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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
On the date of February 4, 2004
On the motion of Commissioner
Duly seconded by Commissioner

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)
FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO SUBSIDIZE ONGOING OPERATION OF
RECREATIONAL RAIL SERVICE

WHEREAS, under the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act of 1990 (Proposition 116) the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is eligible to receive up to \$11 million dollars for passenger rail projects in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Regional Transportation Commission approved acquiring the Santa Cruz Branch Rail for future transportation purposes as part of its final decision on the *Major Transportation Investment Study of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz-UCSC Corridor*; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 through SB 465, the Regional Transportation Commission established itself as a Rail/Trail Authority to acquire and oversee rail road rights-of-way in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the *2001 Regional Transportation Plan* includes the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition Project as a project constrained in the Action Element; and

WHEREAS, the *2001 Regional Transportation Plan* establishes policies to support existing and future rail related projects and to minimize visitor impacts by using the existing rail line; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission has been negotiating with Union Pacific Railroad to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission approved a Proposition 116 application for pre-acquisition activities for acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line with recreational rail service between Capitola and Seascape; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Commission approved conducting the locally required environmental impact report for the recreational rail service between Capitola and Aptos with a possible extension to Seascape in accordance with 2001 RTP policy; and

WHEREAS, policies established in the *2001 Regional Transportation Plan* affirm the Commission's ongoing commitment to the current formula allocation of Transportation Development Act funds and support for funding specifically dedicated to bus service and services for the elderly and the disabled.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

1. Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds will not be used to
subsidize ongoing recreational rail service operations.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Jan Beautz, Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Wilshusen, Secretary

APPROVE AS TO FORM:

County Counsel

Distribution: Auditor-Controller
RTC Fiscal
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