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From: Scott Carson <sec123abc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Rail Trail on Park Ave.

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to placing the trail portion of the Rail Trail on Park Avenue. The RTC's current trail proposal on Park Avenue will be an inconvenient, unpleasant, less efficient, and less safe diversion than a trail in the rail corridor, where it belongs. This is not what has been promised by the RTC. How ironic is it that the RTC told us there was room for both rail and trail on the corridor so we voters should support rail plus trail and not just trail, but now they say there may only be room for one or the other in Capitola, so we should support just rail and no trail along the Park Avenue section of corridor. The RTC appears to have had poor planning and budgeting for the Capitola segment of the rail trail. I do not believe that the RTC has even now fully vetted all of the options for this segment of the rail trail. Capitola should not suffer an inferior trail due to the RTC's mismanagement.

At the RTC "townhall", an RTC representative told me that although there is currently room for the trail in the corridor in Capitola, because a train route might possibly be built there in 10 to 20 years, and although they are uncertain on what the train configuration needs will be, they would hate to have to possibly spend additional money then to possibly reroute the trail if necessary. That is a lot of uncertain speculation about possible future needs and costs, to justify an undesirable trail for now and likely forever. If a train is actually ever routed through Capitola in the distant future, we can make adjustments if necessary at that time. Please reject putting the trail portion of the rail-trail on our City streets, and especially on busy and noisy Park Avenue.

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