

## Natisha Williams

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**From:** Stephanie Hansen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam; SustainabilityUpdate  
**Cc:** Josh Diaz  
**Subject:** RE: Rezoning of Portola drive

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Thank you for your comment.

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**From:** Josh Diaz <jfdiaz68@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>; Stephanie Hansen <Stephanie.Hansen@santacruzcounty.us>  
**Subject:** Rezoning of Portola drive

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Hi,

I live in Pleasure Point, on 35th Ave near Portola Drive. I understand there is a plan to rezone Portola drive between 36th and 41st to allow for high density housing.

I wanted you to know I fully support the rezoning of Portola Drive to allow higher density housing and mixed-use. I think it will improve walkability and the character of the neighborhood, and more housing availability will stabilize rents.

I do think bike and pedestrian infrastructure needs to be improved on Portola, especially if new housing is built. The bus service could be improved as well.

Overall, I just wanted to write to you to show my support for all of the rezoning listed in the Sustainability Update for Portola Drive.

-Joshua Diaz

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**From:** Stephanie Hansen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** SustainabilityUpdate  
**Subject:** FW: Reasonable housing limits in Pleasure Point

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**From:** Lyn Hood <graphitecritters@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2022 6:40 PM  
**To:** Matt Machado <Matt.Machado@santacruzcounty.us>; Stephanie Hansen <Stephanie.Hansen@santacruzcounty.us>; Jamie Sehorn <Jamie.Sehorn@santacruzcounty.us>; Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>; Manu Koenig <Manu.Koenig@santacruzcounty.us>  
**Subject:** Reasonable housing limits in Pleasure Point

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I support Save Pleasure Point's position on reasonable limits on new housing units in Pleasure Point. State number mandates do not mean that the County once again dumps high density housing in Pleasure Point and Live Oak.

We do not have the water or infrastructure for this and we do not have the jobs in this area to make it reasonable for new residents to walk, bike or take the bus to work. More parking for any new units is needed as are requiring charging stations.

Developers should also not be able to buy their way out of height limits, limits on the number of allowed units, low income units and number of required parking spaces.

Respectfully,  
Lyn Hood  
Resident of Santa Cruz County for 44 years

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**From:** Wondimu Mengistu <WMengistu@scmttd.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:08 AM  
**To:** SustainabilityUpdate  
**Cc:** Michael Tree; Matt Machado; Stephanie Hansen  
**Subject:** Santa Cruz METRO Supports the Santa Cruz County Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update (Sustainability Update)  
**Attachments:** Santa Cruz METRO supports the Santa Cruz County Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update.pdf  
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Santa Cruz County Community Development & Infrastructure,

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) is writing attached letter to you today to voice our support for the Santa Cruz County Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update (Sustainability Update).

METRO appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft Access and Mobility Element of the Santa Cruz County General Plan. METRO supports the vision of the Access & Mobility Element and the land use and transportation planning being done in a coordinated fashion, and highlights three important points in the attached letter.

Thank you for the work and effort already put into this Sustainability Update. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at 831- 420-2501 or [mtree@scmttd.com](mailto:mtree@scmttd.com).

Sincerely,

**Wondimu Mengistu**  
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**Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD)**  
110 Vernon Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

# Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District



August 30, 2022

Planning Commission  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: SUPPORT for the Santa Cruz County Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update (Sustainability Update)

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft Access and Mobility Element of the Santa Cruz County General Plan. The transit agency SUPPORTS the vision of the Access & Mobility Element, and appreciates the land use and transportation planning being done in a coordinated fashion. METRO would like to highlight three points:

- Housing is desperately needed in Santa Cruz County, especially affordable and work force housing. High density housing and high density commercial and office developments should be planned on key corridors where high quality transit (defined as 15 minute headways or better) is being planned. As provided in the draft Access & Mobility Element, these housing options should include compact housing, infill development, and mixed use commercial development. METRO is actively engaged in planning and near future implementation of high quality transit in Santa Cruz County.
- High quality transportation corridors in Santa Cruz County won't just be intercity. While METRO plans for high quality transit on HWY 1 and Soquel, which are key intercity corridors, the transit agency is also planning for high quality transit within cities of the County, including Capitola Drive and Portola Drive as reflected in Figure 3-5 of the Access & Mobility Element. METRO is also planning for high quality transit within Watsonville on key corridors that include Main, Green Valley and Freedom. Finally, METRO will continue to operate high quality transportation service to the University of California Santa Cruz.
- High quality transportation corridors should be multimodal and include METRO, bike and pedestrian travel. Multimodal corridors will offer the County the best opportunity to reduce VMT, mend the environment and improve the quality of life for residents.

Thank you for the work and effort already put into this Sustainability Update. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at 831- 420-2501 or [mtree@scmtid.com](mailto:mtree@scmtid.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Tree".

Michael Tree  
CEO/General Manager

cc: Santa Cruz County Community Development & Infrastructure

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**From:** Alex Vartan <alex.vartan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:38 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam; SustainabilityUpdate  
**Subject:** Zoom not working

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Cannot access zoom for meeting

9:36 AM Thu Sep 1



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Sent from Gmail Mobile.

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**From:** donna fogfam.com <donna@fogfam.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** SustainabilityUpdate  
**Subject:** Transit System in Santa Cruz County

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Many of our community members are negatively impacted by the low quality of the existing transit system. The high costs of housing and automobile ownership create barriers for all but the highest income levels. Please link METRO bus service routes with planned affordable housing, senior care facilities, offices, and associated retail businesses. The repercussions of people who cannot work due to their lack of access to a robust transportation system and the inability to find affordable housing impact the entire community.

Thank you,

Donna

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**From:** Jean Brocklebank <jeanbean@baymoon.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:20 AM  
**To:** SustainabilityUpdate  
**Cc:** Stephanie Hansen; Manu Koenig  
**Subject:** Re: Sustainability Update Public Hearing September 1

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This is wonderful to see!!

I was able to view the e-newsletter in my mostly unsupported browser successfully! Even better, when I got to that web page (<https://mailchi.mp/a83f04a045e8/sustainability-update-public-hearing-september-1?e=a655af69a7>) I discovered the **Please Note** helpful information at the bottom of that page:

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Planning has gone the extra mile to help residents who don't have all the techie bells and whistles. Like me :o]

Very appreciatively,  
Jean

On Aug 25, 2022, at 5:15 PM, Santa Cruz County Planning Department wrote:

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## ***PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUE SEPTEMBER 1***

Thank you for your interest in land use and transportation planning in Santa Cruz County! The Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update draft documents are available on the [project website](#) for review.

### ***Key Project Updates***

At the Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 24th, the Commission received a staff presentation and listened to public comment. The Commission decided to add an additional special meeting on September 1 to continue discussion on this project.

**Meeting Time:** Thursday, September 1 at 9:30 AM

**To participate online:** Virtual meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029>

**To participate by phone:** (669) 900-6833, Conference ID: 814 8152 8029 #

**View Meeting Agenda:** [Click Here](#).

For more information, please visit the [project website](#).

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## **What is the Sustainability Update?**

The Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update is a comprehensive update to Santa Cruz County's General Plan/Local Coastal Program and modernization of the County Code. The project also includes preparation of new Santa Cruz County Design Guidelines and rezoning of key opportunity sites. The goal of this update is to implement new policies and code regulations that support more sustainable communities in Santa Cruz County. These documents will shape land use and transportation planning, as well as future development, in Santa Cruz County for many years to come.

**Learn More:** <http://www.sccoplanning.com/SustainabilityUpdate>

## We want to hear from you!

There are currently four ways to get involved in this project:

- **NEW!** Review updated [draft documents](#) released August 2022.
- Visit the project website to [take the online survey](#) and [provide comments](#).
- Review hard copy documents in-person at three locations: (1) Planning Department public counter located at 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz CA 95060. See current hours [HERE](#). (2) Downtown Library located at 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. (3) Capitola Library located at 2005 Wharf Rd, Capitola, CA 95010. See current library hours [HERE](#).
- Send comments/questions to [SustainabilityUpdate@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:SustainabilityUpdate@santacruzcounty.us).

## Coming Soon: More opportunities to get involved!

- More public hearings to come. Visit the project website to learn more about [upcoming events](#).

Stay tuned for additional emails providing updated information about these engagement opportunities. If you are receiving this email, that means that you are already on the County's mailing list for this project because you have signed up through the project website or because you or your organization has worked with the County on similar projects. Please encourage others to sign up through the project website [HERE](#).

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**Questions? Comments?**

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**From:** Kaslay Biz <kaslaybiz7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:07 AM  
**To:** SustainabilityUpdate  
**Subject:** Connect METRO route with Affordable Housing

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I depend on METRO bus service for all of my errands and I can no longer afford to rent houses near transit routes. Please consider connecting METRO bus service routes with affordable housing. The high costs of housing and car create barriers for people like me. The effects of people not working due to their lack of access to a robust transportation system and inability to find affordable housing is not acceptable.

Thanks for your consideration.

Thanks