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Subject: Stockton bridge

Please defer any decisions on the Stockton bridge project until

- A) proper community outreach has happened
- B) a comprehensive understanding of how this project relates to the Cliff Drive Resiliency project has been shared.
- C) the fiscal impact is thoroughly vetted
- D) and you are certain you won't be violating Measure L to do it.

Jessica Kahn shared with me in August 2024 in response to my question on when we would get more information on bike and pedestrian safety on Cliff Drive, that they were working on a Stockton bridge project to improve ingress and egress to the village. This project is clearly about that and not debris mitigation.

How far are you willing to let the City Staff and RTC push you to make expensive decisions without truly understanding the situation, and breaking the law.

It's time for YOU, our elected officials to stand up for Capitola, and not the special interests driving this behavior. Ask for an update on the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project that will absolutely impact ingress and egress before wandering down the yellow brick road to Oz on the Stockton bridge distraction. I do not support the fiscal irresponsibility of an unvetted recommendation on design costs for the bridge for active transportation improvements. The largest ATP grant in Calif. history was awarded for the 4.2 miles of the rail trail project going through capitola. Have the RTC use that funding as designed instead of Capitola having to fund improvements out of the rail corridor for safe bike and pedestrian traffic, the definition of active transportation. Tell them to use the grant money for what it was awarded to do.

Regards,
Leslie Nielsen

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