

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** April 2, 2025

**From:** City Manager Department

**Subject:** Rail Trail Project Town Hall

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Recommended Action: None. No Council action will be taken at the Town Hall.

Background/Discussion: On February 13, 2025, the City Council heard an item regarding Park Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements with Coastal Rail Trail Options. The staff report for that item can be reviewed by clicking the link listed as Attachment 1. At the conclusion of that hearing, the City Council directed staff to host a town hall meeting in collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to review long-term impacts of the Rail Trail, provide updates on the use of the Capitola Trestle, review impacts of potential litigation from Measure L, and provide a general overview of the Rail Trail project's impacts in Capitola.

The RTC independently hosted a public meeting at New Brighton Middle School on March 4 to provide context regarding the Rail Trail.

In response to the Council's direction on February 13 and March 13, staff has coordinated a Town Hall meeting in collaboration with Santa Cruz County and the RTC.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

**Location:** New Brighton Middle School Performing Arts Center

This meeting is being noticed as a City Council meeting so that Council Members may attend as audience members. There will be no Council decision. The Town Hall will follow the agenda below:

- 1) Mayors Welcome & Facilitator Introduction – 5 minutes
- 2) Presentation – 35 minutes
  - a. Project Context
  - b. Current Project Overview
    - i. Rail Trail Segments 10 & 11
    - ii. Funding
    - iii. Timeline
  - c. Plan for Trail through Capitola Village & ATP Grant
  - d. Park Avenue Realignment
    - i. Background
    - ii. Original plan
    - iii. New proposed plan
  - e. Measure L
  - f. Use of Capitola Trestle
    - i. Option 1
    - ii. Option 2
  - g. Mobile Home Encroachments
  - h. Ongoing Maintenance Costs

- i. Future Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail (ZEPRT)
- 3) Answers to Pre-Submitted Questions – 30 minutes
- 4) Public Comment – 45 minutes
- 5) Staff Responses
- 6) Mayor Thank You and Conclusion

Fiscal Impact: Outreach efforts, facilitation, and broadcasting costs are approximately \$5,000.

Attachments:

1. Link to February 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Report:  
<https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/capitolaca-meet-22dcaa307be5437dbb1328e7ace00934/ITEM-Attachment-007-c0473858d01a4529a85b7dc9ae72d794.pdf>
2. Link to Correspondence Received 2/13 through 3/28 - DropBox Folder:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4hn7q7g5ph4lh8dfpt9xf/ADOhg2XzWE9dex2XpDFN5\\_c?rlkey=ynxkqpgf123jgd6iqyf7xcd8v&st=ko7ddavl&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4hn7q7g5ph4lh8dfpt9xf/ADOhg2XzWE9dex2XpDFN5_c?rlkey=ynxkqpgf123jgd6iqyf7xcd8v&st=ko7ddavl&dl=0)
3. Link to March 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Report:  
<https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/capitolaca-meet-80c1d3262373472a9a50c684fa9cdae4/ITEM-Attachment-006-93431e5d944745df9d52587e69ac71f9.pdf>
4. Link to Town Hall Overview Website, including Informational Materials:  
<https://www.cityofcapitola.org/community/page/town-hall>

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