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RE: Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)

Recently the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) rejected a business plan for the design, construction and operation of a passenger rail line and trail along the 32-mile existing line from Davenport to Watsonville.

The vote on this multi-modal transportation plan spotlights the difficulty communities have in developing new and innovative means of transportation in the face of special interest groups and regional political action.

This is a textbook example of how localized planning for transportation disproportionately affects low-income communities, disabled and aging communities, and other populations facing inequities.

Abandoning the long sought out goal of a multi-modal public rail and trail system as the state transitions to zero emission vehicles will disproportionately impact low-income residents ability to access jobs, education, and other opportunities in Santa Cruz County.

I ask that the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) address the ability for localized political interests to block transit plans that will directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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