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Hi my name is Beatrice and I am in 8th grade. I live in capitola and have done Junior Life Guards since I was 6. I interviewed kids at my school to get their opinions on having a bike path through the village. Below are opinions of teenagers who can't make it to a city council meeting because they are so busy.

Theo Gradek - 11th grade

"The roads are very dangerous. One time I was biking to my friend's house and people in cars were honking at me because there was no space for me on the road."

Will Rey-Cenevaz - 10th grade

"When turning into Capitola sometimes cars don't see you and that's dangerous"
How would you feel if we had a bike path from the east side to the west side?
"That'd be amazing"

Grace Nicely - 11th grade

"We need to protect our younger people on bikes because they are the future."
"If we had a bike path there would be a lot less injuries and people wouldn't be as scared to bike, people are careless and will open their doors into the bike lane without looking so its important to keep bike lines out of the door-zone."
"I think younger kids are not as aware of what's going on on the road and there are bike safety skills that the kids should know but when they are biking with their friends they often forget and the responsibility lies on those who received a license, to keep kids safe."

Sascha Fon - 11th grade

"Having a bike line would promote biking more. We don't have a continuous path from the westside to Capitola so this would promote people biking to work and school , it's better for the environment to bike than to drive a car."

Corissa Johnson Swalve - 8th grade

"It's the only way that kids can get around, they're too young to drive, if you're trying to get a job to save up to get a car you need a bike, so you need a bike lane"
"The economy of Capitola village is supported by kids. I go there every weekend. The shops are primarily aimed to please kids and teens: candy, ice cream, boba , trendy bathing suits. There are more businesses advertising to adolescents than there are bars meaning kids and teens are bringing in more revenue than adults."
"If you have to work, as a kid, you're going to have to rely on a bike to get to your job which is important to support your family and you are not legally allowed to drive a car."

Diana Deyhim - 8th grade

"A bike lane would keep kids safe when they bike home through the village."

Olivia Tinkey - 12th grade

“Bike lanes, especially protected bike lanes, are really important for safety, I’ve seen people on bikes being hit by cars before.”

“I’m pro-bike because it’s good for the environment, for the future, it's exercise and recreation.”

Rosa Novembre - 8th grade

“It’s the exact path to my friends house and my school and would be helpful to get anywhere quickly without traffic.”

Natasha Tarbox - 10th grade

“A lot of people bike in this community so it is important to protect bikers.”

Calvin Davis- 7th grade

“There are lots of bumps in the bike lane and sometimes cars go into it so it’s really dangerous. I would really like to have a bike path.”

Julia Guth - 11th grade

“I got hit by a car, so I don’t want to get hit by a car again.”

Mira Stern - 8th grade

“I am stuck in traffic for half an hour on the way to school, and an hour or more after school. I just got an e-bike to make commuting easier on my parents and me. I know that a bike path would help many kids to get to school easier and safely. Biking is good for the environment, community, and way better than cars. Biking is the only way we can get around town because we can’t drive. For families without cars, kids in different schools, or ones with low income parents, having a bike path to get around would make it so much easier for kids to get to school, appointments, food, and friends' houses.”

Vivi Bevirt - 8th grade

“It would be amazing to have a bike path that went all the way through town. It would make it so much easier and safer to see my friends.”

Nola Gordan

“As someone who bikes to school often, a bike path would make me feel much more secure and safe on the road.”

Randy Garrett - parent and teacher

“It would be a dream. If we can have a rail and a bike path that would be nice but if we can’t do the rail the bike path is more essential and needed. I bet with the tenth of the cost it would take to build a rail we could be the dedicated bike path mecca of the west coast.”