



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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RE: SUPPORT AS WRITTEN - SB457 (PORTANTINO) - HOUSEHOLD VEHICLE REDUCTION TAX CREDIT

Dear Assemblymember Stone, Senator Laird, and Governor Newsom:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) requests your support for SB457 - Household Vehicle Reduction Tax Credit. The RTC views this bill as a good tool for incentivizing mode shift. As an urbanized area with good transit service, quality active transportation infrastructure, and a variety of medium to high-density land uses, the RTC believes that the region's existing infrastructure supports alternative transportation.

Santa Cruz County has ambitious environmental protection and emission reduction goals. Therefore, the RTC encourages the passage of legislation that is consistent with agency goals and makes a reasonable effort to increase sustainable transportation mode share. The RTC will continue to support efforts that increase funding for programs that promote environmental sustainability and improve public health.

This legislation is a significant next step in transportation policy that could meaningfully transform how residents choose to commute and travel to jobs, schools, errands, and local recreational opportunities. Shifting travel behavior to more sustainable modes requires creative and persuasive methods that make alternative transportation competitive against the personal automobile. SB457 aims to achieve this balance and deserves your support.

We look forward to working with you and other stakeholders to create a safer and more sustainable transportation system. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Guy Preston at 831-460-3200 or gpreston@sccrtc.org.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brown
SCCRTC Chair

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