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**From:** Pam Greeninger <pamgreeninger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** PLEASE Vote NO on Item 3.B. Park Avenue Alignment of the Coastal Rail Trail

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Members of the Capitola City Council:

I understand that as representatives of the Capitola citizenry, you will be considering the above referenced project. As a former Capitola City Clerk and city employee for over 32 years and a resident for 46 years, I have seen many issues come before the City Council; however, the decision before you tonight pertaining to the Rail/Bike Trail through the City of Capitola is particularly critical.

Not following various issues as closely as I did while working for the city, I was not aware of what was happening with the trail until recently. After researching this matter and learning that the RTC wants to put the trail on city streets through Capitola Village and Park Avenue, I felt I should express my concerns to all of you as our elected officials, and ask that you carefully consider the negative impacts such a trail would have on Capitola.

When myself and other Capitola citizens voted for Measure L, it was our understanding that any future Rail/Bike Trail that the RTC would build would **only** be built in the rail corridor. The proposed project does not reflect the voters understanding, nor is it in compliance with Capitola Municipal Code 8.72 that requires the trail to be on the rail corridor, not on the public streets. I can't tell you how many council meetings I attended regarding traffic and parking in the Village! Being a beach destination, traffic and parking will always be at the forefront of issues for Capitola. We cannot afford to lose any more parking in the Village. The RTC is not keeping Capitola in mind in its proposal. Capitola needs to stand up and do what is best for the City.

It is with sincere concern that I ask each and every one of you to carefully review and consider what you are being asked to vote for. I urge you to listen to your constituents and vote for what is BEST for CAPITOLA ~ not for the RTC. Please uphold the city's law codified in Municipal Code Chapter 8.72 to keep the trail in the RTC Rail Corridor and vote NO on the proposal to put the RTC trail on Capitola streets.

Thank you for all the work you do as council members. I know personally from experience as the City Clerk that some decisions are harder than others; this is one of them. There were always two sides to an issue and each felt passionate about their view. As our elected representatives it is important to always remember to keep what's best for Capitola first and foremost in your mind.

Sincerely,

Pam Greeninger