

Santa Cruz CA. approves RFQ for podcar network

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On July 22, the City Council of Santa Cruz, CA, decided by a 6-1 vote to go ahead with an RFQ (Request for Qualification) with the aim of inviting PRT manufacturers to design, build and possibly operate a Podcar system between the City of Santa Cruz and the University of California Campus. The main objectives are to find solutions to increasing parking problems, congestion, and pollution and to lower greenhouse gas emissions. The RFQ clearly states the importance of aesthetics, seeking to insure that such a system does not detract from the City's renowned ambiance.

Several professors and researchers at University of California Santa Cruz support the Council decision, and recently an \$80,000 grant was awarded to the University for Podcar related studies.

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