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**From:** G L <224glin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 13, 2025 9:34 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** concernedcitizensofcapitola@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Uphold 8.72 — Keep the Trail on the Rail

Dear Council members,

I've been a residence and business owner of Capitola for 50 + years and have always appreciated the Capitola city council as having the one reasonable and responsible voice of reason from the other jurisdictions in the county.

I'm an avid bike rider that rides throughout the county on a regular basis and without a doubt and by far the worst and scariest part of my ride is through the Village, especially during the summer and weekends. So much so there are plenty of days when I'll avoid going through the village if its exceptionally busy. That you're even thinking of compounding this problem with even more riders (many of whom will be older or younger also in groups) trying to get through the village dodging pedestrians and cars is dangerous. At a minimum I ask and challenge each and every council member to rent an e-bike on this coming Easter weekend and ride loops along the projected path that is being considered so each of you can see for yourselves the hazards that are ever present on a busy weekend. Now add the amount of additional riders that will be using this hazardous corridor once and if this project is complete to get a sense of the congestion and danger it will create.

And one last note, the City is in the process of approval of a very large increase in zoning for 600 Park Ave which, as currently being proposed, if the developer is providing for low or very low income units, minimum parking will be required meaning the only alternative for those residences will be Park Ave. . The reconfiguration for this proposal calls for eliminating the current parking on the track side of Park Ave., with the soon to be increased need for parking along Park Ave the city should be increasing the parking on that side not eliminating it. Please ask yourselves where are these people supposed to park?

Again, I hope the City will be the voice of reason on this important issue, uphold the law passed by voters of Capitola. Policy has consequences and passing this will forever change the Village.

Sincerely,  
Gary Lindeke  
Capitola