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From: Teresa Maguire <tlcmaguire@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 5:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda item 7C - Please do more in-depth traffic analysis for us that are down stream that already have bad traffic issues!

Dear Capitola City Council,

I am writing to formally request a more in-depth traffic analysis regarding the negative downstream impacts of the Bay Avenue modifications, specifically the introduction of a roundabout and the resulting increased congestion on surrounding streets. As the owner and operator of a child care facility located in Capitola, I have observed significant traffic issues that have worsened during peak hours, particularly from **4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**, coinciding with our busiest pickup time.

The increased congestion in front of my house has **created hazardous conditions for families picking up their children**, with vehicles frequently stopping in unsafe locations, longer queue times, and heightened risks for pedestrians. Additionally, emergency vehicle access is often obstructed, which poses a serious concern for the safety of the children and families in our care. Many families have expressed frustration over the growing delays, making it harder for them to navigate pickup logistics safely and efficiently.

I kindly urge the city to conduct a **deeper traffic study** on the impact these changes have on nearby streets, including Monterey Avenue, Park Avenue, Kennedy Drive, and other surrounding residential streets.

Maybe the answer is to put a roundabout at Kennedy and Park Avenue first so traffic can flow to the freeway, and work your way back to Bay/Porter.

It's ok to ask for more time, and to do this the proper way. Please dont create more issues while trying to solve a problem someone else in town.

Comparing Bay/Porter right off of HW1 to Bird Rock which is over 4 miles away from the freeway is not a very good comparison. La Jolla Boulevard is longer and straight, and doesnt have the freeway traffic being dumped there.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response and hope to see proactive steps taken to ensure the safety and well-being of Capitola residents, particularly young children and families.

Sincerely,
Teresa Maguire

Capitola, CA