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To: City Council
Subject: Park Avenue alignment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (aka Coastal Rail Trail) Segments 10 and 11

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City of Capitola Mayor Clarke, Vice Mayor Pedersen, and Councilmembers Jensen, Morgan, and Ohrbach:

As a decades-long resident of the Westside of Santa Cruz and an avid walker, I use and enjoy the completed Segment 7 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail/California Coastal Trail (MBSST/CCT) almost every day — both for recreation and for practical errands. This trail has been a real boon to the Westside and is very popular with pedestrians, runners, cyclists, young families with children, as well as tourists and other visitors. I believe that completed Segments 10 and 11 of the MBSST/CCT would be just as beneficial to residents of, and visitors to, the City of Capitola, and I urge you to approve, without delay, the RTC's and the county's proposed plans for the Park Avenue alignment of the trail.

I look forward to using new sections of the MBSST/CCT in Capitola, which will connect New Brighton State Beach to Capitola.

I'm concerned that, if you do not approve the MBSST/CCT Park Avenue alignment, Capitola may lose the opportunity to be connected to the MBSST/CCT, which is the Santa Cruz County spine of the California Coastal Trail, which was established as part of the California Coastal Act of 1972.

Thank you for your consideration.

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