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Does Santa Cruz County need podcars?

Help elected representatives see the future of local transportation.

As congestion worsens, our elected representatives appear to be without a solution. Perhaps a public conversation between informed and caring members of the community will clarify for them, and others, what is going on - and what we can do moving forward.

In Santa Cruz County, progress has been made with private micro-transit (bikes, e-bikes, and scooters). Now, two new technologies promise widespread community benefits: 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**.

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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

Moderator: Stacy Hughes ([RCNV](#) trainer)

Panelists:

- Rob Means ([LoopWorks](#), podcar advocate)
- Lani Faulkner ([Equity Transit](#) - Tránsito de Equidad)
- Elaine Johnson ([Housing Santa Cruz County](#), [NAACP Santa Cruz County Branch](#))
- Hannah Fairbairn ([Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#))
- Matt Farrell ([Friends of the Rail & Trail](#))

(Panelist speak as knowledgeable members of our community, not as official representatives of their organizations.)

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

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