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From: Mandy Spitzer <mandy.spitzer@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Transit Corridor <transitcorridora@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Where should I submit comments?

I have been a resident of Santa Cruz County for 40 years. We desperately need good public transportation. We do not need to put a train on our coast. We need the coastal trail - walking, biking, etc., to be completed ASAP.

These are two different matters.

I filled out the online pool about the train. It did not offer a differentiation of train or rail trail. Of course I want people out of their individual cars and into sensible mass transit. I also want to take my grandchildren on a beautiful trail without rain before I die. We have spent way too much money and time so far and have one and a half miles completed. Shame on us.

New York just completed their NY city to Canada trail, finishing 58 miles in three years! We should be so proud.

Thank you for taking this into consideration, Mandy Spitzer

From: Grace Haggerty <glhaggerty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Grace Blakeslee <gblakeslee@sccrtc.org>
Subject: in support of the rail + trail

Hi Grace,

I'm emailing in support of the proposed rail line through Santa Cruz County. This would be a huge improvement in terms of accessibility and mobility in our county, with an enormous public benefit that would have a lasting positive impact on lifestyle, livability, and environment of Santa Cruz County.

Best,
Grace Haggerty

From: sabbey117@everyactioncustom.com <sabbey117@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Sean Abbey and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

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The Santa Cruz community imagines itself as a forward thinking and inclusive one. This is an opportunity to show it actually is. Rail has been shown by each of these studies to be the most climate and community focused option. Rail along the corridor would increase the mobility options of lower income residents and not just be a recreational space for wealthier residents. I ask you to approve rail use along the corridor and authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Sean Abbey, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sean Abbey
8093 E Zayante Rd Felton, CA 95018-8708 sabbey117@outlook.com

From: abbisamuels@everyactioncustom.com <abbisamuels@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:35 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Abbi samuels and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Abbi samuels, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Abbi samuels
620 National St Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6041 abbisamuels@yahoo.com

From: Liz <eruggles@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Cc: Zach Friend <zach.friend@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>
Subject: Trail now

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Hello,

I have sent this email many, many times but see now that another needed to be sent ahead of your super secret meeting on 1/13/2021.

No train the corridor from Watsonville to Davenport - our community has said it loud and clear for years. We want the tracks pulled up and a BRT trail installed. Gravel until it can be paved is fine. Safe crossing at the tresses so we can commute across town is key.

Many of us have invested in electric bikes but feel unsafe riding them in traffic - especially on high tourist days.

The people have spoken and Supervisor Leopold was unseated because of this one issue.

Please listen to us and rip up the tracks and make bike/walking trail from south country through north county. Please.

Sincerely,

Liz Ruggles, Aptos CA

From: da.heafey@everyactioncustom.com <da.heafey@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Damian Heafey and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Damian Heafey, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Damian Heafey

365 Fairmount Ave Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1152 da.heafey@yahoo.com

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From: speeddoggie@everyactioncustom.com <speeddoggie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Mitchell Lettunich and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I am asking the RTC to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay. I believe a rail and trail would best serve the area and accommodate more interests than a trail only.

To reiterate, please consider me, Mitchell Lettunich, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Lettunich
264 Barbara Way Watsonville, CA 95076-1004 speeddoggie@yahoo.com

From: caryn@everyactioncustom.com <caryn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Caryn Simon and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay. I took part in a RTC survey a few years ago and shared my support for Light Rail and my intention to use Light Rail. My District lost a devoted and able public servant, John Leopold, over this issue and misinformation from his opponent.

To reiterate, please consider me, Caryn Simon, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,
Caryn Simon
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
caryn@ebold.com

From: kelseyreneehill@everyactioncustom.com
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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Kelsey Hill and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

We need an electric rail to further our commitment to climate action and to provide sustainable infrastructure for future generations. The time is now; please authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

Don't the few vocal bullies kneecap progress on this issue. People want a rail!

To reiterate, please consider me, Kelsey Hill, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Hill
134 Seaview Ave Apt 3 Santa Cruz, CA 95062-3656 kelseyreneehill@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: barry@everyactioncustom.com <barry@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:00 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Barry Scott and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

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Please realize that the cost profiles in the TCAA are for traditional transit systems and there are more affordable rail vehicle and system options that can be identified in the next phase: development of a business plan and environmental study.

I urge every Commissioner to realize that a Yes vote to accept Light Rail as the Locally Preferred Alternative is not a commitment to implement a costly plan; it's a promise to honor the public process, follow the data, and take the necessary next steps to make an informed decision about how best to use the Transit Corridor for public benefit.

This is not only consistent with voter-approved Measure D funding, it's supported by Caltrans funding and it's the right thing to do.

To reiterate, please consider me, Barry Scott, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barry Scott
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From: erichter@everyactioncustom.com <erichter@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:32 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is eric richter and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please respect the will of the strong voting majority, who have consistently advocated for rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

Thank you
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To reiterate, please consider me, eric richter, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
eric richter

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4622 Fairway Dr Soquel, CA 95073-3037
erichter@giro.com

From: jaakko831@everyactioncustom.com <jaakko831@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:34 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Jaakko Mella and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Jaakko Mella, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jaakko Mella
Aptos, CA 95003
jaakko831@gmail.com

From: rosenberger.kurt@everyactioncustom.com
<rosenberger.kurt@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:04 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Kurt Rosenberger and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

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We need more transit solutions in the county, not fewer. Passenger rail will be the quickest, most efficient, most equitable use of the right of way, and the most successful at preserving it for future generations.

Thank you

Kurt

To reiterate, please consider me, Kurt Rosenberger, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kurt Rosenberger
117 De Anza Ct Soquel, CA 95073-2305
rosenberger.kurt@gmail.com

From: rockinrmb@everyactioncustom.com <rockinrmb@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 6:42 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Robin Belkin and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Rail transit will provide the fastest, most reliable, most equitable, and most climate-friendly public transit to serve our county. Rail transit is also the only option guaranteed to preserve the easement so that trail construction can continue. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Robin Belkin, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Robin Belkin
203 Little Creek Rd Soquel, CA 95073-9401 rockinrmb@yahoo.com

From: neil@everyactioncustom.com <neil@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:43 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Neil Ruud and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Neil Ruud, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Neil Ruud
3180 Redwood Dr Aptos, CA 95003-2517
neil@ruud.media

From: eressler@everyactioncustom.com <eressler@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Eric Ressler and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Eric Ressler, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Eric Ressler
1014 Sumner St Santa Cruz, CA 95062-2542 eressler@gmail.com

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From: Mark Mesiti-Miller <markmesitimiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:25 AM
To: 'Aurelio Gonzalez' <aurelio.gonzalez@cityofwatsonville.org>; 'Sandy Brown' <sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com>; 'Ryan Coonerty' <Ryan.Coonerty@santacruzcounty.us>; bruce.mcpherson@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; manu.koenig@santacruzcounty.us; 'Zach Friend' <zach.friend@santacruzcounty.us>; 'Greg Caput' <greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>; jbertrand@ci.capitola.ca.us; rlj12@comcast.net; 'Michael Rotkin' <openup@ucsc.edu>; eduardo.montesino@cityofwatsonville.org
Cc: dlindslind@earthlink.net; 'Donna Meyers' <dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com>; 'Dan Rothwell' <darothwe@cabrillo.edu>; 'Renee Golder' <rgolder@cityofsantacruz.com>; 'Lowell Hurst' <lowell.hurst@cityofwatsonville.org>; tony.gregorio@santacruzcounty.us; 'Andy Schiffrin' <Andy.Schiffrin@santacruzcounty.us>; Gine Johnson <Gine.Johnson@santacruzcounty.us>; 'Patrick Mulhearn' <patrick.mulhearn@santacruzcounty.us>; dtimm@scottsvally.org; Guy Preston <gpreston@sccrtc.org>; Ginger Dykaar <gdykaar@sccrtc.org>; Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: TRAX Light Rail continues to reduce traffic counts while growth continues

Greetings Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates,

In light of the coming decision, the results of a multi-year longitudinal study on the TRAX light rail system in Salt Lake City seem especially relevant.

1999 - traffic counts before TRAX were 41,000

2004 – traffic counts after TRAX were 23,000

2018 – traffic counts measured were 28,000

All this in spite of significant growth in the corridor.

Read all about it here:

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2021/01/09/why-there-are-fewer-cars/>

Best regards,

Mark

Mark Mesiti-Miller, P.E.

(831) 818-3660

Vice Chair, Friends of the Rail & Trail

Husband, father, grandfather and champion for social, environmental, and economic justice

From: John Kolwe <mgkolwe@bellsouth.net>

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Milestone 3

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Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:33 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Build NOW!

"build Santa Cruz Coastal Trail NOW

Sent from my iPhone

From: pyywakit@everyactioncustom.com <pyywakit@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 1:08 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

My name is Kathleen Troeller and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

To reiterate, please consider me, Kathleen Troeller, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Troeller
1520 Quail Hollow Rd Ben Lomond, CA 95005-9551 pyywakit@comcast.net

From: sc_sharkscove@everyactioncustom.com
<sc_sharkscove@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
Subject: Public Hearing: I Support Electric Rail for the Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear RTC Commissioners,

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Milestone 3

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My name is Lawrence Freitas and I'm writing today to urge you to choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Every study has found passenger rail service to be the best for our community and the environment. Please choose rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative. I also ask you to authorize the RTC staff to develop a passenger rail business plan without any further delay.

I also believe that the Tig-M proposal is the best overall. No third rail or overhead wires would be needed, and having the tracks upgraded to class 2 the only real cost, which would be far less than widening the freeway.

LD Freitas
Aptos

To reiterate, please consider me, Lawrence Freitas, a supporter of rail transit in Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Freitas
522 Harriet Ave Aptos, CA 95003-3706
sc_sharkscove@peoplepc.com
