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From: Carl A. Seibert <carloncam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 4:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please Approve The Park Avenue Trail Project

Dear Mayor Clark and Capitola City Council Members:

My name is Carl Seibert, I reside in Soquel.
I've had the privilege of speaking before you several times, thank you.
I've called our "Mid-County" area home since the late 1950s
(I'm a proud graduate of Capitola Elementary, Class of 1965 too.)

I encourage you to please vote "Yes" for either "Trail Option A" or "Trail Option B" on Park Avenue from Monterey Avenue to New Brighton. (Personally, I prefer Trail Option A, it is more practical.)
The consequences of your vote won't just affect the City of Capitola, it will resonate throughout our county.

A grant of 67 million dollars is already in-place for construction of this trail segment. If that isn't getting to "Play With House Money", I don't know what is!
(I consider it all the more exceptional because our county is the second-smallest in California. How great is that, for us to get that kind of consideration?)
Please don't pass on this opportunity to fund a beautiful, safe stretch of a county-wide trail.

Since funding and the costs of this project are frequently the focus of this issue, I don't understand why it isn't considered more often in terms of an "Investment".
Not just an investment in tangibles like bridges, trestles, rail crossings and other much-needed physical improvements, but in our greater community as well.
The funding will provide for good-paying jobs, employment for local residents; many of them "Green Jobs".
The money those folks earn will largely be spent here locally, to pay for their families, their homes, their groceries, household needs, etc. - and taxes. Those tax revenues will be put back into our communities as well.
I believe it creates a "Beneficial Cycle", revenue-wise for the City of Capitola and our county. In the process, Capitola and the greater Santa Cruz County area get a world-class bike and pedestrian trail that many generations of us get to use and enjoy.

Again, please vote "Yes" to move forward on this project, thanks again.

Sincerely,
Carl Seibert
Soquel

P.S. Have you seen pictures of the "Westside to Boardwalk" segment of the trail?

It looks terrific - and with your approval we gain an even more beautiful - and safe - stretch of it on Park Avenue!

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