



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 Greg Hyver, Candidate for Santa Cruz City Council, District 4

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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?

I have a rather unique platform where major policy decisions are put to the people themselves through a direct democracy. So, I would just be one of many voices who would decide on policy initiatives. I recommend that you review our campaign website (greghyver.com) if you are truly interested in better understanding my platform. Needless to say, our high-level policy criteria, whether it is a policy derived from outside our district or internal to it, can be found in our district charter. We would judge policies based on five criteria. You can listen to what these are by watching the 13:40 - 16:45 time segment of the following video. The fifth criterion would probably align with the rail corridor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alC2FvUZGBQ&list=PLm80NG8y6cFhBTKleL7oXeO1Tsl2mSwb0&index=8>

2

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?

N/A

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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?

N/A

4

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?

N/A

Find-out more about Greg Hyver at their website: <https://www.greghyver.com>