

People Power
703 Pacific Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

To whom it may concern,

The following are replies to your candidate questionnaire:

1. I have always supported the acquisition of the railway corridor from Davenport to Pajaro, while I was a member of the Regional Transportation Commission, and still do today. This is probably the only separated east west corridor in Santa Cruz County. Once the corridor is purchased there are a variety of mechanisms to make the trail a reality. Government grants, government subsidies, a new tax and volunteerism are only some of my thoughts relative to finance. True cost can only be obtained once we have a final plan for the right of way. A simple bike/hiking trail could be implemented rather quickly. I support all forms of transportation along this corridor. The type of conveyance most inexpensive is bike and hike. Which ever mode is selected must make the least impact on environment. Noise for all alternatives will be a major concern for those nearest the corridor.
2. Yes, I support the widening of Highway 1 in our county. Land use planning will be effected and we must remain diligent in our efforts to control growth. Traffic congestion will be reduce at first and will again increase until we reduce the reliance on the automobile and offer better alternative modes to transportation. Until this goal is reached emergency services, commuters, residents with limited mobility, shoppers and those unable to walk or bike rely on Highway 1. I'm not sure what you mean by auxiliary lane project out to Soquel! Due you mean widening for an additional lane in each direction or only east bound? Where in Soquel, 41st Ave., Bay/Porter or Park Av. being the terminus.
3. If you close the Esplanade in the Capitola village to automobiles why would you need more parking and would you have more pedestrians? I think this proposal would dis-infranchise a good number of residents of Capitola who shop, recreate and enjoy the village and beach but rely on the automobile due to their limited mobility. Retail shops and restaurants would suffer as would the sales tax base the city relies on.
4. I would support separate bike path where possible, as this offers the greatest safety for all. I checked with public works and the police department in Capitola and there have not been a great number of warrants for this type of accident. We all need to share the road!
5. Education is the key to bicycling safety. Know the laws and obey the laws. I invite you to the corner of Cliff Dr. and Wharf Rd. on weekend mornings when entire bicycle clubs blow the stop sign. This does little to support your cause. Enforcement of driving, biking and pedestrian laws is vital in this education process.
6. I do not have a crystal ball but my hope would be less dependence on the automobile. Alternative modes of transportation are the key to success. I'm old

enough to remember the horse, the horse and buggy, train, car, bus, light rail, aerial trams, subways, Bart etc.

7. Let me count the ways, I walk, hike, bike, auto, fly, train, boat, swim, paddle, oar and get there some how but I've given up skiing (water & snow) too old.

Sincerely,

Ronald Graves
Capitola City Council Candidate