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Dear Mayor Clarke and Council members,

Thank you for scheduling a Town Hall for the Coastal Rail Trail project. The agenda is ambitious, and I hope with the materials, it will provide the information to lay some of the issues to rest – particularly with the Park Ave trail realignment and Measure L. The Park Ave trail is not a trail in the village nor is part of the trestle project, it is simple 0.7 trail separate from other issues. The path is primarily on the SCRTC right of way and will be funded by the SCRTC. Sadly, for Capitola some misinformed people do not see the opportunity for improved safety and are muddling it to make it look like something it is not.

The Park Ave realignment is an opportunity to have a SAFE multi-use path that we can all use long before the rail trail project is built. I ride Park Ave frequently and this project is an opportunity for a less expensive, easier & faster to build, less disruptive to the monarch habitat and more scenic than a path on the rail right of way gully. It will have better neighborhood access and lighting also making it safer at night.

We could have a 0.7-mile Class IV separated, multi-use trail in a couple of years. Hold the meeting, provide the information and DO NOT further delay or we miss the opportunity for the SCRTC funding and all we will have is painted lines and sharrows for years instead.

Without the Coastal Rail Trail project there will not be any trail for ten plus years. One cannot use funding awarded for one project for a different project, and railbanking is not an option.

Please move forward with this project, thank you.

Paula Bradley, resident