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Subject: Re: Recreational Tourist Train along entire Coastal Corridor - 2022 RTC Goal?

Dear SCCRTC,

The citizens of Santa Cruz County can only wish that the staff of the RTC was as vigorous and tenacious in working to fulfill the community's need for a active transportation trail as they are to create a tourist attraction.

Without question, agenda Item #16 of the June 3rd meeting should be removed.

It appears that RTC commissioners need to give clear direction to staff what priorities our community seeks.

What our community seeks is everyday transportation for families and workers to get stores and job sites. It is a alternative to Highway 1 congestion and the consumption of CO2 producing transportation. It is a wide, flat, safe, car-free active transportation highway.

It is not a tourist train.

Respectfully,
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On Thursday, May 27, 2021, 6:53:58 PM CDT, Brian Peoples <brian@trailnow.org> wrote:

Mr. Mendez,

Reviewing RTC Agenda for Thursday, June 3rd, Item #16 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Work Program) you identify an objective to "work with rail service operators on the development of additional recreational rail service throughout the entire rail line by June 2022" (attached).

We oppose a recreational rail service along the entire rail line and are interested to understand if this means RTC is in negotiations with any new rail operator to perform recreational service or advertising for a new tourist train operator?

If there are current negotiations, we request that it be disclosed. If there are no plans for recreational service along the entire rail line, due to other Coastal Corridor efforts, aka Segment 12/Capitola Trestle Interim Trail, we recommend that you remove this from the FY21-22 Work Program.

Best regards,

Brian Peoples
Trail Now