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To: [Elouise Rodriguez](#)
Subject: Please deny appraisal recommendation in Item 7
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

Please take benefit from the May 17th letter of the California Coastal Commission and deny additional spending on the proposed Surf alignment.

I urge you to select an alternative alignment instead and take another look at the unique potential of the rail line—including the possibility of restoring Amtrak service to Monterey, as promised decades ago.

TAMC directors faced a similar dilemma in 2011. MST and TAMC planned a bus headquarters on Intergarrison Road that would have severed the recreation corridor from Marina State Beach to Fort Ord National Monument. Your decision to relocate the project has paid rich dividends: this trail segment is now a critical part of the 33-mile, intercity, multiuse FORTAG trail, whose groundbreaking we celebrated last week.

In the decision before you today, it is clear that removing the tracks will foreclose rail access to Monterey decisively, now and for generations to come. Eliminating this line and mode of travel will diminish county transportation possibilities in ways the community may not quite envision at present—and would not be able to consider in the future. Please deny Item 7.

Very truly yours,

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