

Candidate Positions on Transportation Matters

Capitola City Council Candidates

Question 1): The Watsonville City Council recently voted unanimously in favor of implementing passenger rail service connecting Watsonville with the City of Santa Cruz. What type of high capacity public transit do you support on our rail corridor?

Candidate Name	Supports ... on Rail Corridor	Please explain your choice:
Anthony Rovai	None at this time. In the future a self contained electric trolley, with limited service to primarily service tourists.	With COVID and remote working much of the commuter traffic has lessened, along with the tax revenue to support more METRO. Widening Hwy 1 should be the priority. I don't believe the ridership would support the train and would end up being a huge deficit to the budgets.
Kristen Petersen	Bus	I would consider supporting a clean-energy bus line along the rail corridor if it was determined to be safe, quiet, supported by residents, and environmentally friendly.
Margaux Keiser	Trail	Would prefer a more eco-friendly option.

Question 2): The pandemic has adversely impacted METRO. How would you strengthen METRO services for our county?

Candidate Name	How would you strengthen METRO services for our county?
Anthony Rovai	With the use of technology, we should be able to better serve our riders and increase the number of riders per trip. (add Uber/Lyft model)
Kristen Petersen	The City of Capitola holds a seat on the METRO Board of Directors. While I do not hold the seat on that Board, I would work to actively communicate with the Council Member who holds that seat to ensure the strength of METRO Service in our county.
Margaux Keiser	Create an HOV lane on HWY 1 for commuters.

Question 3): FORT has launched the Coast Connect vision to transform transportation in our county.

Would you support funding a more robust public transportation system, including safe streets for pedestrians, cyclists and other active transportation users? How would you support adding transportation funding?

Candidate Name	Supports Funding	How would you support adding transportation funding?
Anthony Rovai	Yes	Optimize the use of the gas tax and other taxes to make sure the public is getting the benefits from taxes paid. Streamline the process to get projects from conception to completion. Listen to local communities to see what their vision of the future is.
Kristen Petersen	Yes	I would work with my fellow Councilmembers to ensure that we address traffic congestion and support active transportation in our community through our programs, initiatives, and budget.
Margaux Keiser	Yes	Not sure