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From: Keith Cahalen <kcahalen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 2025Mar27 City Council Agenda item 8B - Stockton Bridge Replacement Project Design Amendment

Dear Capitola City Council,
With regard to Agenda item 8B - Stockton Bridge Replacement Project Design Amendment - I am TOTALLY !00% OPPOSED to adoption of this action item.

The reason are as follows:

1) The cited reason for the study was by the previous 2024 City Council saying the Stockton Bridge had log jams and was a safety hazard.

As I know the City Council has in their hands, the historical report by the Capitola Historical Museum shows there has NEVER been a log jam on Stockton Bridge.

Therefore, this reason and supposed justification is BOGUS!

2) Excessive Expenditure

Even if there was some need to evaluate the Stockton Bridge (which there is NOT) the amount of this contract amounts to over 4% of Capitola's annual budget.

Given the current break-even status of the Capitola city budget for 2024-2025, a vote in favor of this contract would be fiscally irresponsible and demonstrate the city council members violation of their oath and lack of fiscal responsibility towards the city and its residents.

How can this be justified?

and I am sure the Capitola City employees, including Police and Operations and office staff, who much rather have this money used for pay increases given the continuing cost of living in Capitola.

3) Voting for this study violates Measure L (City Code 8.72)

The ONLY justification for this study is looking to expand the Stockton Bridge to allow for extra room for bicycles and walking as desired by the RTC to avoid having to repair the tressel over Soquel Creek.

Any city council member that votes to approve this study will be considered to have violated Measure L and subject to whatever penalties and other actions they are due for violating the law.

In this light, since this is ALL City of Capitola funds, please ignore ANY comments from non-Capitola residents on this agenda item.

So, please add this email to the over 100 that I know have already been received AGAINST approval of this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Keith P. Cahalen
Capitola Resident