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To: City Council
Subject: Vote yes on the Rail Trail on the 17th

Dear Capitola City Council -

I urge you to vote to approve the Rail Trail at your special meeting on April 17th.

Capitola has a charming, walkable, and beautiful downtown, and while I live nearby in the County I rarely visit, as the traffic congestion from cars detracts from the experience and makes it frustrating to get in and out. By contrast, I have really enjoyed biking (and taking the bus, and walking, and riding BCycle) into and around Capitola. Those have been the times that I have stayed and spent my money at Mijo's and enjoyed the ocean views.

The Rail Trail will bring more people like me to spend our dollars in Capitola without adding to the car congestion that is in the village today. This unprecedented \$67 million dollar grant - literally the largest Active Transportation Grant ever awarded by California - is an incredible opportunity that you should not refuse, especially given the uncertainty of Federal and State funding under the current administration.

Please vote Yes!

- Bennett Williamson
Santa Cruz County District 5