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Dear RTC Staff,

I'm glad the RTC is undergoing a thoughtful process about transit in the rail corridor. I believe each of the transit options you are considering has pros and cons.

I hope you can include the following considerations into your evaluation.

- Options that can depart from the corridor can be optimized for point to point service to high-volume destinations. Train stations likely won't be near enough to those destinations to preclude the need for inconvenient start/end of trip transfers.
- Vehicles that can exit the corridor can bypass congestion wherever it's feasible to build dedicated lanes. Initially that would be on the rail corridor, but could include other lanes in the future.
- Acceleration/deceleration - because the corridor has many street crossings, it is important that transit vehicles can easily slow down or stop at crossings. Smaller, lighter electric vehicles generally have better profiles which enables them to travel faster between crossings.
- Fault tolerance - during corridor disruptions (e.g. maintenance, storm damage), transit should be flexible enough to reroute as needed while repairs are made.
- Comfort/attractiveness – A CityLab report concluded “people have used the term ‘trains’ to mean ‘good transit’ and ‘buses’ to mean ‘bad transit’” and that this perception is easily overcome (<https://bit.ly/2TvX4gc>). A side-by-side study by the Steer Davies Gleeve Consultancy in Nantes France found that BRT in their transit system was preferred to LRT. (*Do Passengers Prefer BRT or LRT?* <https://trid.trb.org/view/1329756>)

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that the county of Santa Cruz is ready for a passenger rail service. Please support a rail option for all of the economic, environmental, and recreational benefits that it provides.

Thank you,
Lindsey Loperena