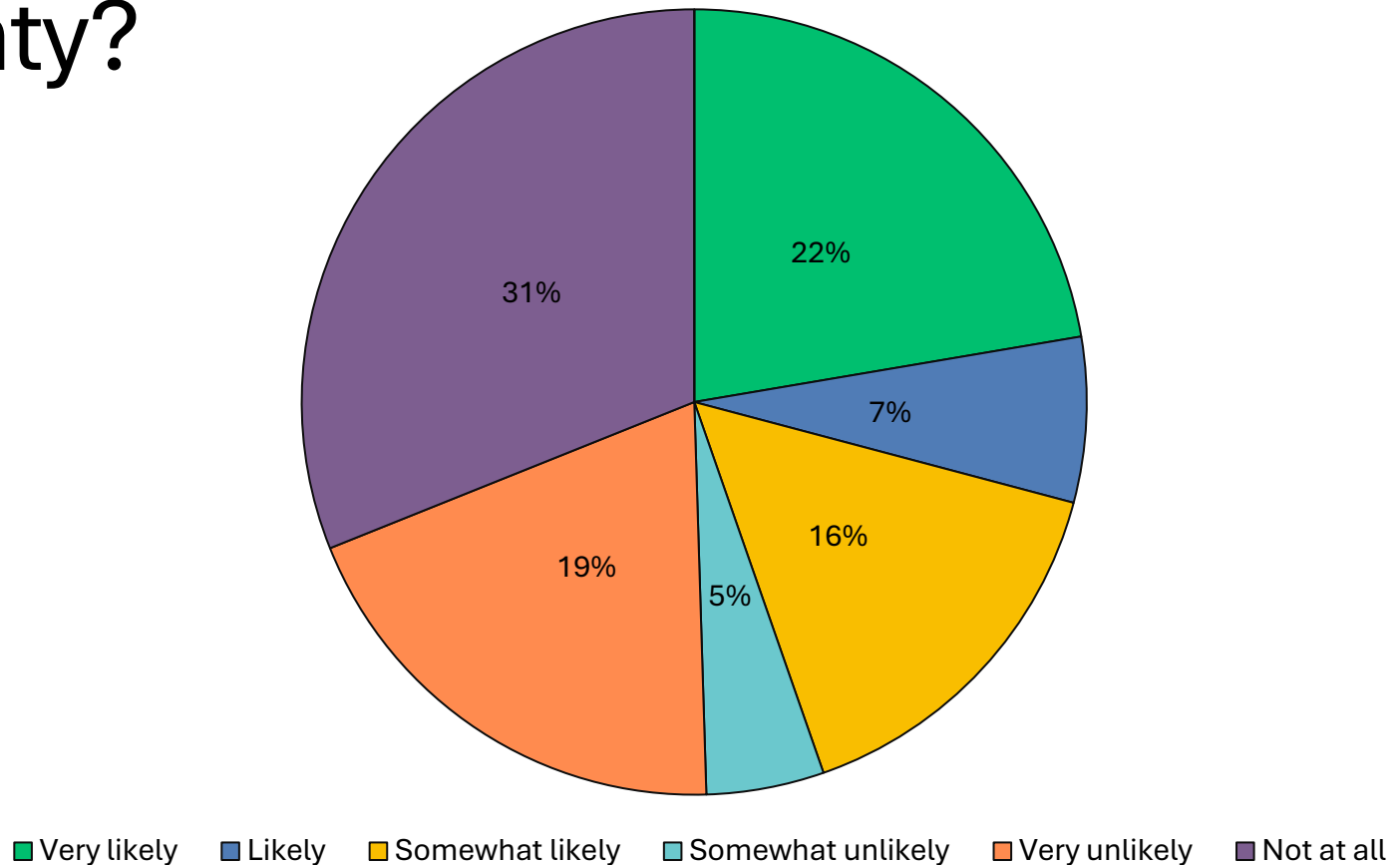


Seacliff Passenger Rail Survey 2025

**Conducted
by the
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Improvement
Association**



Q1: How likely would you be to use passenger rail service in Santa Cruz County?

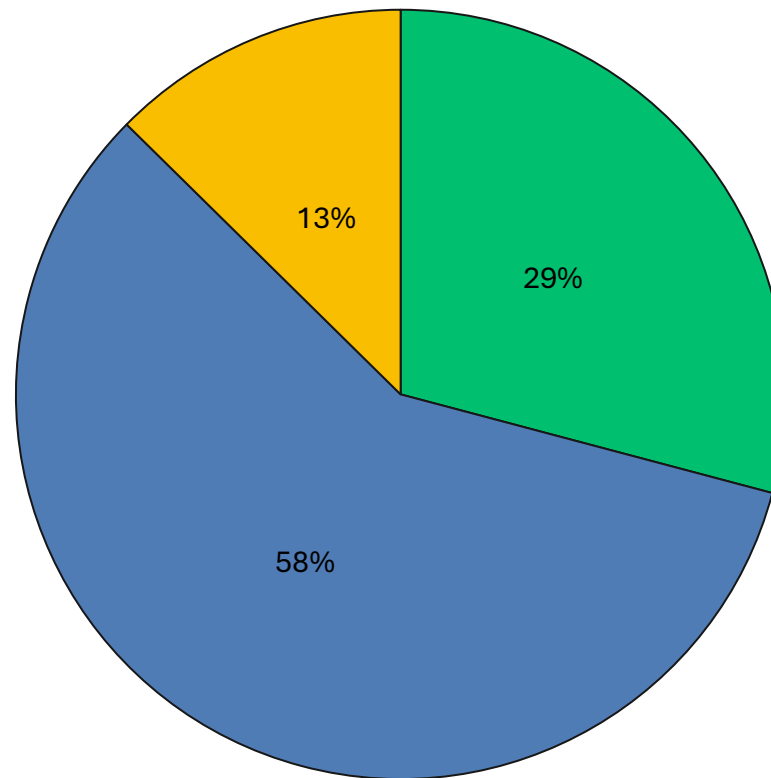


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Q1: How likely would you be to use passenger rail service in Santa Cruz County?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	22.33%	23
Likely	6.80%	7
Somewhat likely	15.53%	16
Somewhat unlikely	4.85%	5
Very unlikely	19.42%	20
Not at all	31.07%	32
TOTAL		103

Q2: The Regional Transportation Commission has stated that our county residents will be required to help fund passenger rail service through a local tax measure. Would you support one to pay to build and maintain passenger rail services in Santa Cruz County?



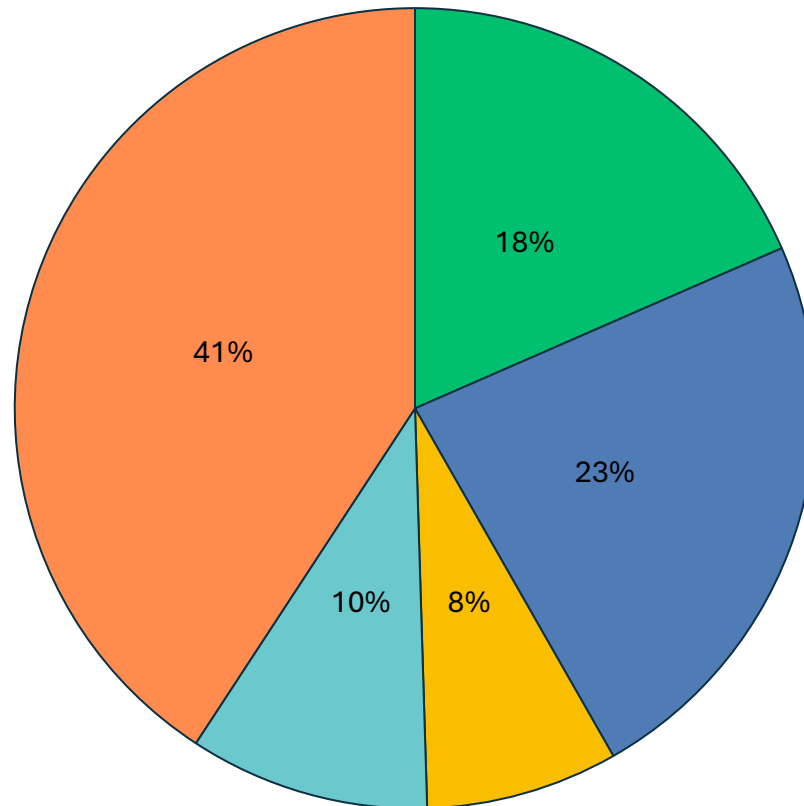
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■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure

Q2: The Regional Transportation Commission has stated that our county residents will be required to help fund passenger rail service through a local tax measure. Would you support one to pay to build and maintain passenger rail services in Santa Cruz County?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.13%	30
No	58.25%	60
Unsure	12.62%	13
TOTAL		103

Q3: How do you think passenger rail would impact the overall quality of life in Seacliff?



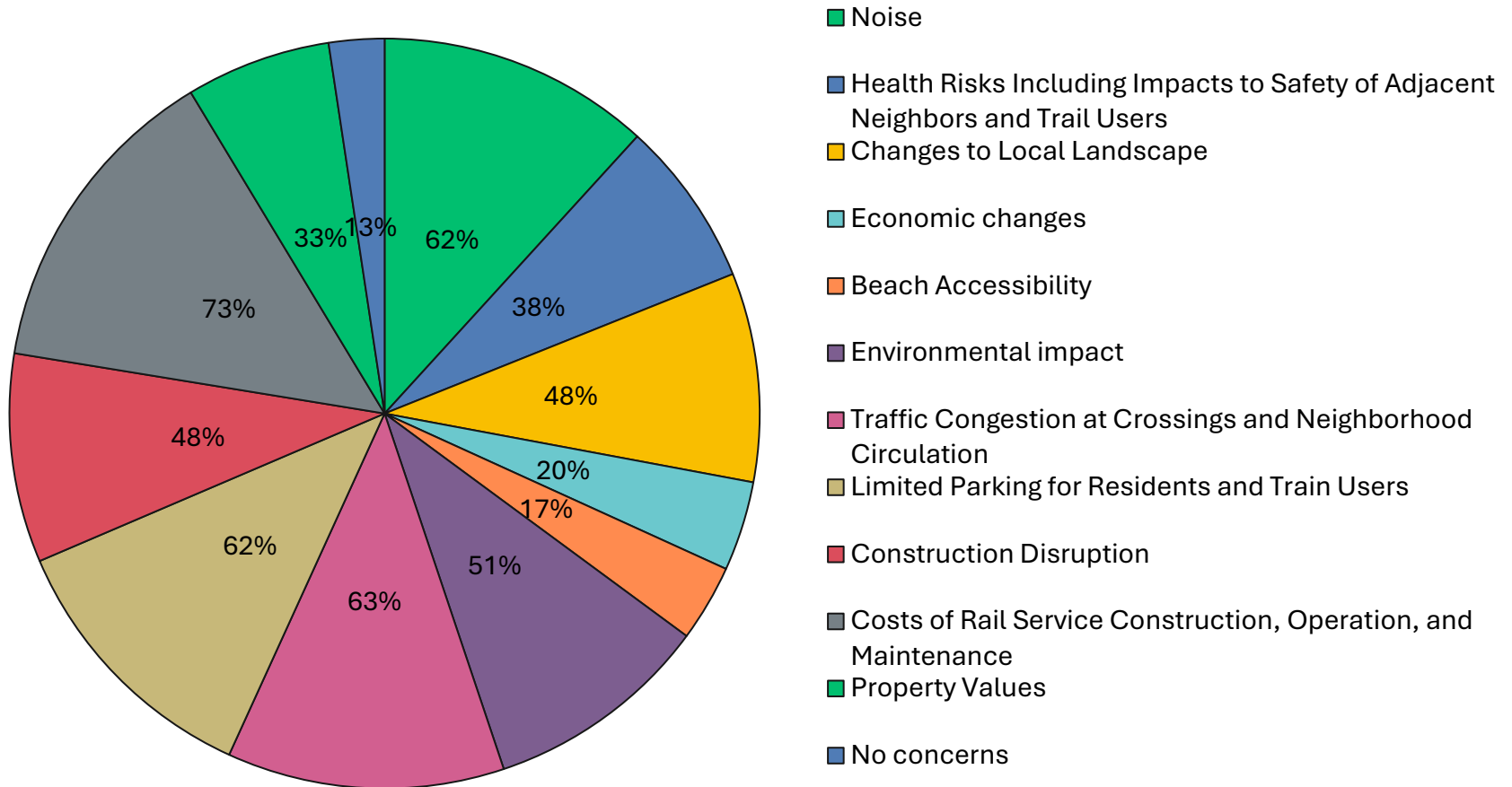
■ Significantly improve ■ Somewhat improve ■ No impact ■ Somewhat worsen ■ Significantly worsen

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Q3: How do you think passenger rail would impact the overall quality of life in Seacliff?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Significantly improve	18.45%	19
Somewhat improve	23.30%	24
No impact	7.77%	8
Somewhat worsen	9.71%	10
Significantly worsen	40.78%	42
TOTAL		103

Q4: What concerns do you have about passenger trains traveling through Seacliff? Check any that apply:



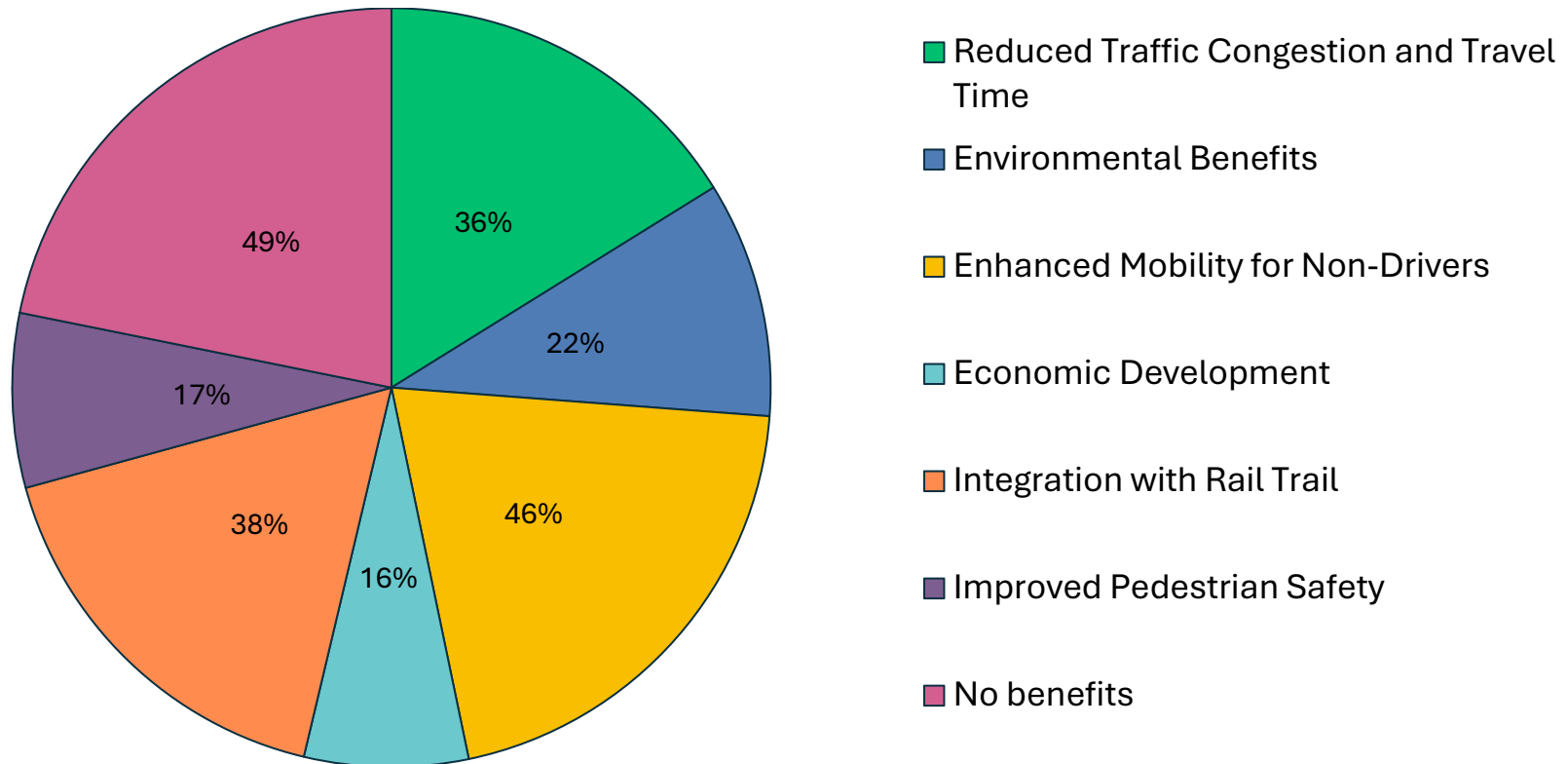
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Q4: What concerns do you have about passenger trains traveling through Seacliff?

Check any that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Noise	62.14%	64
Health Risks Including Impacts to Safety of Adjacent Neighbors and Trail Users	37.86%	39
Changes to Local Landscape	47.57%	49
Economic changes	20.39%	21
Beach Accessibility	17.48%	18
Environmental impact	51.46%	53
Traffic Congestion at Crossings and Neighborhood Circulation	63.11%	65
Limited Parking for Residents and Train Users	62.14%	64
Construction Disruption	47.57%	49
Costs of Rail Service Construction, Operation, and Maintenance	72.82%	75
Property Values	33.01%	34
No concerns	12.62%	13
TOTAL		544

Q5: What are the benefits would you expect with passenger trains traveling through Seacliff? Check any that apply:

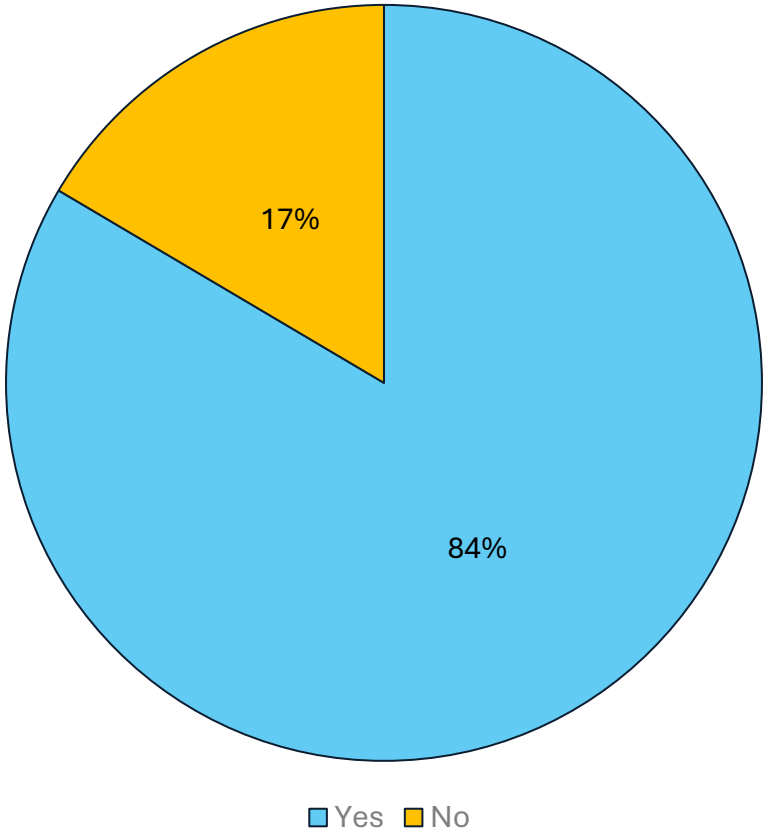


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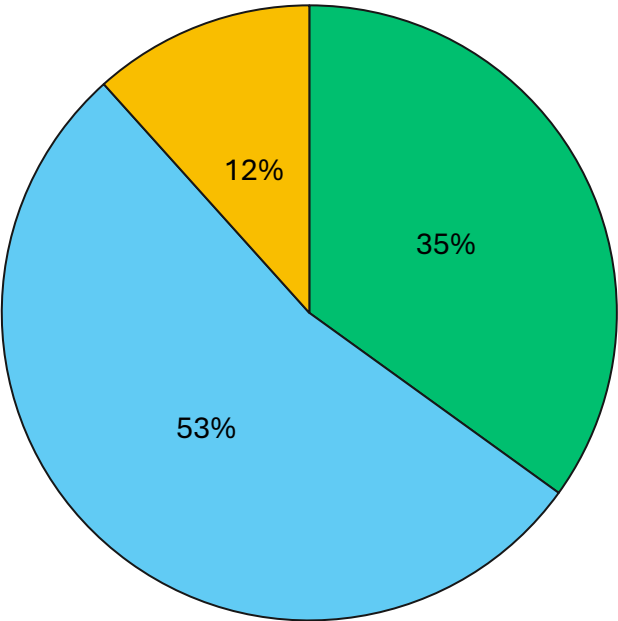
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Reduced Traffic Congestion and Travel Time	35.92%	37
Environmental Benefits	22.33%	23
Enhanced Mobility for Non-Drivers	45.63%	47
Economic Development	15.53%	16
Integration with Rail Trail	37.86%	39
Improved Pedestrian Safety	16.50%	17
No benefits	48.54%	50
TOTAL		229

Q6: Do you think our association should take a position on passenger rail service running through Seacliff?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.50%	86
No	16.50%	17
TOTAL		103

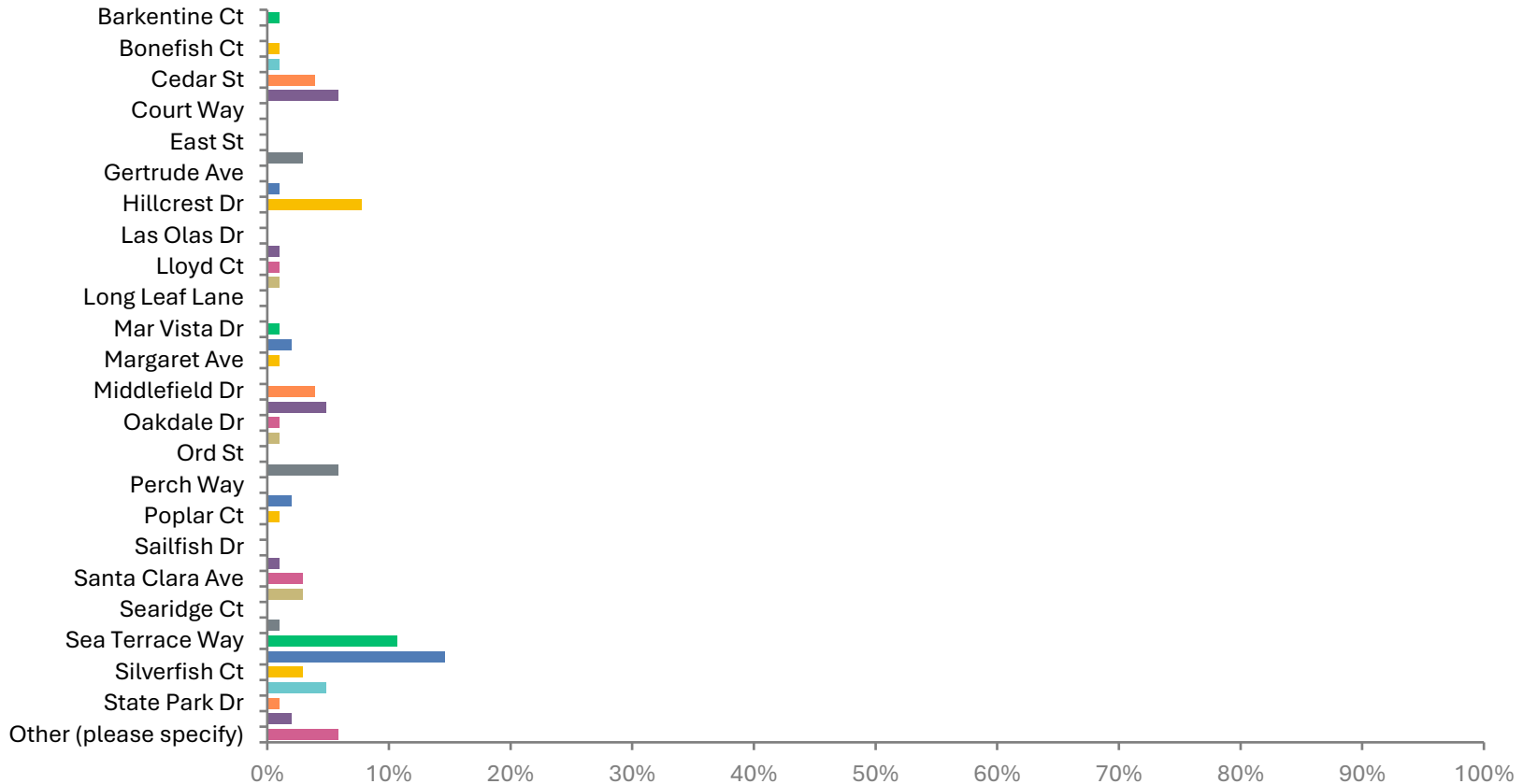
Q7: If our association were to take a position, should we:



- Support Passenger Rail Service
- Not Support Passenger Rail Service
- Take No Position

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support Passenger Rail Service	34.95%	36
Not Support Passenger Rail Service	53.40%	55
Take No Position	11.65%	12
TOTAL		103

Q8: To confirm your Seacliff residence or association membership, please select the street you live on, own property, or have a business:



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Comments:

- This project is exhausting my patience with local government action on behalf of the people. Who actually wants a rail? A few loud people? Why do we think the train will be used more than the buses? This is a perfect example of government waste, being out of touch with their constituents and inability to execute. Please stop this insanity.
- We don't need "rail service"! Waste of money! Will be underused! My property taxes are high enough already! NO!!!! A pedestrian/bike trail only option would, however, be very beneficial.
- thank you for doing this survey . I do not think it is at all practical to put a train through this already congested town and the cost would be ridiculous. Perhaps some other type of transportation on the trail for those who can not use their electric or manual bikes etc but more creative ideas needed than a train stopping particularly in norther parts of santa cruz Our impact would be less in Aptos, but I don't see that it is cost effective with so many new modes of transportation and does not help the workers coming from Watsonville likely as most need their equipment etc . But a rail or better transportation from MOnterey/ watsonville is definitely needed but within town just seems impractical and don't think going north on 1 is needed beyond santa cruz . . More efficient bus within Santa cruz popular stops is needed for beach goers and shoppers etc (that doesn't stop every block and take 45 minutes when get dropped off from 17 express bus drop off to Aptos)
- The cost of the Passenger Rail Service should be applied to improving our roads across the county. Our roads are poor. When traveling through they are often congested because the roads are badly plannned going from one lane to two lanes to one lane constantly. We also need another bridge across the Soquel river to improve travel across te county. There are lots more improvements to discuss. Improve town planning would help
- Take a stance
- They need to stop it now. No more money on this boondoggle!!!
- I travel outside the US around 4 months a year. My preferred method of travel is trains. They are quiet, punctual, safe. And environmentally friendly
- Pull the tracks, recycle them and create a trail Already! Let's get this County moving in an inexpensive and effective fashion ASAP.
- We have a lovely peaceful environment with Wildlife habitats and greenery. I can't even imagine why anyone would want this disruption and expense. Also our taxes are already off the charts. Who wants to pay more for a rail that only worsens our quality of life and lowers our property values. Commuters can ride a bus.
- The RTC announced yesterday that it will cost \$1 BILLION to build the required new rail bridges. That estimate covers NOTHING else. Who will pay for this? Who will pay for the fact that fairs will NOT cover the operating costs? Who will pay for ongoing maintenance. NOBODY. The county is broke. The state is in no position to pay. And it sure as hell is not coming from Trump. The trail could be done quickly and inexpensively. It would be a big draw for visitors and tourists. NOBODY will want to walk or bike alongside of the trains. When will there be one ounce of reality in these discussions?
- I wish we already had train service. If we can have quiet, low emission train service, we will all will benefit,
- The cost spent on the rail system is better spent improving the roads in this county. Overall the roads are very poor (compared to Santa Clara and San Mateo counties). Money spent on improving our roads has a greater benefit to more county residents
- Actively used, but fenced off tracks are safer than currently abandoned tracks. Please keep the adjacent hiking / biking trail (especially when it diverges from new trak along macGregor)
- Strongly oppose any trains. Need to convert to a walking or biking trail.
- Hard to say if it should be supported without cost information and other details.
- I believe rail is a critical step for the future of transportation in Santa Cruz
- Thanks for the survey!
- No funding to support. No one will use it. Landscape cannot accommodate and ecologically not supportive and all permissions are NOT in hand.

Comments:

- A trail only would be much more of an enhancement to the area.
- The concept of this train is incredibly ridiculous and will cost an insane amount of money . This entire project needs to be investigated .
- Trail Now. Only viable option for a train is to go up like an L train in Chicago (trail under). There will not be \$ for that but the trail could start with that option for way into the future. No room for side by side. And traffic when a train comes through in any part of SC county is horrendous.
- I like the idea of passenger rail service and believe I would use it - but it would have to be frequent enough to be useful, and cheap enough that it would not raise taxes to an unreasonable level (subjective I know, but many here are retirees or young families) - especially now as a recession is predicted. Bad timing perhaps?
- Support passenger rail service with connections to California State Rail. Public rail transit. like parks & libraries, should be available for every person. Any truly civilized society would provide this without reservations as a matter of humanity. We need to evolve in this direction. Rail line is the last open corridor linking north to south. More housing is being built and our streets, roads and highway experience gridlock.
- Build the trail, keep the rails. Thank you for putting this to our community for input.
- a costly boondoggle that we as senior citizens will never see much less be able to use...
- It's really hard to say without knowing more about the train operation. How fast will it travel? What other stops are planned in Seacliff and Aptos? I think it's important to have a connection to Cabrillo, and support the tunnel project. Thank you for asking!
- The expense of passenger rail is absurd. Just build a trail for bikes, walkers, runners etc. Thank you!
- Everyone, as you know, is very very tired of all of this talk. I didn't support a rail, only wanted trail, but let's JUST GET ON WITH IT and do something! It's very hard to trust anything/anyone at this point.
- I believe the Rail/Trail is critical for the future of this area. Road travel on SR1 is becoming more and more difficult.
- Absolutely totally unaffordable. A complete boondoggle. STOP IT NOW!!!
- We cannot afford a train and a bike trail is clearly needed. With electric bikes and a community that embraces the outdoors this seems to be obvious.
- Please do not consider a train for SCC. Billions to build and Millions to maintain. No greater good to county, due to low ridership probability. See BART as example, facing fiscal cliff, \$385M budget deficit.!! STOP it NOW!
- IF APPROVED MOST IMPORTANT IS TO MAKE APPROACH INTO SEACLIFF A "QUIET ZONE" TO AVOID TRAIN HORN SOUNDS IN CURRENTLY QUIET RESIDENTIAL AREAS.
- Question 7 should have an additional option - Oppose Passenger Rail Service as currently proposed.
- Stop calling it zero emissions. You are misleading people the same way Trump does.
- Passenger rail through Seacliff would create barriers and restrict neighborhood connectivity. No train!
- Why isn't Estates Drive included in Seacliff? You're talking about putting a station on McGregor?
- I support the rail trail for bikes and pedestrians, but NO train.
- Of all the studies done, it is obvious the train/rail part of this project is unreasonable and too costly to implement.
- I love traveling in England because of trains. They go all over the country as make traveling easy and safe. I wish this was true in California and the USA.
- Is the station going to have parking? Bicycle lockers? I don't really see how a train has many advantages to Seacliff as the train stations are too far away from much of the neighborhood to be useful. It seems very expensive, so perhaps the money would be better spent making the bus system better with more routes and vehicles.
- I don't think passenger rail is financially viable but if it is built we should have a voice/position on how it's implemented in /for our neighborhood