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RTC,

We do not recommend approval with the \$3 million contract for a concept design for an electric passenger rail along the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor. In addition to losing our beautiful historical trestles, the primary reason not to fund \$3 million for a concept design of a fixed rail along the Coastal Corridor is because the California Coastal Commission will never approve construction of this new fixed rail system along the Coastal Bluff. In 2021/22, the California Coastal Commission has denied all Coastal bluff request by Santa Cruz County (Manresa culvert repair, Davenport Seawall, Local Coastal Plan) evidence that no fixed rail system will be approved along the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor. Therefore, spending \$3 million on more rail studies and concept designs is poor public policy.

Best regards,

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