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FREE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL-ELECTRIC COAST FUTURA STREETCAR DEMONSTRATION

Oct. 16-17 in Watsonville & Oct. 21-24 in Santa Cruz

OCT. 1, 2021—SANTA CRUZ, CA—Coast Futura today announced free tickets are now available for reservation online for the clean-energy, accessible streetcar demonstration, presented by Roaring Camp Railroads, taking place Oct. 16-24. Capacity is limited and reservations are required. Tickets are available at www.coastfutura.org.

The 45-minute demonstration rides available for Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17 in Watsonville, and Thursday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 24, in Santa Cruz. The demonstration routes will each be approximately 4 miles, with the Watsonville route running from the intersection of West Beach and Walker Streets to Harkins Slough and back, and the Santa Cruz route running from the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to Capitola and back.

About Coast Futura

The innovative Coast Futura streetcar is envisioned to help in the fight against climate change, producing zero emissions and powered by batteries and hydrogen—and recharged with clean energy sourced from Central Coast Community Energy. The demonstration will also provide a proof-of-concept about what car-free commuting would look like, an important step in discussions about transportation equity for hardworking commuters who are getting to work via a car.

The Coast Futura demonstration rail vehicle was manufactured by California-based TIG/m, LLC. The TIG/m ViaTran Streetcars are battery-dominant hydrogen fuel cell hybrids, are wireless and will move quietly through neighborhoods alongside the Rail Trail, portions of which have been completed or are already moving forward.

The Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission authorized the demonstration as an opportunity for the public to see an example of a modern electric rail vehicle on two sections of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line track.

Coast Futura sponsors include the City of Santa Cruz, Lookout Santa Cruz, and Granite Rock.

Learn more at <u>coastfutura.org</u> or on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Get on board the Coast Futura!

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