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Hey Neighbors

FORT is a pro freight org co-opted by the energy industry to get the freight rail built because the easiest way to strip mine Monterey bay is from our north county as far as the politics long term. They have a genuine political operative on their board. I recognize my own.

This aside, the federal 19M RAISE grant and change funding the overages on segments 9-11 was awarded will 99.9% be redirected at the September Fed meeting. The ZEPRT report is also set to be released in September. Five months at worst we will have the data we need to make informed decisions.

Our grant doesn't expire until 2027. Monterey has had a similar ATP grant extended twice. The first two extensions are rubber stamps. Ask staff. Our grant has only been extended once.

SLO famously took over a decade worth of extensions to get the Bob Jones Trail built. Cost 12M a mile and I've heard their ED lament how disappointing it is it was so expensive. We are at 25M a mile iirc.

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article302536779.html>

As the Bob Jones Trail demonstrates, CTC wants to collaborate with communities and provide extensions while they work through these kind of issues, even if it takes a decade.

The false sense of hurry and pressure is a tactic used to force through projects that are highly likely to be voted down once all the data is released. Hence delaying the report yet again even though it is completed. The delay is solely to guarantee folks like y'all don't

base your decision on the ZEPRT report because it's obvious these diversions are a terrible idea once you've read said report.

Move to postpone this decision 5 months until the RTC has its ducks in a ROW.

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