



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 5, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**Capitola City Council Chambers  
420 Capitola Avenue  
Capitola, CA**

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present:

Don Lane	Dennis Norton
Ryan Coonerty	Ed Bottorff
Jimmy Dutra	Zach Friend
Randy Johnson	John Leopold
Greg Caput	Karina Cervantez
Bruce McPherson	Aileen Loe (ex-officio)
Tony Gregorio (alt.)	

Staff present:

George Dondero	Luis Mendez
Yesenia Parra	Jennifer Rodriguez
Grace Blakeslee	Cory Caletti
Rachel Moriconi	Ginger Dykaar

Commissioner Norton welcomed everyone to Capitola and noted that when the beachside towns were first built, the railroad provided the means to travel between cities. He stated that we are on our way to providing that connectivity once again.

2. Oral communications

**Brian Peoples**, Trail Now, said that Trail Now ~~supports the proposed~~ **is generally supportive of the transportation improvement sales tax measure and, however their group does not support the current plan which they see as delaying the Coastal Rail Trail project because of the rail transit analysis. Trail Now also supports the Santa Cruz Metropolitan District, including use of rapid bus transit on Highway 1. utilizing Santa Cruz Metro. Mr. Peoples noted that Trail Now believes that building the trail **could take place faster** ~~would not take years to complete~~ if the tracks were removed. He ~~stated that the project should not be delayed because of the need for more studies.~~**