

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: April 23, 2026

From: Community and Economic Development Department

Subject: 41st Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation and Multimodal Improvements Project - Entryway Enhancement

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to modify the project scope of the 41st Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation and Multimodal Improvements Project to include curb, sidewalk, and hardscape improvements at the corner of 41st Avenue and Gross Road Extension to accommodate a future gateway monument.

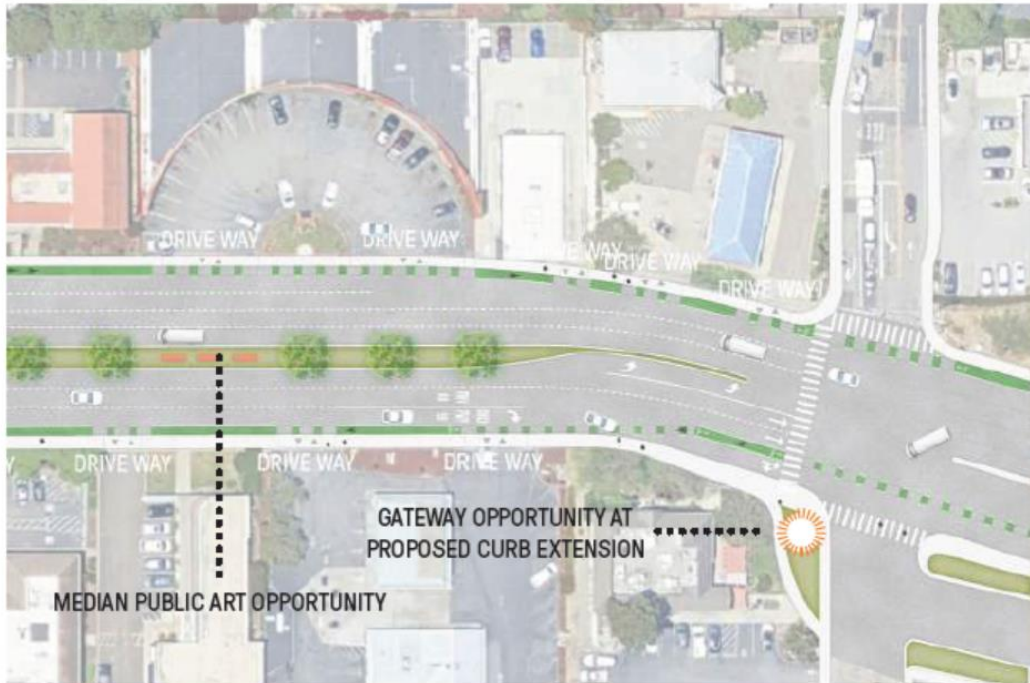
Background: On March 26, 2026, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Granite Rock Company for the 41st Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation and Multimodal Improvements Project.

The City is concurrently advancing the 41st Avenue, Clares Street, and Capitola Road Corridor Plan (Corridor Plan), with a draft anticipated for City Council review in May 2026. The Corridor Plan identifies opportunities to enhance placemaking along the corridor, including potential gateway monument locations at key entry points into the City. One such location is at the corner of 41st Avenue and Gross Road Extension, within the limits of the current construction project.

Discussion: The Corridor Plan identifies the corner of 41st Avenue and Gross Road Extension, adjacent to the Pizza My Heart site, as a key gateway location into the City. The proposed monument area would occupy approximately two existing on-street parking spaces within the City right-of-way and would require modification of the existing curb alignment and construction of an expanded sidewalk area. The location of the proposed improvement is shown in Attachment 1.

Incorporating this work into the current project allows the City to complete the necessary frontage improvements in coordination with ongoing roadway construction. This approach avoids the need to remove and reconstruct newly completed improvements at a later date and minimizes future disruption to traffic and adjacent uses. The improvement would function as an extension of the sidewalk, maintaining pedestrian accessibility while creating a defined space for a future gateway feature.

The design and installation of the monument itself would be completed separately, potentially through a public art process led by the Capitola Art and Cultural Commission. Constructing the underlying curb and sidewalk improvements at this time prepares the site while maintaining flexibility in the final design of the entry feature.



41ST AVENUE ZONE 01 - GATEWAY MONUMENT OPPORTUNITY SITES



Fiscal Impact: The proposed scope modification consists of relatively minor curb, sidewalk, and striping adjustments that can be incorporated into the project during construction. Staff anticipates this work can be accommodated within the existing project budget and contingency without increasing the overall project cost. No additional appropriation is requested at this time.

Attachments:

1. 41st Avenue Gateway Opportunity Location

Alignment with 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Priority: Economic Opportunity

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