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Does Santa Cruz County need podcars?

Join the public forum on the future of local transportation.

This is what democracy looks like. Community members coming together to discuss how to improve the lives of themselves and their neighbors.

With our Climate Crisis spinning out of control, we need to reduce CO2 emissions quickly - and public transit must be part of the solution. **What transit do we want?**

In Santa Cruz County, daily and seasonal congestion stalls economic growth and community vitality. While progress has been made with private micro-transit (bikes, e-bikes, and scooters), *two new technologies promise even bigger impacts*: automated vehicles (robo-taxis) and Personal Rapid Transit (PRT, or podcars).

A community conversation is needed about weaving these new technologies into our transportation tapestry. [Santa Cruz Personal Rapid Transit \(SCPRT\)](#), [Silicon Valley Clean Cities Coalition \(SVCCC\)](#), and [LoopWorks](#) are organizing this public forum to discuss whether the **promised value** of adding robo-taxis and podcars is worth the **expected costs**.

Unlike common public meeting models that are tightly controlled, this forum will use an open-fishbowl format that allows attendees to participate in the conversation. The Forum will clarify for attendees and online viewers the long-term trends in public transit, and ignite community thinking about next steps.

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A community conversation will be on

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the
Resource Center for Nonviolence (RCNV)
612 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Occupancy is limited to 200, so **register to reserve a seat** at <https://milpitasprt.com/cruzforum/>

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