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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:24 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** 'Kathy Sherman'  
**Subject:** (for 4/17 meeting) a win-win deal for Capitola & RTC

Dear Capitola City Council members:

We live on Park Ave near the Village. It seems to us there is a clear win-win deal for Capitola & RTC:  
**Capitola approves the Park Ave diversion. In exchange, RTC runs the trail over the trestle.**

### Why this is feasible

RTC has made these points:

- no train will ever run across the existing trestle (a new bridge is required),
- the trail *could* run across the existing trestle with some refurbishment,
- the Park Ave diversion saves them lots of money and time.

Thus railbanking or paving over *just the tracks that cross the trestle* cannot interfere in any way with future rail plans. Any objection must be purely bureaucratic so can be overcome by sufficiently motivated parties.

### Why this complies with Measure L

The purpose of Measure L was to stop the trail from going through the Village. This deal gets that done. The legislative history of Measure L, still available online, makes it very clear what the purpose was. No one was thinking about Park Ave then.

### Why this is a good deal for everyone

1. RTC saves \$13M by building the trail on Park Ave, though they'll have to spend some of that on refurbishing the trestle. Give them Option B for max savings. They still come out ahead.
2. We get the Park Ave road diet, a beautiful trail now rather than never, and maintenance forever at no cost.
3. The trail doesn't run through the Village (which absolutely no one thinks is a good idea).

There is no need to negotiate this with RTC. They are very resourceful. We believe that if this is the deal they are faced with, they'll make it work.

Sincerely,  
Michael and Kathy Sherman  
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Capitola