



# Rail & Trail Candidate Questionnaire

November Election 2022

*Local elected officials are appointed to serve on boards like the Metro and the RTC and can have an impact on countywide transportation decisions. Friends of the Rail & Trail is committed to discovering candidate positions and sharing them with the public so we can all make informed choices at the ballot box.*

Responses by Fred Keeley, Candidate for Santa Cruz City Mayor

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The Regional Transportation Commission owns the **rail** corridor. The RTC has unanimously affirmed its commitment to leave the railroad infrastructure in place, maintain freight rail service, and institute high capacity public transit service. The RTC has also selected electric passenger rail transit as the locally preferred alternative for transit on the corridor. Do you support these policies? Why or why not? How would this position be expressed in your work, should you be elected?

Yes, I fully support these policies. Ever since I was on the transportation Commission (1988-1996), I have supported rail and trail on the corridor. I will continue to do so.

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Construction has begun on the **trail** next to the tracks, but some segments have faced opposition and resulting delays. What is your position on the multi-use trail planned for the rail corridor? How would this position be expressed in your work, should you be elected?

The entire corridor should be both rail and trail. The only question is what kind of rail.

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Neighborhoods with **safe streets**, bike lanes, and sidewalks create room for us to move freely without our cars. What would you do to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists?

Continuing and expanding the RTC and City of Santa Cruz commitment through public works budgeting and RTC investments in Safe Streets is of high importance to me.

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What did you think of the June 2022 **Measure D** vote? What was your position on this measure?  
How do you interpret the outcome of this vote?

As a major supporter of No on D, the outcome was wonderful. What does it mean? It means that the community is as committed to rail and trail now as they were when the good Measure D passed years ago. My commitment to the full rail and trail is unwavering.

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**Find-out more about Fred Keeley at their website:**

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