

From: [Heidy](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: 2022 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List and the 2016 Measure D five-year spending plans
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:35:12 PM

Dear RTC,

Your May 5 hearing offers a unique opportunity to consider a request I have made previously and will again here. I am a resident along Section 11 and have muscular dystrophy. My medical and transportation needs differ from able-bodied individuals.

If you were to meet me, you would not see my disability. Disease progression is mercifully slow. I also devote about 20 hours a week doing everything I can to remain as healthy as possible. Topping my medical interventions are sleep (essential medicine for all people, but non-negotiable for me) and safety.

The outcome of the latest Measure D, and any decision about the corridor, will likely have direct consequences on my health. I haven't taken a formal position, however, because informed decision-making is not possible due to the lack of information. This impacts you, too.

We need a public safety evaluation for all options. Designs lacking basic public safety strategies waste time and money and increase constituent stress. As it stands, any plan that comes forward will have deep shortcomings, especially for some of the very people RTC is trying to serve. Ease of moving around the county is certainly desirable, but if I can't be healthy at home, it doesn't make a bit of difference.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with our police chief. He has not been engaged by the RTC to assess impacts to the department. Why?

Have any public safety experts been consulted?

When local municipal budgets will be impacted, getting ahead of this and bringing on trained experts makes sense. Please do so.

Best Regards,

Heidy Kellison

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From: [Teresa Leopold](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: Measure D comment AND Unmet Transit Needs
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:11:28 AM

RTC Commissioners,

I will be brief. As a transportation planner in this community for thirty years, working towards the most sustainable and equitable transportation options for our community, **I am in FULL support of what you are calling the ULTIMATE Rail AND Trail design option for our rail corridor and support Measure D funding for this project.** The public will vote in June for how to develop this corridor and this action of yours today, especially should you support the Interim Trail option, seems premature and disrespectful to the community. In addition, the Interim Trail option, when fully developed back into a rail and trail, will cost the community far more money than just doing the right thing now. **Build the Trail as planned, Keep the Rail.**

Also, and related, you are ironically having a public hearing on unmet transit needs for the elderly and those living with disabilities. Having the current rail-trail developed and moving forward and keeping the rail corridor for FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSIT for the entire community is critical, especially for those traveling the distance between north and south counties.

Thank you,
Teresa Buika

From: [John Kevin Rothwell](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: My Contribution to 2022 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:09:06 PM

I am responding to the email below soliciting contributions to your unmet transit needs list.

PLEASE implement bus service in the Felton from the intersection of Graham Hill Road and East Zayante all the way to Lompico. The roads in this area are too narrow and therefore far too dangerous for bicycles.

The communities of Olympia, Zayante, and Lompico are virtually without public transit options, imposing a cruel burden in particular on families with adolescent and teenage children. Unfortunately the net result is boredom and resultant substance abuse by these young people. Please help them!

Thank you,

John Kevin Rothwell

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From: Regional Transportation Commission <info@sccrtc.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 10:50:20 AM PDT
Subject: RTC Seeking Input on Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs and on 2016 Measure D Spending Plans for Highway 1 and the Coastal Rail Trail



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Public Input Sought on Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs and on 2016 Measure D Spending Plans for Highway 1 and the Coastal Rail Trail

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is holding two public hearings at its Thursday, May 5, 2022 meeting via Zoom (*see meeting [agenda](#) for login details*) to receive public input on the [2022 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List](#) and to receive public input on options for spending voter-approved **2016 Measure D revenues** on Highway Corridor projects and Active Transportation/Coastal Rail Trail interim trail or ultimate trail scenarios.

The hearing to receive input on the [2022 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List](#) will begin no sooner than 9:30 a.m. and will be preceded by a staff presentation. The focus of the list is on transit and paratransit needs of seniors, people with disabilities, and/or people with limited means. Unmet transit and paratransit needs are those which are not being met by the current public transit system, have community support, and do not duplicate transit services provided publicly or privately. The Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List is a tool to identify transit and paratransit needs, services, and project funding priorities for future State Transit Assistance (STA), Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Transportation Development Act (TDA), State of Good Repair (SGR), Federal Transit Administration 5310 (FTA5310), Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All, greenhouse gas reduction grants, and other funds.

The hearing to receive input on options for using [2016 voter-approved Measure D](#) revenues will begin no sooner than 10:30 a.m. and will be preceded by a staff presentation. The RTC will consider using revenues for Coastal Rail Trail, Highway 1, and traveler assistance projects, including possible financing to expedite project delivery. Measure D revenues are expected to be used to leverage state and federal grants.

The RTC will consider programming additional Measure D funds for the following:

- **Highway Corridor:** Highway 1 Freedom Boulevard to State Park Drive auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder facilities
- **Active Transportation/Coastal Rail Trail:** Segments 7-12 from the City of Santa Cruz to Rio Del Mar Boulevard in Aptos for either the Interim Trail (trail on the rail line) option or Ultimate Trail (trail next to the rail line) option. Should the Commission decide to program Measure D funds for an Interim Trail, a process called "railbanking" would be required to remove the railroad tracks.

The deadline for written comments on the 2022 Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs List and the 2016 Measure D five-year spending plans is **noon** on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Comments can be emailed to info@sccrtc.org, or mailed to 1101 Pacific Ave., Ste. 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Oral comments may also be provided to the RTC board during the public hearing. Staff reports and login details are available in the meeting [agenda](#).

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From: [Crissa Kentavr](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Ultimate trail
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:52:54 AM

This letter is in support of the Ultimate Trail item.

Don't waste our money with railbanking. Build the trail along side the rail. We need the rail to meet the other agenda item: to meet unmet paratransit needs. Being able to go from walkable, accessible village to village on rail would give more access to recreation and free up paratransit from those commuting demands.

-Stacey Croft-Patterson
Ben Lomond

From: [ANDREA RATTO](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: Re: unmet needs for disabled and seniors and Measure F
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:51:56 AM

How about beefing up our Metro with vans fitted with wheelchair assist devices to provide more service for these folks? Can use some Measure D money for this

As to trail by rail we will never support a sales tax increase to construct a single track electric train that will not significantly ease traffic on highway one at all, will take more time when considering driving to train station(most of us would drive), waiting for the train(at its most efficient could not run a train more than once per hour due to single track), then having to wait for a bus or two to take you to desired location. As to the exorbitant cost it will bankrupt our always precarious financial stability in this small overpriced community. Having grown up in the Bay Area I didn't own a car until I was 23 as bus transit was so efficient. Perhaps Measure D money can be used to put electric vans on the road via Metro system which would be cleaner and more efficient. With the exception of bus to university and Cabrillo most seem like large empty buses, inefficient for our transportation patterns

Andrea Ratto

Santa Cruz county resident for 47 years, having lived in both south and north county

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