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Subject: public information request - Capitola City Council - staff misrepresenting information

Matt,

We often get Public Information request reports from our Trail Now supporters. With the big Capitola Trestle repurposing to trail debate, I received a 76-page Public Information Request report from Capitola advocacy group that has you participating in a meeting and making comments.

The issue with the PIR report has county staff making statements to **purposely misguide Capitola City Council members on scheduling requirements**. In short, staff stated that they are intentionally misleading Capitola City Council. They actually make statements "to not disclose information to city council on extension plans for CTC funds".

I am no expert, but I think it is illegal that staff purposely misguided city council on a project scope.

You are part of the conversation (Dec-March/2025), so I think you may be implicated in this misrepresentation to public officials because you didn't recommend to staff that they do not misrepresent information to Capitola City Council. I appreciate your work as Director of Public Works so I am not looking to implicate you or others, but it is really unacceptable that County Staff is dishonest to Capitola City Council about the proposed trail project schedule.

We have more people and AI looking at the public records - but I wanted to express my disappointment in county staff purposely providing false information to the public and council members .

Best regards,

Brian Peoples

