### Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
#### THREE MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

**April 2018**
**Through**
**June 2018**

All meetings are subject to cancellation when there are no action items to be considered by the board or committee. Please visit our website for meeting agendas and locations [www.sccrtc.org/meetings/](http://www.sccrtc.org/meetings/)

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RTC Commission Offices – 1523 Pacific Ave. – Santa Cruz, CA
Board of Supervisors Chambers/CAO/RDA Conference room – 701 Ocean St-5th floor – Santa Cruz, CA
Scots Valley City Council Chambers – One Civic Drive, Scotts Valley, CA
Capitola City Council Chambers – 420 Capitola Ave., Capitola, CA
Watsonville City Council Chambers – 275 Main St., Watsonville, CA
Additional Correspondence for Closed Session Item 26

From: Nadene Thorne [mailto:nadenetd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Sccrtc Info
Subject: Progressive Rail Contract Negotiations

Dear Commissioners,

I attended the meeting in which you voted to open negotiations with Progressive Rail for rail service in Santa Cruz County. My understanding was that no contract would be signed until the results of the UCIS were publicized and evaluated.

My questions are these:

1) Is there a genuine demand for rail freight service in Watsonville? Two rail operators have not managed to stay in business there; why do we think that a third might be more successful?

2) Progressive Rail's proposal notes a prospect for partnering and installing a propane distribution terminal. My understanding is that a federal railroad exemption makes this possible regardless of any local permitting. Does Watsonville want a propane distribution facility?

3) There are several reports of community and legal issues with Progressive Rail and its board and management; however, their proposal to the RTC implies otherwise. Are these matters being investigated?

I hope I can be confident that the RTC will carefully and transparently investigate and publish their evaluation of these concerns.

Thank you,

Nadene Thorne

From: [listed below]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:23 PM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: NO to Progressive Rail. YES to achievable, eco-friendly transportation options!

Dear Commissioners,

Please continue our community's strong history of environmental activism by:

1. Saying NO to Progressive Rail, a company with strong ties to the fossil fuel industry

2. Protecting our trees and avoiding unnecessary excavation and retaining walls
3. Studying communities like Boulder, CO that are similar in scale to Santa Cruz County, have implemented successful bus system makeovers, and are working to create a safe, connected bicycle network

Greenway's vision can help to achieve all of the above. Please help to ensure that it receives fair consideration in the Unified Corridor Study.

Thank you,

Walter Stauss  Shahe Moutafian  Peter Cook
Tom Martin  Martin Engel  Ann Hoholick
Gary Sultana  Lisa Lee Barrera  Chantal Hopkins
Michael Moore  Joan and Dan Steele

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From: Nadene Thorne [mailto:]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 9:50 PM  
To: john.leopold@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; bruce.mcpherson@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; cchase@cityofsantacruz.com; dhagen1939@gmail.com; ebottorff167@yahoo.com; greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; jbertrand@ci.capitola.ca.us; rlj12@comcast.net; Ryan Coonerty; sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com; zach.friend@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; George Dondero; Sccrtc Info  
Subject: Why are the RTC commissioners planning a (second?) visit to the SMART train??

Touting the SMART train as a model for Santa Cruz County is overlooking a few critical differences. First, Sonoma and Marin counties have a greater, mostly suburban, population than SC County. Their train is built on infrastructure that has been there for many years – they had already had a passenger train there, on 2 sets of tracks, with stations and parking. We have a comparatively narrow corridor that has one set of tracks, formerly used for freight only: no parking, no stations. On the SMART train, a person might spend over $15/day roundtrip – can our residents pay that to ride our train? Finally, Santa Cruz's train advocates seem to have fixed on a train PLUS a trail, plainly calculated to get the bikerider vote. However, when the SMART train ran out of money, as these projects do, what was jettisoned? Right, the TRAIL. So how might you prevent that from happening here?

Last I heard, there are other transportation options being studied in the UCIS - why not invite officials responsible for Boulder, Colorado's thriving METRO system, or visit one of the other communities that have removed their railroad tracks, railbanked their corridors, and created hugely popular bike and pedestrian trails? Aren't our commissioners putting the cart before the horse here, and further, wasting money in a community that's in a "fiscal emergency?"

Nadene Thorne

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From: Dave Montgomery [mailto:]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 8:35 AM  
To: info@sccrtc.org  
Subject: NO to Progressive Rail. YES to achievable, eco-friendly transportation options!

Please stop the nonsense of putting a train back on the tracks! There is no commute from Watsonville to Davenport, the cost is way too high and you will strap the citizens of this county with a very expensive losing proposition! The trail would bring in tons of tourists and take cars off the road. Why is this so hard to figure out?  
Sincerely, David J Montgomery DDS
Dear Commissioners,

Our last rail operator pulled out because they couldn't make ends meet. Applicant Progressive Rail will try something different. It seems pretty clear that something is cheap oil and gas:

- Progressive's CEO has 25 years of experience with the oil and gas industry.
- Progressive mentioned a propane distribution center in their proposal.
- Federal exemptions have been used across the country to build fuel depots without the approval of local jurisdictions.

Don't you dare praise Monterey Bay Community Power and then sign a deal to distribute fracked propane faster and cheaper.

Do what is right for the community, not simply what looks right on paper. Sure this deal would pad the bottom-line and check the rail operator box. It would also condemn Watsonville with a "blast zone" around the propane tanks and undercut our commitment to sustainability.

Vote NO on Progressive Rail.

Sincerely,
Manu Koenig
Greenway’s vision can help to achieve all of the above. Please help to ensure that it receives fair consideration in the Unified Corridor Study.

Thank you,

Jessica Hansen

From: Buzz & Jennie Anderson [mailto: buzznjen@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 10:37 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Nobody wants a fragmented trail

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the rail corridor, the worst thing that the RTC could do would be to inadvertently promote a fragmented, narrow trail, but that is precisely what seems to be happening. By continuing with the rail-trail approach the community is going to end up with a costly, inadequate trail that deviates constantly onto unsafe streets. I’m sure the RTC and everyone else does not want that scenario. The community needs a wide, continuous, multi-use trail that can support new technologically advanced forms of personal transportation. The rail-trail cannot do this. You must realize that a train is decades away and in all likelyhood will never happen. Please use Measure D funds to repay the 11 million and find the political will to railbank the corridor and build a TRAIL NOW. The people of Santa Cruz would be eternally grateful!

Thank you,

Buzz Anderson

From: Will Clark [mailto: wclark26@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 11:46 AM
To: info@sccrtc.org
Subject: Letters

Here’s the letter I sent in support of your initiative:

Dear Editor,
I recently was able to drive through LA county in less time than it took me to go from UCSC to Aptos. Daily, our community members are stuck in this traffic quagmire, wasting potential work and family time while spewing toxins into the air. Greenway, an organization funded largely by real estate and agriculture magnates, proposes that we convert existing train tracks into “a scenic bike and pedestrian pathway” with no future rail transit. The volunteer, 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations Friends of the Rail & Trail and the Sierra Club are also proposing a bike and pedestrian pathway, but combined with the future potential for a light-weight “whisper-quiet” commuter train. Please inform yourself by looking at both sides thoroughly, and, especially if you are one of the people affected by traffic, make your voice heard! Talk to friends, neighbors, media and your county supervisors.

William Clark