



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Accessibility of Parking Lot #5

Dear Mayor Coonerty:

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) advises the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and other transportation partners on transportation needs for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At their August 12 meeting, the E/D TAC discussed the accessibility of Santa Cruz City parking lot #5, (between Cedar and Center Street) for individuals with disabilities, particularly wheelchair users. A full curb surrounds the pay station, adjacent to the Cedar Street sidewalk, effectively preventing wheelchair users from using this station, as well as presenting a barrier to mobility impaired individuals and seniors. In addition, this pay station is on the opposite side of the parking lot from handicapped parking spaces. The E/D TAC approved the following motion:

The E/D TAC recommends that the City of Santa Cruz implement the following solutions to correct this situation: (1) Relocate handicapped parking to an area adjacent to the pay station, (2) Ramp the pay station area or remove the curb, (3) Suspend payment requirements for individuals using handicapped parking until this problem is corrected—while informing users through appropriate signage, and (4) Consider permanent suspension of payment requirements for all handicapped parking.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Daugherty, Chair
E/D TAC

cc:

- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- Seniors Commission
- Long-Term Care Commission
- Commission on Disabilities

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