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Subject: Public Comment re: RTC Item #9 on January 12, 2023 Regular Agenda (Purchase of 7992 Soquel Drive Property in Aptos)

Dear Regional Transportation Commissioners,

RE: Regular Agenda Item #9

Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement for acquisition of 7992 Soquel Drive for Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 Project

I am concerned about how the RTC will preserve the historic structures and their context upon assuming ownership of the property at 7992 Soquel Drive in Aptos, and request your response. I am not able to participate in the January 12, 2023 Commission meeting.

The structures, built in 1916 and 1950, are on the Santa Cruz County Historic Register.

The Staff Report states that upon completion of the Project, it is expected that the residence remaining can be either repurposed or sold. This implies that the 1950's-era garage / shop structure will be demolished. This will potentially alter the historic context of both the property and remaining 1916 historic structure.

This also begs the question of what exactly does the RTC mean by "repurposing" the historic 1916 structure?

Will the RTC seek review of the planned Project impacts on the property by the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission as part of the CEQA and NEPA review prior to beginning Project construction?

Please preserve the historic qualities and significance of the 7992 Soquel Drive property as the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus on Shoulder from State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard and Coastal Trail Segment 12 Project proceeds.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner