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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:03:06 PM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 26...  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 11:09:02 AM

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**From:** [Krista Corwin](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on item 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:28:38 PM

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This is my comment. -KC

**From:** [Jean Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Jean Anderson](#); [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** I support item #26  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:06:04 PM

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**From:** [Bryn Loosley](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** In support of rail banking  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:40:38 AM

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**From:** [keith schuler](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Item #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 4:33:37 AM

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**From:** [Aleah True](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Item #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 12:13:02 PM

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**Subject:** Item #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 4:44:08 AM

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Real Estate Broker  
Please excuse the brevity  
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Mobile- 1 408 391-1787

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**From:** [Michael Parisi](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Item 26 support  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:38:33 AM

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**Michael James Parisi – Marketing Director**  
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**From:** [Bill Gray](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Item 26  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:45:30 PM

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Please continue to "pause" the continuation of rail development. It is past time to recognize that further rail development is counter to the transportation interests and needs of the region. Let us move forward to bank the rail and use the RR right away for a trail. If a future generation is smarter than us, or if the demographics change markedly, then develop a rail alternative.

Thank you,

Bill Gray  
1440 Prospect Ave  
Capitola

**From:** [Dave- Gmail](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Item 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:43:09 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** New submission from Contact Form  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 12:21:23 PM

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This Contact Request Form has been submitted by a member of the public to <http://sccrtc.org/contact-us/>.

<b>Name</b>
Dave Steinbruner
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<a href="mailto:ki6tkb@yahoo.com">ki6tkb@yahoo.com</a>
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**Subject:** No train YES trail  
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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#); [aurelio.gonzalez@cityofwatsonville.org](#); [sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com](#); [Bertrand. Jacques](#); [eduardo.montesino@cityofwatsonville.org](#); [greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](#); [ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us](#); [Bruce McPherson](#); [Gine Johnson](#); [Patrick Mulhearn](#); [Zach Friend](#); [Andy Schiffrin](#); [ladykpetersen@gmail.com](#); [Manu Koenig](#); [Randy Johnson](#); [openup@cats.ucsc.edu](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not vote on Item 25 and please support the interim trail for Segment 12 on Item 26  
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**Subject:** Please vote YES on 26  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:38:21 PM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Gregory Becker](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on Agenda Item 26!  
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**Subject:** Public Comment. Rail bank the tracks, build interim trail, revisit when funds become available.  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:47:23 PM

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**From:** [james cook](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Rail bank  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:11:40 PM

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**Subject:** rail trail  
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thank you, Will Cassilly 1000 Pau Hana Dr Soquel CA 95073

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**From:** [Julia Martin](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** rail trail  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 1:06:54 PM

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## **YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now**

**From:** [William Martin](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** RAIL TRAIL  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 12:56:49 PM

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YES ON ITEM 26 TO RAILBANK NOW PLEASE



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YES ON ITEM 26 TO RAILBANK NOW PLEASE

**From:** [Donald Schwartz](#)  
**To:** [Brian Peoples](#)  
**Cc:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#); [Sarah Christensen](#); [Guy Preston](#); [Matt Machado](#); [Zach Friend](#); [Patrick Mulhearn](#); [Manu Koenig](#); [jacques.bertrand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacques.bertrand@sbcglobal.net); [rj12@comcast.net](mailto:rj12@comcast.net); [Bruce McPherson](#); [Gine Johnson](#); [jimmy.dutra@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:jimmy.dutra@cityofwatsonville.org); [openup@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:openup@cats.ucsc.edu); [sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com); [ladykpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:ladykpetersen@gmail.com); [Alex Clifford](#)  
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Brian Peoples speaks for me.

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** RTC meeting May 6 Agenda item 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 5:58:40 AM

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**YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail**

**From:** [Craig Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** RTC meeting May 6 Agenda item 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 5:58:40 AM

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**From:** [Mike Kelley](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz rail trail  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 4:22:01 PM

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**Subject:** Trail now!  
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**From:** [Gina Colfer](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Trail NOW  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 5:03:42 PM

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Good Day RTC,

I would like to comment on the Rail Trail and endorse you to vote yes on item 26 to railbank the tracks and build a trail now. It does not need to be to involved. Pull the tracks and ties and sell them, grade the area and put down decomposed gravel. I also think having sponsorships or adopt a trail could get the community/neighborhoods involved in caretaking their stretch of trail.

This county will never have the population to support a train and a good portion of the traffic comes from Monterey County and also travels over HWY 17.

Please consider my comments.

Thank you,  
Gina Bella Colfer  
Life long Aptos Resident

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**From:** [Dan](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Trail  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:20:30 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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**Subject:** Trail  
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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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**From:** [Daniel Spero](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Vote for trail only!  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:18:13 AM

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Yes on item#26!

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**From:** [Daniel Spero](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Vote for trail only!  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:18:13 AM

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**From:** [Tanya and Tony Bennett](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Voting YES on 26 for Trail  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:48:23 PM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes in 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:51:57 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:11:24 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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**Subject:** Yes on 26 / New protected bike/pedestrian path between Soquel Dr / Highway 1 to Freedom Blvd  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:24:40 AM

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**From:** [Peter Cook](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26 please!!!!!!!!!!!!  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:34:07 AM

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**From:** [JOAN STEELE](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Joni Steele](#)  
**Subject:** YES on 26!!!  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:37:01 AM

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Dear RTC,  
Please vote YES on 26 at the upcoming RTC meeting. PLEASE!!!  
Joni and Dan Steele  
Capitola

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:43:12 PM

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I can't wait to take my family on bike rides through the most beautiful route in town, rail bank and build interim trail now!

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**From:** [Jennifer Mott](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES on 26!  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:54:31 AM

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I vote YES ON 26 in favor of rail banking and building an interim coastal trail now.

Thanks,  
Jennifer Mott

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Brian Friel](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26!  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 9:21:46 AM

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Brian Friel  
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**From:** [Walter J Smith](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26!  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 6:48:14 AM

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Yes on #26! Railbank and Build Interim Trail Now!

Thank You All!

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Walter J Smith  
mrjest@fastmail.com

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**From:** [Lindsay Linden](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:52:35 AM

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## **YES ON 26; Railbank and build interim trail now.**

Thank you,  
Lindsay Linden  
Soquel 95073

**From:** [Kristin Tosello](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:07:42 AM

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Please vote yes on 26 and let's get this trail built!

**From:** [Kristin Tosello](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:07:42 AM

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Please vote yes on 26 and let's get this trail built!

**From:** [Selesa](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:02:26 AM

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Good morning,

Please note my vote of YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now.

Thank you!

~ Selesa Webster

**From:** [Selesa](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:02:26 AM

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Good morning,

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Thank you!

~ Selesa Webster



**From:** [Brian Peoples](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:11:12 PM

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RTC,

Please approve #26 and direct RTC Staff to move forward with an interim trail design and railbank the Coastal Corridor.

Best regards,

Brian Peoples  
Trail Now

**From:** [Bonnie](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:47:29 AM

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Please create this now for the community's health and happiness. It's surprising how far behind other forward thinking communities we are lagging

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**From:** [Bonnie](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 9:22:20 AM

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Yes on 26 Railbank & build interim trail now:)

Kym Olivas  
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Yes on 26 Railbank & build interim trail now:)

Kym Olivas  
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**From:** [Michael Bryant](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 3:21:57 PM

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**Railbank and build interim trail now.**

Thank you,

Michael Bryant  
513 Sumner Ave  
Aptos

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**From:** [Michael Bryant](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
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**Railbank and build interim trail now.**

Thank you,

Michael Bryant  
513 Sumner Ave  
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**From:** [Kent Thrasher](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:47:44 AM

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Please vote yes on 26.

Thanks

**From:** [Kent Thrasher](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:47:44 AM

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Please vote yes on 26.

Thanks

**From:** [Rick Bar](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 6:34:36 PM

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Please vote YES on 26!

Thanks

Rick Bar

**From:** [Rick Bar](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
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Please vote YES on 26!

Thanks

Rick Bar

**From:** [Joe](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:08:09 AM

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Please vote yes on 26! We need a trail now.

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:31:45 AM

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**From:** [Tom](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:32:30 AM

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Hello RTC,

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Tom Livingston  
313 Rea Ridge Rd.  
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**From:** [Tom](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:03:50 PM

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**From:** [Simon Cassar](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:03:50 PM

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**From:** [Sean Clark](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim Coastal Trail  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:59:16 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Elizabeth Park](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim Coastal Trail  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:40:20 AM

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David Schutz & Elizabeth Park  
4445 Trout Gulch Rd  
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D: 408-234-8180  
E: 408-318-3003



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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim Coastal Trail".  
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**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 6:03:56 AM

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Sincerely,  
John Benza  
710 La Honda Ct  
Aptos CA 95003  
650-387-9554

**From:** [JJB@benzafamily.com](mailto:JJB@benzafamily.com)  
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**From:** [Heather Troy](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 2:01:08 PM

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Ted Lorek wants the trail built NOW!  
He died on our streets because there was not a trail. Build the fill trail corridor now!!



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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now - Thank you!  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 6:21:30 PM

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**From:** [Ames](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now - Thank you!  
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**From:** [Woutje Swets](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:21:04 AM

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Dear People,  
Please vote YES on item #26 and get this lovely scenic trail built. This has been dragging on for nearly 10 years. Enough is enough.  
Please vote YES on Item 26!  
Thank you,  
Wouterina Swets

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**From:** [TMA Kellogg](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26. Railbank and build interim trail now  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 5:09:43 PM

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YES ON 26. Railbank and build interim trail now. This is our moment to finally move forward on building a trail instead of the endless expensive studies.

Bicyclist for 62 years,  
Tom Kellogg  
Aptos

**From:** [Clark, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 7:11:32 AM  
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I support Yes on 26 . Good for the community and the environment .

Steve Clark

### Steve Clark

Vice President, Labor Relations

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**From:** [frank.wessels](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** yes on 26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 3:02:37 PM

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Hello, I am a resident of south county, and I am writing to express my interest in a biking and walking trail on the existing train tracks.. I think it is the best idea, that would be the most coast efficient. The folks of south county want to exercise, bike, walk their dogs, etc on a safe scenic trail, just like folks on the west side of Santa Cruz do. It is an issue of equity. To address public transportation needs, we should augment our existing bus system, and explore a future system near Highway 1. The use of the rail line for some new trains is a noisy expensive waste, and I think it is not what working class residents of south county want. Please vote yes on 26.

thank you,  
Frank Wessels



**From:** [Trail Now](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** YES ON 26  
**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:53:55 PM

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## **YES ON 26: RAILBANK AND BUILD INTERIM TRAIL NOW**

Item #26 for RTC meeting on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the next step in opening the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor as a transportation resource. To ensure the Coastal Corridor remains a taxpayer-owned property, allows for mass transit options in the future, and enables use of corridor TODAY as a trail, the railroad must be railbanked. Item #26 will allow for the corridor to be railbanked and, most

**important, initiate construction of an interim Coastal Trail.**

**Please send emails to [info@scrtc.org](mailto:info@scrtc.org) by Wednesday noon and request "YES ON 26, Railbank and build interim trail now".**



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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on 26  
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I support Yes on 26 . Good for the community and the environment .

Steve Clark

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes On Agenda Item #26  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:47:17 AM

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**From:** [Donald Hicks](#)  
**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
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Donald Hicks, La Selva Beach

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on item# 26 -build trail now!  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:36:59 AM

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**Subject:** Yes on rail banking  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:38:51 AM

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**To:** [Regional Transportation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Yes vote, Item #26 for RTC meeting on Thursday, May 6th.  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:01:30 AM

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Liz Ruggles  
Aptos, CA

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Greg Becker  
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