

Support for integrated transportation future

The California Coastal Commission “supports the recommended locally preferred alternative of electric passenger rail.”

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County supports “the recommended locally preferred alternative of electric passenger rail on the Santa Cruz Branch Line, connecting Santa Cruz with Watsonville and Pajaro.” At their meeting last week, the RTC voted to support rail for our corridor, but the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis plan also included pulsed bus service to allow riders to move easily from the rail stops to the big job centers like UCSC, Cabrillo, and the medical complex on Soquel.

Thank you commissioners Brown, Caput, Gonzales, Montesino and Rotkin, as well as alternates Schiffrin, Myers, Mulhearn and Johnson for planning for an integrated transportation future that includes rail, bus, bikes and more.

— *Tina Andreatta, Aptos*