

COASTAL TRANSIT SERVICE OPTIONS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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ABSTRACT

This study includes two case studies of Coastal Transit Services in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Santa Cruz-Capitola Area. This study was part of a larger study entitled Coastal Transit Options and Policy funded by the California Sea Grant Program and the California Department of Transportation.

The main purpose of this study was to describe coastal transit services in northern California in terms of their environments and their design and operating characteristics; and to discuss their cost-effectiveness and their impact on access to the sites they serve. This report presents case studies of coastal transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Santa Cruz-Capitola Area. These case studies were intended to provide background information for planning guidelines which were being developed as a part of a larger study of coastal transit services in the United States.

The San Francisco Bay Area case study discussed specially designed fixed-route, access-oriented services and the Santa Cruz-Capitola case study focused on park-and-ride shuttles.