

From: mchesselet@yahoo.com
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: RTC SUPPORT FOR METRO
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:00:46 AM

Dear commissioners,

We are writing to express our strong support for RTC support for METRO plans for Santa Cruz County.

As regular users of Metro facing diminishing mobility and committed to public transportation for all, we urge you to direct funding as needed to METRO projects.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: [Bryan Largay](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: Support for Felton/SLV Schools Complete Streets Enhancement
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:16:38 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I write to urge your support for the proposed project “Felton/SLV Schools Complete Streets Enhancement.” This essential project will make a big difference in the day to day lives of many students and families. It will make it safer to walk, bike and take the bus to school. It will reduce traffic congestion for working families. Thank you to RTC staff for developing and advancing this project.

The project has been recommended to receive \$1.8M in funding. The requested funding amount was \$2.3M. I urge the commission to approve at least the \$1.8M award. I encourage the commission to consider awarding the full \$2.3M.

The reasons to support this project, and consider increasing the award are as follows:

- * 2000 students attend the three schools served by the project.
- * Vehicle - pedestrian accidents are common on this section of Highway 9
- * Unsafe conditions have resulted in a fatality
- * It has been 10 years since the initial ‘bus tour’ with RTC, Caltrans and County staff to visit this area, but only very minor improvements such as signage have been made

For these reasons, this project is more worthy of full funding than many of the projects on the list that are recommended for full funding. Spending Measure D funds, in effect, subsidizes lower priority projects on the list, while reducing the opportunity to leverage Measure D funds for future projects.

It is evident that the main reason to spend funds from Measure D is because of the perception that they are there for the purpose of matching grant funds. However, those funds are needed to match grants from state and federal sources.

* Spending \$500,000 from Measure D will deplete a large portion of this very limited source of funds, which is intended to extend over 30 years.

* Measure D funds will be desperately needed to match Caltrans grants.

* About \$100M in pedestrian safety improvements have been identified in plans for the Highway 9 corridor.

We need to reserve the Measure D funds to bring funding in from outside the County.

Thank you, again, to RTC Staff, Committees and the Commissioners for the excellent work supporting pedestrian safety in the San Lorenzo Valley and throughout our county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan Largay

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From: [Joe Martinez](#)
To: [Regional Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: RTC: Revised Agenda - December 07, 2023 Item #25
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:14:13 PM

Commissioners,

Please do the right thing and provide NO funds to RTC's Passenger Rail project. I ask that funds be allocated to convert the Capitola Trestle into a trail.

Regards,

Jose Martinez



December 4th, 2023

The Honorable Manu Koenig, Chair
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1101 Pacific Av., Suite 250
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Support for 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program & Murphy's Crossing

Dear SCCRTC Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program staff recommendation to fund the Murphy Road resurfacing project. As an owner of Royal Oaks Farms LLC, I rely on Murphy's Crossing to safely commute or transport our berries to market. The current condition of the road is simply unacceptable. It is riddled with potholes and cracks, making it difficult and dangerous to drive on.

Murphy's Crossing is not just a vital transportation link for farmers, it is also a vital route for farmworkers that reside at Murphy's Crossing, cyclists and important connection between Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Resurfacing Murphy's Crossing would make it safer for cars, farming equipment and trucks and agricultural fruit and vegetables that form the backbone of the local economy. It would benefit everyone in our community.

I urge you to support the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program & funding for Murphy Crossing resurfacing. This is a much-needed investment in our community's infrastructure that would have a positive impact on the lives of everyone who uses the road.

Sincerely,

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Mara Miller
Vice President of Operations
Royal Oaks Farms LLC

Cc:
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors



December 5, 2023

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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RE: RTC Agenda Item 25, Adoption of the 2023 Consolidated Grants Program, Senate Bill (SB) 125 Transit Funding Grants Program and Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Commissioners and Interim Executive Director Mendez,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recently revised (12/4/23) staff report and recommendations for the SB125 Transit portion of the Consolidated Grants Program.

Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail and Trail (FORT) enthusiastically supported the original staff recommendation of \$8.5 million for the RTC's Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project. This rail transit project is fully consistent with SB125 goals and guidelines, which FORT worked on directly with our state legislators and statewide coalitions; and which is part of an essential transformation of how people will move around our county and California into the future.

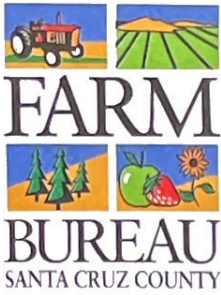
The purpose of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) is to "fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion." Coalition efforts, supported by FORT, resulted in allowing some of these funds to be allocated, during this funding cycle, to transit operations. This adjustment will be helpful to transit agencies suffering from Covid-era impacts, including our own Metro. We support Metro in this, and in implementing its upcoming systemwide update.

We appreciate the efforts of RTC staff to respond to FORT's consistent position that staff recommendations need to include both Metro and RTC transit projects in order to achieve funding sources' and regional objectives. To that end, **FORT supports the revised staff recommendation of \$2 million for the RTC's Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project.** We look forward to the RTC's continuing efforts to leverage these funds toward full funding of the current design and environmental phase of the project, and beyond.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our comments and for the Commission's ongoing attention to citizen and community involvement in its important decisions.

Sincerely,

Matt Farrell
Chair, Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail and Trail



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December 1, 2023

The Honorable Manu Koenig, Chair
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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RE: Support for 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program & Murphy's Crossing

Dear SCCRTC Board Members,

I am writing to express our strong support for the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program staff recommendation to fund the Intercounty Routes Resurfacing Project, that includes Murphy's Crossing. Our members rely on Murphy's Crossing to safely commute to their farms and haul product to market. The current condition of the road is simply unacceptable. It is riddled with potholes and cracks, making it difficult and dangerous to drive on.

Murphy's Crossing is a vital transportation link for farmers and farmworkers, as it is an important connection between Santa Cruz and Monterey County farmlands. Agriculture is the major component of the economy in the area served by Murphy Crossing.

Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau asks for your support the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program and funding for Murphy Crossing resurfacing. This is a much-needed investment in our community's infrastructure that would have a positive impact on the lives of everyone who uses the road.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Webb, President

CC: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

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December 4, 2023

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

1523 Pacific Avenue

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Support for 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program & Murphy's Crossing

Dear SCCRTC Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program staff recommendation to fund the Murphy Road resurfacing project. As a longtime resident, owner farmer throughout the Pajaro Valley, our company relies on Murphy's Crossing to safely transport our vegetables to market. The current condition of the road is simply unacceptable. It is riddled with potholes and cracks, making it difficult and dangerous to drive on. I am embarrassed every time I drive the smooth resurfaced Monterey County side of the crossing and then drive on the disastrous Santa Cruz County side. It is a blatant example of the lack of appreciation that Santa Cruz County shows our farming community as this road is the most important conduit for our farmers in South County. Murphy's Crossing is not just a vital transportation link for farmers, it is also a vital route for farmworkers to commute to work daily. More than 1,000 farmworkers use that road every day during the summer. Resurfacing Murphy's Crossing would make it safer for cars, farming equipment and trucks, and agricultural fruit and vegetables that form the backbone of the local economy. It would benefit everyone who uses the road. Please show us in South County that you appreciate the contribution that agriculture gives to the county daily by fixing this road, which is less than one mile!

I urge you to support the 2023 SCCRTC Consolidated Grant Program and funding for Murphy's Crossing resurfacing. This is a much-needed investment in our community's infrastructure that would have a positive impact on the lives for everyone who uses the road.

Sincerely,

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Dick Peixoto