

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: January 26, 2023

From: City Manager Department

Subject: Letter of Support for Zero Emission Rail Transit & Trail Project

Recommended Action: Authorize Mayor Keiser to sign a letter of support for the Zero Emission Rail Transit & Trail Project.

Background: The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) submitted a request for a letter of support from the City of Capitola for the Zero Emission (ZE) Rail Transit & Trail Project on January 12, 2023. The letter may be included in multiple future grant applications as RTC pursues funding sources for this project.

Discussion: The ZE Rail Transit & Trail Project proposes new high-capacity passenger service and stations on approximately 22 miles of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, from the City of Santa Cruz to the Union Pacific Coast Route. The project also proposes to construct 13 miles of Coastal Rail Trail Segments 13-20 (as defined in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan) primarily within the rail right-of-way from Rio Del Boulevard, through the community of La Selva and City of Watsonville, to Pajaro in northern Monterey County. Additional information can be found on the fact sheet included as an attachment to this report.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the City related to the submission of the letter of support.

Attachments:

1. Project Fact Sheet
2. Proposed Letter of Support

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