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From: Michael Ballen <michaelballen@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 4:10 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for the Rail Trail

Dear Capitola City Council,

I want to add my voice to the support for completing the Rail Trail from Monterey & Park to New Brighton State Beach.

I am an avid biker, but being a senior citizen, I am restricting myself to ride only on dedicated bicycle trails nowadays. No more off road or sharing the road with cars. It's way too scary for me now.

My sister lives in Capitola, and I visit her often. One activity that we can still do together is ride bikes, like we did when we were kids. It's very meaningful for me to get cardio exercise and maintain my engagement with my family, so riding safely in Santa Cruz County is desirable for me.

Please preserve the existing Rail Trail grant funding, and be a part of a great thing for all Bay Area residents.

Thanks very much,

Respectfully,

Michael Ballen