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Dear City Council members,

First off, I would like to thank the RTC for all of their work on the Coastal Rail Trail project. It is a complicated project, made more difficult by the obstructionist group, called Trail Now. I do have to wonder if Trail Now should change their name to Trail Never, as they seem to never support any part of the Rail Trail project. Trail Now works very hard at spreading misinformation, including standing outside of Council Chambers at the last meeting and handing out their propaganda.

Every delay escalates costs, potentially causing more delays for building the trail. There is also the possibility of losing funding from the State. This project is too important to the residents of Santa Cruz County. The Coastal Rail Trail is a benefit for everyone living in our county from Davenport to Watsonville.

I am an avid cyclist and cycle from Santa Cruz to Aptos on a regular basis. I see lots of cyclists using Park Avenue and McGregor. There are some tricky spots to navigate for cyclists on both Park and McGregor. Our safety is at stake here. Please do not let a group of NIMBY's bully the council into more delays. Delays only jeopardize our safety out there on the roads, as well as our health and wellbeing.

I think that the truth is cyclists and walkers will continue to use Park Avenue in either scenario, meaning if there is a trail or not. The question is, if the trail is not built, does the City of Capitola want the liability that could arise if someone is involved in a person to car accident? With the rest of the trail being built right now, people are going to come to use the trail, and like myself, they will wind up on the streets (Park Ave) to complete their cycling or walking adventure.

Please do not allow a trail gap in the Rail Trail project, instead, approve Option A or Option B.

Thank you,

Martha Macambridge
40 year resident of Santa Cruz County
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