on the tracks. Not only is this not a commuter use of the the tracks, it is highly polluting, noisy and unsafe means of serving a meal. Please refrain from allowing for any such use of the tracks for this purpose. The train tracks have pretty much proven theselves to be non-economically viable and it's time we truly go forward with a rail-bank initiative so we can get use of this resource as a trail. We have also heard that up to \$250,000 will be spent for crossing guards in Aptos. If there is no train, why do we want to waste money on a crossing guard? My family and I would really appreciate if you managed taxpayer money in a more responsible manner.  
Respectfully, Jack Brown

**AGENDA:** August 4, 2016

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** George Dondero, Executive Director  
**RE:** Director's Report

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**THIS ITEM FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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**Mar Vista Drive Bike/Pedestrian Crossing**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released by the RTC on July 15, 2016, for the preparation of preliminary design, environmental analysis and clearance to construct the Mar Vista Drive Bike/Pedestrian Crossing of Highway 1. A pre-proposal conference was held on July 28th and attended by 16 representatives of engineering and environmental firms. Proposals are due to the RTC on Thursday, August 11th to be reviewed by a consultant evaluation committee comprised of Caltrans, Santa Cruz County, and RTC staff. Staff is hopeful that a contract can be awarded on this project and work initiated by the end of September. Construction is targeted to begin in the summer of 2019, subject to the availability of \$6.5 million in final design and construction funds programmed by the State and funding allocated to this project in the Transportation Investment Plan (TRIP) for Santa Cruz County.

**Partnership – a Better Way to Build Bridges**

A great example of public private partnership is demonstrated in the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County's recent funding of a feasibility analysis to widen the San Lorenzo river bridge pedestrian walkway from the current 4' to approximately 9' or 10'. The trail Master Plan identified the need for a new pre-engineered bicycle and pedestrian bridge that, while wider, would cost a significantly more than expansion of the current walkway. This study enabled the City of Santa Cruz to reduce project costs for a grant application submitted to the Active Transportation Program for a rail trail project from the Boardwalk side of the San Lorenzo River bridge to 17th Avenue. The \$3.2M application was submitted in partnership with the County of Santa Cruz for design and environmental services and was matched by the Land Trust with a \$1.5M commitment for a total project estimated at \$4.7M.

## **Art Along the Trail**

City Arts Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Arts Commission have initiated a Master Plan to install public art along the City of Santa Cruz's rail trail segments. The first public 'brainstorming' meeting will be held Thursday, August 11 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Swift St. Courtyard in front of Kelly's French Bakery. At this meeting local artists are invited to help identify themes, key opportunities and public art projects along the city's segments of the trail, both for the project underway and future projects. For more information contact Beth Tobey at BTobey@CityofSantaCruz.com or by phone at 831-420-5154.

## **Roadmap to Future Steps in Assessing Options for the Rail Corridor**

At the June 16 meeting, the RTC directed staff to provide a draft 'roadmap' describing a fair, well-informed process to be undertaken to assess potential options for future use of the rail corridor. Staff will bring this item to the Commission at the September 1 meeting.

2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan Project List  
New Project Ideas from public sent after the deadline

**Describe the specific project that could improve transportation in Santa Cruz County.**

Dedicated busway in Hwy 1 corridor, between Watsonville and Santa Cruz, preferably extending to Bay St on west side of Santa Cruz and to Riverside in Watsonville or Salinas Rd just over the Monterey County line.

Collect data of people who walk and bike, not just of motorized vehicles. We need this data in order to determine the crash rate (number of crashes per number of persons walking or biking), and whether changes in roadway design have an effect on traffic volume of people who walk and bike.

Highway 1 expansion. I live in Watsonville I work in Santa Cruz my kids go to Mar Vista in Aptos. We waste a lot of time sitting in traffic. That's not ok. My wife & I contribute plenty to our community. We volunteer we pay taxes & we believe Watsonville residents deserve more. The expansion of HWY 1 North heading into Aptos Capitola needs to be a priority.

South County residents matter our children matter & yes this issue affects our lives, daily.

The stretch of HWY 1 between Soquel and Freedom Blvd. Does the RTC plan on ever widening the route to three lanes per direction? It takes an average of one hour to travel from the 17 interchange to Freedom Blvd.

Connect Branciforte Drive through Old Pilkington Road to Paul Sweet Road.

Adding Frontage roads along Hwy 1.

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Adding another lane to the Soquel Avenue on ramp from Hwy 1 thru to Soquel Drive.

Highway 9 between Felton (@Graham Hill Road intersection) and SLV High School is so dangerous and needs improvement. There is no room for walking or bicycling along the path. Many students and parents walk and ride to school every day. There is no safe place to walk. A sidewalk (and bicycle paths) are desperately needed. Please, please make this a priority. Please don't wait until a tragic accident takes one of our children.

Without a major change/increase in federal and state funding for public transportation, then all you discuss on this website is merely tinkering around the edges of a permanent failure-state "system". We need extensive new investments in rail and associated park and ride. BART has not even reached San Jose let alone the 280 corridor. A preposterous fact. No other industrialized country could have screwed this up so badly as we have. Buses are stuck in traffic with the cars so they solve little. In many cases streets and highways are parking lots for hours each day. Please take me off you lists. This is ridiculous.

I am 100% for the rail project and we have donated money to help. I am an avid bike rider and was wondering what bike lane improvements are going to be done? Drivers are increasingly driving fast and seem to be very annoyed by any bike on the street.

Can a private bus company be used to transport people to Santa Cruz from San Jose over highway 17 in busy months? Many corporations are doing this for commuters. There is only the Highway 17 bus and that comes from downtown SJ. Could there be a place for people to park and ride from over the hill?

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I agree with building more smaller units in the Santa Cruz County - IE. Studio's, 1 bedrooms & Park "RV" type tiny home ideas. The thing that I am not hearing is how to make those units more "alternative transportation friendly". A recent Santa Cruz Planning Commission meeting stressed to build more tiny units without parking spaces for each unit (make them suffer was the comment - since it is affordable housing) , but failed to mention how to help eliminate the need for a car, or parking space. Like: Adding a washer/dryer in each unit - so a single parent does not have to drag their kids to a laundry area or laundry mart to have more time to cook a healthy dinner. Having a low priced convenience store in the complex (that sells milk for \$3gal), near a dollar store, near bus stops, or a short walk. Have a low priced day care in the complex, and a place for school age kids to come home from school to. Another Idea is to place electric mini-cars front to back, and have available for the complex to use (park 6 mini electric cars in two normal parking spots). Locate near discount grocery, restaurants, and parks. Also they must have a balcony for BBQ - because food brings family, neighbors & friends together. Also add a least 40sf of storage to the housing unit.

The intersection at Bay and Mission (not far from the bus stops on one side, and elementary school on the other) is very slow to change (even when traffic is light) and dangerous (have witnessed the results of a number of accidents since moving to Santa Cruz a year ago). If there is one place I can think of in Santa Cruz that needs a lot of work, it would be that intersection.

Possible improvements: more protected crossing for pedestrians as well as bikes (maybe a bike/pedestrian free-for-all where all the other lights go red, as I've seen done in some other places), as pedestrians are otherwise tempted to J-walk in order to catch their bus (sometimes are forced to cross this intersections 3 times in order to cross Mission!) there are few other protected places to cross Mission around that area, so that could also be addressed.

Revamp the Capitola Mall into a MIX-USE with Retail & Affordable Housing. This can be a mix of Studio's and 1 bedrooms units - as long as the units have washer/dryer hook-ups inside each unit, each unit has 40sf of storage, a balcony for BBQ, a play area for kids, and a play area for dogs.

Here are a bunch of good ideas. Please read:

<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2016/01/future-parking-self-driving-cars>

## Comments from the Public

From: Brian Peoples  
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 7:31 AM  
To: Regional Transportation Commission  
Cc: Zach Friend; Edward Bottorff; Dennis Norton; Don Lane; Luis Mendez; Randy Johnson; Alex Clifford;  
Subject: Agenda Item 28: 2040 Santa Cruz Transportation Plans

For Item 28 on the RTC Aug 4th Agenda, recommend the following removal of the below items that are related to the passenger rail. The removal of these items are needed to align to the proposed transportation tax measure. Including these items in the 2040 transportation plan sends a different message to the public on the investment plans that what is being proposed in the tax measure:

- Capitola Intra-City Rail Trolley Construct & Operate Weekend Rail Trolley Service. Project includes installation of 3 stations. \$14,000K
- Rail Line Management Operating expenses for rail line oversight. Avg annual cost:\$175K/yr. \$4,090K
- RTC-P41 Rail Line: Freight Service Upgrades Upgrade rail line to FRA Class 2 to a condition for reasonable ongoing maintenance into the future. Upgrade crossings, replace jointed rail with continuously welded rail, upgrade signals, and replace ties. \$21,340K
- RTC-P02 Rail Transit: Watsonville-Santa Cruz Corridor Design, construction, and operation of fixed guideway public transit between Santa Cruz and Watsonville. May be a joint project with the SCCRTC, SCMTD, and local jurisdictions. Annual op cost est: \$5-10M/yr; capital: \$31.5M-\$133M depending on service area and frequency (Total cost reflects Scenario G from 2015Rail Transit Study). Cost shown for 15 years of service during RTP period. \$283,000K
- Recreational Rail Infrastructure Seasonal passenger rail service on Santa Cruz Branch rail line. Infrastructure needed for the service is listed here (e.g. platforms, sidings, pedestrian & disabled access, rail vehicles). Unsubsidized operations will be provided by a private operator and operating costs are therefore not included here. All costs are estimated. \$5,340K
- Hwy 1: Reconstruction of 2 Railroad Crossings in Aptos. Reconstruct two railroad crossings over Highway 1 in Aptos. [Part of Highway 1 CIP project (RTC 24k), but listed as a standalone project.] \$41,100K
- Aptos Village Plan Phase II Improvements RR crossing modifications - new crossing arms, concrete panels for vehicle and pedestrian crossings. New RR xing at Parade St. Phase 1: Trout Gulch Rd improvements w/traffic signal and upgraded RR xg at Soquel Dr. \$2,000K

All of these items should be deleted from the 2040 Transportation Plan.

Thanks, Brian Peoples

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From: dana bagshaw  
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 9:35 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: 2040 Plan

I applaud the 2040 plan as it stands. I like the sustainable goals using the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS). I particularly like the emphasis on expanding ridership for the Metro, by improving travel times, frequency, and access via walking to comfortable, appealing bus stops. Hopefully, the new sales tax measure will be defeated, so that you can once and for all free funds from highway expansion, and come back with a financial plan to support the sustainable goals you have set.

Dana Bagshaw

**From:** Len Beyea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 10:46 AM  
**To:** [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
**Subject:** Comments on 2040 goals, policies and targets

Goals, policies, and targets are all positive, and seem achievable, if insufficient, given our current dependence on carbon-intensive transportation.  
It is important to not tie plans too rigidly over the next 24 years to specific technologies or methodologies, because much is changing and some new developments appear poised for broader availability and more competitive cost within a decade.  
Kudos to the Commission and staff for a sound planning foundation.  
Len Beyea

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**From:** Jerry Paul  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:27 PM  
**To:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**Subject:** Coastal Rail Corridor: Innovations to meet a much wider set of needs

To Regional Transportation Commissioners:

As a long-time Santa Cruz resident, an electrical engineer, and a retired Silicon Valley manager, it seems to me that a huge reason for lack of use of public transportation is that it typically does not conform to each rider's exact desired boarding and deboarding locations. I would like to share with you an idea which could greatly improve this situation, increase ridership, and hopefully share the rail corridor with pedestrians and bicyclists while retaining your substantial rail-based funding. The key is to carefully examine the use of the word "rail" in the documents which constrain your options.

Specifically, if the vehicles carrying passengers were constructed so as to be able to leave the rail right-of-way and take side-trips through our communities, complying with the ridership's wishes for convenient boarding and deboarding locations, increased ridership and revenues are likely. This would be possible if the vehicles had rubber tires, whether they were also equipped with typical steel railroad wheels or not. Fairly narrow vehicles of this nature would be better able to share the right-of-way with pedestrians and bicyclists, allowing everyone's needs to be met.

Say, 4 to 12 seats per vehicle. Such vehicles could be able to be automatically attachable and detachable to/from each other while moving, for energy savings. In this day and age, they may even be driverless or nearly so.

Here are some potential off-track routing segments to increase ridership: bus hubs, Cabrillo College, Civic Auditorium, UCSC, Aptos/Rio Del Mar, parks, various Watsonville sites, Capitola Mall, loops through dense residential areas, etc. They may be flexible to change with time and especially for special events and employers.

Here are some thoughts about how "rails" may be acceptably redefined:

rails, but unused, or used only infrequently just for freight; ornamental rails; a single rail; rails which provide electricity for the vehicles\*; etc.

What does it take to meet the "rail" terms of agency agreements and still render service direct to locations outside of the right-of-way?

I will be happy to confer in greater detail at no charge. Any feedback you have for me would be appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Jerome E. Paul, M.S.E.E.



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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Public Comment for matters not on the agenda of Aug. 4, 2016 Board of Directors meeting of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)

The SCCRT in the capacity of owner of the railroad right of way (RRRW) from Davenport to Watsonville in Santa Cruz County is responsible for that property.

We live in and own a townhouse which is part of a 14 unit development adjacent to the railroad right of way west of 30<sup>th</sup> Av and north of the RRRW. The "common area" of the development is adjacent to the RRRW. Our "lot", the footprint of the townhouse, is adjacent to that common area. The RRRW ditch conveying water is clogged with brush (berries and volunteer oak trees). Water is flowing outside of the ditch and flowing into a depressed area of soil both part of the RRRW and the "common area".

The soils in the common area are not stable. The water flowing out of the railroad ditch is an adverse element exacerbating the "common area" soil instability. Our lot relies upon the "common area" for lateral support. The common area in turn relies upon the RRRW for lateral support. For the reason of maintaining the soils supporting our foundation, it is particularly important to us to have the ditch cleared of vegetation and the water flow through the historical course of the ditch parallel to the railroad tracks.

We are happy to report that Supervisor Leopold and his County of Santa Cruz staff have taken an interest in our concerns and have been responsive to us.

We regret to report that the SCCRTC has never directly returned a telephone call or email to us regarding this matter.

In our efforts to facilitate maintenance of the RRRW ditch, we heard that the railroad operator representative had been evaluating the area. This may have been in response to SCCRTC communication to the railroad operator.

We reviewed the contract (posted on the SCCRTC website) between the SCCRTC and the railroad operator. We note that some maintenance is the operator's responsibility per contract. The owner of the land is responsible to the adjoining land owners and others affected by the water flowing outside of the ditch.

This matter will become urgent once fall/winter rains begin anew.

*Dana W. Miles 8.3.16*

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From: christy martin  
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 7:29 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express

Hi, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposed Polar Express operating plan. The plan runs trains through surface street crossings during weekday rush hours and will increase traffic backups at already busy intersections. Also, the Roaring Camp Holiday Lights Train already offers service from the Boardwalk that seems to provide the benefits referenced in the proposal, and adding a second service is likely to undermine an established local business. Stopping traffic at critical intersections to run noisy amusement rides through residential neighborhoods is in direct conflict with the RTC's stated objectives to "improve mobility...while improving the region's quality of life". This raises doubts as to how the upcoming transportation tax funds would be managed if a tax payer funded transportation corridor is used as a tourist attraction that creates an unnecessary burden on city residents. I continue to encourage the RTC to limit these types of recreational services to areas outside of residential neighborhoods and city street crossings. Thank you for your consideration, —Christy Martin

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From: Brian Peoples  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 3:44 AM  
To: Sccrtc Info  
Cc: Casey Beyer  
Subject: No train from Boardwalk to Capitola

RTC, Please do not approve the proposal from Iowa Pacific for a tourist train from Boardwalk to Capitola. This property was purchased with taxpayer dollars for improved mobility across the county, not diesel train rides through our community. This type of use of taxpayer owned property is a great example why I would not support a tax measure that gives you \$600M - you do not have your priorities straight. No on tourist train. Brian Peoples

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From: Joe Morici  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 6:35 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Please stop Iowa Pacific

Why does the RTC continue to ignore our wishes ?  
stop the proposed plan for a dinner train from Santa Cruz Boardwalk to capitola  
Rail corridor was purchased for improving transportation, not for diesel train rides through our community. Regards, Joe Morici

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From: michael grabill  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 7:35 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: NO TRAIN

We as a community have a great resource that is not being used for the benefit of all... Please forget train service of any kind and immediately transform that incredibly valuable resource into a trail that we all can use for free... Improve our community!!  
Trail, NO TRAIN - Michael Grabill

From: Kristin Tosello  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 7:49 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No dinner train

Dear RTC, We don't want a train running through our community. Please be open minded to members of the community and have an open forum to hear about what people actually want. The route could be used well as a trail right now! That would be a beautiful legacy to leave our children and also bring in just as much tourist money as any train would, without being a burden on the community. Say no to the dinner train. - Kristin Tosello

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From: Zoe Kunstenaar  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:53 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Dinner trains

Can't wait! Can I be kept informed of the progress?  
I hope that dinner trains can eventually lead to passenger trains and will do all I can to support it!  
- Zoe Kunstenaar, MFT

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From: Ellen Martinez  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 12:41 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express Train

Please do not approve running a tourist train -- a Polar Express Train -- from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to Capitola during the 2016 holiday season We do not want a train running through our community. Please use the taxpayer owned rail corridor for improved transportation NOW. Thank you. Ellen Martinez, Santa Cruz County Resident and Taxpayer

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From: Chick Webb  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 12:43 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: "Polar Express" Train Proposal

I have read through all of the information in the Agenda for the 8/4 Commission Meeting regarding this proposal, including all of the attachments. Now, while I'm all for the idea of a "Polar Express" novelty train - even if, judging by those ticket prices, it's definitely going to be a stretch for many of the locals (esp. from the south county) - what I find objectionable (if not unacceptable) is that the plan makes NO mention of how much of the revenue the SC&MB will kick back to the SCCRTC for the privilege of this expanded use of the public's resource. Perhaps this was an oversight, but I doubt it. The rail right-of-way is a public resource and it is the SCCRTC's responsibility to maximize the utility of that resource for the taxpayers of SCC, not the benefit of the SC&MB. If there is no revenue to the SCCRTC generated by this proposal, I strongly object to its approval. The community impact alone requires the SCCRTC to at least get some money out of the deal, never mind the SCCRTC's charter. We all know how much in usage fees the SC&MB has paid since 2012 (\$0). This plan, if approved, will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars for the SC&MB, and the taxpayers should get a big chunk of it. Do not approve any plan that does not put revenues into the SCCRTC's coffers, please. I would add that the Polar Express 2016 Operating Plan (the "Plan") put forward by the SC&MB does not even meet the minimum requirements of such a plan as set out in Sec. 2.4.1 of the ACLA Agreement (<http://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/ACLAgreement20121012.pdf>), which states, in part, that "Railway's

Touris Service plan shall include, at a minimum, the proposed seasons, dates and times of operation (including a proposed train schedule), a financial plan and a marketing plan." The Plan included in the meeting packet for 8/4 (starting on pg. 209) does NOT include the required financial plan; it's not even an item in the table of contents. It is completely lacking in details other than the fare structure. This is unlike, for example, their plan for the previously run Train to Christmas town, which went into considerably more details about the cost of operations, expected revenues, etc. Notwithstanding the objections that I raised previously, on the simple basis that the Plan, as tabled by the SC&MB, does not even meet the minimum requirements for such a plan as described in the ACLA Agreement, it should be rejected by the Committee. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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From: killarney Clary  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:06 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: train

No train guard are necessary if there will be no trains. No expensive tourist trains are necessary. Improve transportation.

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From: Jessica McElveny  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:42 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No Trains Please

Hello - I am writing to implore you to remove the train tracks from Santa Cruz to Aptos and replace them with a paved pedestrian and bike path. The path would be an invaluable piece of infrastructure for the communities of Santa Cruz, Live Oak, Capitola, Rio Del Mar and Aptos. With more and more traffic on the road riding your bike to work is taking your life in your own hands. We need this path to reduce traffic, allow our children to have a safe way to get around town and to encourage the healthy lifestyle we in Santa Cruz County value. Thank you, Jessica

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From: annanana  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 3:04 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Local Transportation Investment Plan

No trains

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From: Derek R. Whaley  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 3:37 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express Train

Greetings RTC Team, I just wanted to express my thanks for brining the Polar Express train to Santa Cruz this winter. I think having a nightly dinner train to Capitola will greatly improve the visibility of the line and the ways in which it can be used to increase the quality of the night life in the county. I think the Polar Express specifically will be a welcome addition since its iconic imagery is loved by children worldwide and our lovely Iowa Pacific locomotives already look the part. Here's to many more years of railroading in Santa Cruz County! Sincerely,- Derek R. Whaley  
[www.santacruztrains.com](http://www.santacruztrains.com)

From: Mick & Jan Adamson  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 3:46 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express - YES!!!

Thank you for allowing the Polar Express to come to town. This train will bring in tons of tourist dollars and keep our rail line viable and active! In advance we say "Thank You!"  
Mick & Jan Adamson

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From: Jim Middleton  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 4:13 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Train service

Please do not trivialize the corridor. This is for transportation not for dinner service!  
Jim Middleton-Westside Santa Cruz

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From: david van brink  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 5:19 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Thank you for Polar Express!

Hi, 28 year resident and homeowner on the West Side. Thank you for facilitating the Boardwalk/Capitola Polar Express, I look forward to riding it. -- David Van Brink

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From: Paul Nolan  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 5:41 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Iowa Pacific Polar Express train

Hello. I fully support Iowa Pacific running a polar express train during this holiday season. It would be a fantastic ride for everyone. - Paul Nolan

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From: Janie Soito  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 6:52 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you for approving the Polar Express train!! I really appreciate all uses of our rail system so that the possibility of using it for passenger service in the future remains viable. A trail only option is elitist and will not serve our disabled populations like the possibility of passenger rail would.  
Sincerely, Janie Soito, Watsonville CA

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From: Julie Montgomery  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 11:31 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Support the train

I am writing to voice my support for active trains on the tracks in Santa Cruz county. Future rail transit options must be preserves. In the meantime, occasional event trains seem like a good idea and should be encouraged. Regards, Julie Montgomery

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From: Glen Aby  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 6:59 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Trails project

To Whom it may concern, I want to voice my concern over the potential Napa train cutting through the city. It would be nice for tourists and whoever profits from it, but even the majority of tourists would resent the added traffic and congested feeling. A trail would keep things open and be a delight for all. Monteys trail through town is an attraction, and helps support a sense of community. Thanks -Glenn Aby

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From: G Craig Vachon  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 8:57 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Please don't let the trains happen

Please say "no" to train rides through our community. These trains pollute in multiple ways [diesel exhaust, noise and visual]. Pls don't allow these trains to blight our community. - G Craig Vachon

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From: Barry Scott  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 3:19 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Letter of support for the Iowa Pacific planned Polar Express excursion trains.

Dear Commissioners, I've read the discussion and fully support permitting the proposed operation of holiday excursion trains between the Boardwalk and Capitola as described in the attachment to the agenda for August 4, 2016. Our relationship with the common carrier, Iowa Pacific, is mutually beneficial and our acquisition was made possibly in part through their cooperation. While we continue planning the rail trail and investigating passenger rail transit, it's good to put the asset to use for the enjoyment of residents and tourists. Therefore, I fully support allowing them to make the required improvement and run passenger trains as planned.

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From: Jack Brown  
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 5:34 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Crossing Guard and Dinner Train opposition

To Whom It May Concern,I have been informed that once again the train tracks are trying to be used for purposes other than their intention. I have heard that there is now plans for a dinner train to travel on the tracks. Not only is this not a commuter use of the the tracks, it is highly polluting, noisy and unsafe means of serving a meal. Please refrain from allowing for any such use of the

tracks for this purpose. The train tracks have pretty much proven themselves to be non-economically viable and it's time we truly go forward with a rail-bank initiative so we can get use of this resource as a trail. We have also heard that up to \$250,000 will be spent for crossing guards in Aptos. If there is no train, why do we want to waste money on a crossing guard? My family and I would really appreciate if you managed taxpayer money in a more responsible manner.  
Respectfully, Jack Brown

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From: Susan Reddington  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 6:18 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express Train

Please don't approve the Polar Express Train from SC Boardwalk to Capitola during holiday season 2016!!!!!! The last Holiday train that went through Santa Cruz Westside was horrible - talk about noise pollution. There have to be better ways to celebrate the holidays. PLEASE NO TRAIN!!!  
Susan Reddington

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From: Scott Owen  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 6:24 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Please No Tourist Trains

I have become aware of a proposed "tourist train" for the holidays. Please, No Polar Express Train from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to Capitola during the 2016 holiday season. We do not want a train running through our community. Please use the taxpayer owned rail corridor for improved transportation NOW. A positive step would not include this which would upset the residence who actually live here and our impacted so much already by the huge number of visitors to the town.  
Scott Owen

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From: Brian Peoples  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 6:33 AM  
To: Regional Transportation Commission  
Cc: Zach Friend; Casey Beyer; Don Lane  
Subject: No to Excursion Trains from Boardwalk to Capitola

RTC Please do not approve the excursion trains from Boardwalk to Capitola. The rail corridor was purchased for improving transportation, not for tourist trains running through our community. Approval of this excursion train will send the wrong signals to the community of RTC's strategy on using the rail corridor and will surely have a negative impact on the transportation tax measure. Trail Now is already getting responses by followers that "RTC can't be trusted". We need to reverse this message and build support for tax measure. We encourage RTC to wait before approval of excursion trains until alternative approaches can be discussed with the community.  
Thanks,  
Brian People, Trail Now

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From: Dan Kambitsch  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 6:52 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: tourist train

No Polar Express Train from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to Capitola during the 2016 holiday season. We do not want a train running through our community. The alleged point of acquiring the rail line was to improve transportation in Santa Cruz County. We fail to see how running a tourist train will do anything but the opposite. Drawing more tourists into the area will only add to the already crushing traffic burden while imposing horrible noise on the nearby residents. The Santa Cruz County Planning Dept. has done this whole rail plan backwards, acquiring the railway and investigating whether it is feasible to run a commuter train and determining its costs and benefits afterward. The railway is not economically feasible, would do little to improve transportation, and would be a tax burden forevermore. It's time to cut our losses and forget about the train. Running a tourist train would be counter to any of the alleged goals of the railway. It would be a detriment to the quality of life to all the local residents and would only benefit a few already wealthy businesses. - Dan Kambitsch and Christine Young

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From: Donald Hicks  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 7:30 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No Polar Express

Please do not approve the Polar Express train and instead help our communities terrible traffic congestion by converting the rail corridor to bike use as soon as possible. - Jay Hicks

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From: ctoldi  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 7:31 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Strong opposition to proposed holiday train

I am utterly opposed to having a holiday tourist train run from the Boardwalk to Capitola, as is being considered. Please do not approve this proposal. This usage does nothing to improve our transportation issues, and would have a VERY detrimental impact on the peace and quiet of our Live Oak neighborhood.

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From: Shelle Thomas  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 7:44 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Tourist train in Capitola

We object to a Christmas tourist train to Capitola, too disruptive to the neighborhood community, especially with a concessionaire who has paid nothing. Just say No!  
- George & Shelle Thomas

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From: Bill Gray  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 8:07 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Theme train

Please stop the folly. The proposal calls for passenger rail, NOT Christmas trains .Let us move forward.pulling up the rails as passenger trains will NEVER pencil our. Snach victory from the jaw of defeat. Please end the folly, - Bill Gray, PhD

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From: Gina Colfer  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 8:31 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Tourist train proposal

To whom it may concern, I am a tax paying citizen living in Aptos. I would love to see a world class trail built in place of a train or tourist train.instead of a tourist train, have people rent bikes and ride to Capitola. Environmental tourism!! A train in any respect would not alleviate traffic, whereas a trail would. Many people commuting or just wanting to go downtown would use the trail on their bikes and not get into cars. This would help alleviate traffic! Let's do what's right and get people out walking and on their bikes! The surface streets are too dangerous for that! Be smart and do the right thing for our community. We are too progressive to go backwards. Put a trail in now! Thank you! - Gina Colfer

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From: David French  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:15 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Yes - Polar Express Train

Please allow the Polar Express Train from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to Capitola during the 2016 holiday season. Thanks, David French, Aptos

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From: Michael Lesh  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:56 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No Polar Express train from the Boardwalk to Capitola!

I oppose the holiday tourist train you are proposing from the Boardwalk to Capitola. This is an intruion into my peaceful daily life, with blaring horns ( noise pollution) and dirty diesel smoke ( air pollution). Can we please just get a trail for bicyclists and pedestrians built already? I thought the idea was to REMOVE cars from the roadways and this proposal does NOTHING to,accomplish this goal. - Michael Lesh, Santa Cruz

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From: Andrea Miller  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 10:11 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Capitola Train - RAIL SUCKS!

To Whom it may Concern, I feel rail in the Santa Cruz County should be turned into a pedestrian/bike trail asap. Model it on the Monterey Trail. We will then have a World Class Trail and attract more visitors than a Dinner Train ever could! Residents could commute and run errands by bicycle. If someone wants to ride a train, go to Roaring Camp! NO = Capitola Dinner Train / Polar Express Thanks, - Andrea Miller, Seacliff Beach, Aptos

From: Rob Martin  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 11:13 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Tourist train concern

Hello, We are concerned about plans for having a tourist train run from Santa Cruz to Capitola. We do not support a train running through our community. We prefer that the rail corridor be used for a hike/bike trail, which will improve overall transportation in the community.  
Sincerely, Rob Martin

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From: Steven Henderson  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 11:29 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Against a Tourist train

I just heard that there are plans for a tourist train between Capitola and the Santa Cruz boardwalk. At first glance it may seem like a good plan but I believe that the rail corridor would be much better utilized by converting it to a bike/walking trail. This would benefit the area economically and transportation wise without the downside of a train running through the community. New businesses may be created to rent bikes to tourists who would like to ride the trail. Without the noise and traffic disruption caused by a train. - Steve Henderson

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From: J. Norene Huber  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 2:52 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Train from SC to Capitola

Please...no train from Santa Cruz to Capitola! Capitola's infrastructure cannot support this and it would be disruptive for residents. Thank you.

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From: caryl smith  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 6:23 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No train please

Hello all concerned with this subject, I am a local Capitola resident for over 35 years and when my son was a toddler, we enjoyed having the train come thru one time a day at 4:00 .. Slow , steady.. the conductors waving to the children.. Non-invasive, fun !! The proposed idea of a train running all day from the sc. boardwalk to capitola village is upsetting if not a waste of our money which we're trying to get use of for locals.. Bike lanes, walking lanes that are safe for us !! I am urging you: NO POLAR EXPRESS!! Please use our taxpayer \$\$ toward improved transportation for our local community. Thank you, Caryl Smith, capitola resident

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From: Lynne Strud  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 8:45 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Holiday Train

I am not in favor of the Holiday Train passing close to our senior mobile home park several times during the holiday season. The horns are loud and disruptive. If the train ran only once a day,

that would mitigate the problem. But several trips and almost nonstop horn blowing, which is what I perceived last year's train to produce from the KSBW news link, would not be acceptable. There is a rest home next door to us which is right on the railroad tracks, and I'm sure the loud train horn would also be disruptive to the elderly people living there. Thank you for taking us into consideration if and when you plan the 2016 schedule of the "Train to Christmas Town."  
- Lynne Strudlowski

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From: Randall Nacamuli  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:42 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No Polar Express

No Polar Express Train from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to Capitola during the 2016 holiday season. We do not want a train running through our community. Please use the taxpayer owned rail corridor for improved transportation NOW. Furthermore, recent feedback suggests that the current RTC plan does not include adequate trail width for the significant use it would see per USDOT guidelines. - Randall

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From: Carla Carstens  
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 11:51 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: WE DO NOT WANT A TRAIN ON THE RAILS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

To Whom It May Concern: We have heard that Iowa Pacific is proposing a 'Roaring Camp' type train excursion this holiday season from the Boardwalk to Capitola. WE ARE CLEARLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL! The rails are better used for a walking gravel trail, and as they are owned by the taxpayers, it is important to voice my disdain for this idea. Any deviance (i.e, a Polar Express train for the Holidays) will muddy the waters for the best future use of the rails! Thank you for your time, and please heed my, and many other taxpayers, request!!  
Regards, Carla Carstens

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From: Bonnie Keet  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 8:25 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: holiday train extended to capitola

Anything you can do to reduce traffic on route one at any time of year, I am alllllll for. So, yes to a holiday train. Be the Change: Bonnie Keet

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From: Will Mayall  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 9:33 AM  
To: John Leopold; Bruce McPherson; Ed Bottorff; Karina Cervantez; Dennis Norton; Jimmy Dutra; Greg Caput; Zach Friend; Tim Gubbins; Cynthia Chase; Don Lane; SCCRTC  
Subject: Polar Express Train endangers TRIP

The proposed Polar Express Train does nothing to improve transportation in Santa Cruz County, gives the appearance of endorsing trains in the rail corridor, and endangers TRIP. Please deny the application from Iowa Pacific to run the Polar Express train. - Will Mayall, Santa Cruz

From: joe martinez  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 9:41 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express Operation Plan

Commissioner's, On August 4<sup>th</sup> you hear a request from Iowa Pacific to begin operating a tourist train. It is imperative that each of you vote to deny Iowa Pacific's request. A train of any type running on our corridor is not what our community wants or needs. Regards, Joe Martinez

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From: Lynn Dunn  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 9:56 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: No Holiday Train Rides

Hello SCCRTC, We do not support holiday train rides, we support removal of the train rails and development of the healthy body alternative of bike trails for our family and friends and visitors. Promoting healthy lifestyles reduces medical costs for families and the city and county of santa cruz. Thank you, - Lynn Dunn & Charles Reimers

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From: Kathy Sinnott  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 12:25 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: SC to Capitola Dinner Train

Dear SCCRTC, The proposed plan for a dinner train from Santa Cruz to Capitola is crazy. Have you looked at the traffic congestion lately? When the Roaring Camp train passes by the round-about at the wharf and boardwalk, traffic backs up into the Downtown and out to Steamer Lane! Do you not realize that with the "dinner train" this same problem will occur at every street crossing between Santa Cruz and Capitola? Traffic congestion is already bad enough throughout the greater Santa Cruz area without trains! Rail corridor was purchased for improving transportation, not for diesel train rides through our community. There's no way that the "rail with trail" to Watsonville will help either. The only sane way to use the train corridor is to remove the tracks and create a path. Make it easier and safer for people to walk and ride their bikes. These rail plans will only benefit a few investors. If you want to benefit the community and the local businesses, build pathways for people, not trains! -Kathy Sinnott

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From: Ray Wolfe  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 4:57 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Train Santa Cruz to Capitol

Not in interest of county residents

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From: Leslie Jaquith  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 11:24 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Concerned citizen

To whom it may concern, It has come to my attention that there is a proposal for a dinner train to run between Santa Cruz and Capitola as a tourist attraction. This is very concerning as I own a

house that sits right on the railroad tracks at 30th Ave. I am a local Santa Cruz resident that has worked hard for the ability to own a home in my hometown. In the past there have been problems with many complaints of trains running late in the evening. The signal that notifies the train is coming is very loud, sometimes gets stuck on and has run for over an hour which is really worse than the actual train. This will bring noise pollution and air pollution into our local neighborhoods. It will negatively effect the property values along the tracks and in the vicinity as well as it will discourage renters in those areas taking away from locals needing income to pay there mortgage. Many people use the tracks as a pathway to walk their dogs and as a shortcut through neighborhoods. It's a place where community meetings happen amongst evening walks. The tracks would no longer be a safe place to walk and in allowing the evening train to happen you will be taking away from our community to give to a company based out of Illinois. It will bring constant and numerous complaints as no one buys million dollar homes in Santa Cruz to become part of a tourist attraction created by a company based out of Illinois! Keep Santa Cruz local!  
Thank you, Leslie Jaquith

From: Ryan Whitelaw  
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 7:08 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Polar Express Train

I'm writing asking the RTC to oppose the Polar Express tourist train. I've reviewed the business plan provided by Iowa Pacific, and their numbers are optimistic at best. Historically, Iowa Pacific has averaged 6,000 passengers per year with their seasonal tourist train. Somehow, bookings are expected to increase over 400% by re-branding the train and moving departures to the Boardwalk? Keep in mind, the train already departed from the Boardwalk in 2012, which created quite a stir among Westside residents due to the noise and disruption. In the end, the train rides in 2012 were cut short from January 6 to December 24 due to low bookings. Iowa Pacific has paid \$0 in rent for freight and passenger train service to date. There is nothing to suggest this will change. Even under the most fantastically optimistic scenario, the RTC is poised to gain a few thousand dollars. Is this really worth the noise and disturbance the train will cause to our community? Santa Cruz County already has a tourist train. Iowa Pacific should continue departures via Watsonville and essentially occupy the corridor rent free. This scenario provides the least amount of disturbance to our community, and fulfills Proposition 116 requirements.  
Regards, Ryan Whitelaw

From: Contact Request Form [<mailto:admin@sccrtc.org>]  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 3:48 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: New submission from Contact Form

Name
Vicki Malandra
Subject
Tran from SC to Capitola
Your Message
I am a resident of Capitola and live near the railroad tracks. I am very much against this "Holiday" train concept as I personally witnessed the train on Westside Santa Cruz near Mission Street. It was very loud-and disturbing to anyone nearby. I think it is a bad idea for the residents of Capitola and I implore you to find another way of creating income or a way to pay for your purchase of the rail corridor.

From: David Devries  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 8:23 AM  
 To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
 Subject: No Train rides through our community.

I am a long long time Santa Cruz resident. Absolutely a horrible idea to have a train ride through our town. Just like the horrible idea to put a desal plant on the Westside or the huge parking structure on Westcliff and Bay that was in the works at one point. By the way the water fountain by ideal fish company by main beach is still broken. How about making sure what we have works

From: David Steinbruner  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 4:08 PM  
 To: 'info@sccrtc.org'  
 Subject: Iowa Pacific Christmas Train to Capitola.

I am very pleased to learn that Iowa Pacific plans to use the tracks to run some trains to Capitola this coming Christmas. This is excellent news. Please encourage IP to all they can to keep a presence on the rails in any way they can to keep the idea that "Oh....right, we \*can\* go places via rail." In the public eye. I would also like to know the status of the proposed Golden Gate Railway museum move to Santa Cruz. Is that a go? Anyway, the more rail the merrier. Why not encourage IP to go all the way to Aptos on their Christmas runs?  
 Sincerely, D. Pureheart Steinbruner

From: Ken Maus  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 6:52 PM  
 To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
 Subject: New submission from Contact Form

Name
Ken Maus
Subject
Trains for Tourists from Santa Cruz to .....
Your Message
<p>Rail needs to stay where it is throughout Santa CruzCounty.          A Christmas Train during the December Months running to Capiitola Depot Hill, or Watsonville from Santa Cruz Boardwalk would be well received. The sooner trains, passenger, freight, or even mixed begin operating on the rr right of way, the better. Please waste no more time          The Santa Cruz &amp; Monterey Bay Railway has been advertising in Trains Magazine monthly about Special Events Trains in Santa Cruz county with no trains to ride on our Santa Cruz Line.</p>

From: David Criswell  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 10:10 PM  
 To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
 Subject: Tourist Train

I oppose the proposed dinner train. I think it's a terrible idea to have loud, dirty diesel trains running through quite neighborhoods. It's of no value or benefit to any of the locals. It's just dirty and noisy! David Criswell, Boulder Creek

From: Ron McMinn  
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 10:57 AM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Tourist train proposal

To Whom it may concern,  
We are writing to express our opinion regarding the tourist train proposal for the rail corridor between Santa Cruz and Capitola. We are strongly against any use of the rail corridor that would not be used to improve transportation for Santa Cruz County residents. If this proposal is approved it would certainly motivate us to vote against the upcoming ballot proposal to fund transportation improvements in the county. As you know, we already have a tourist train just a few miles away at Roaring Camp and certainly do not need another. Thanks for you consideration of our position.  
Ron and Cathy McMinn, Aptos, CA

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From: David Faulkner  
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:01 PM  
To: [info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)  
Subject: Yes Polar Express tourist train

Greetings, I am writing to you to voice my support of a tourist train operated by Iowa Pacific on our newly acquired rail corridor. The economy of Santa Cruz is based on tourism. We need to take care of our tourists just as a business needs to take care of their customers. Our local businesses will benefit from incidental tourist dollars as a result of this Roaring Camp type of tourist attraction.  
Sincerely, David Faulkner, Santa Cruz, CA

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