Gautho, Julia

From: Kathleen Byrne <kathleenagnesbyrne@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2026 10:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stockton Bridge

I feel the Stockton Bridge should definitely be repaired as it is part of the beautiful ambience of Capitola and it is historic and we are losing too much of the history of Capitola instead of keeping it alive.
I would be very sad if they changed it and did not repair it

Kathleen Byrne
Sent from my iPhone

Gautho, Julia

From: Rosemary Bulaich <rosemarybulaich@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2026 8:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stockton St Bridge

I have been a homeowner in Capitola for 45 years. During that time, the bridge has become as much a part of the view of The Village as the historic Venetian cottages. PLEASE restore and repair this icon rather than modernizing and replacing it.

Rosemary Bulaich

Sent from my iPhone

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Mark Ban
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831-588-8447
Sent from my iPad

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From: Kahn, Jessica
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2026 10:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: Stockton Bridge

From: Kahn, Jessica
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2026 8:32 AM
To: 'mark Ban' <markban@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Stockton Bridge

Good morning,

Thank you for sharing your suggestion. Potential projects for the Stockton Avenue Bridge and the Capitola Trestle project are multiyear efforts and are still in the early planning stages. Construction timing and safe routes for pedestrians and bicyclists will be considered as the projects move forward.

Jessica Kahn, P.E.
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Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2026 1:22 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Goldstein, Jamie; City Council; Kahn, Jessica
Subject: Stockton Avenue Bridge — clarification before August 27 Council agenda

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Bob Hickman Capitola City Resident

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From: Cheryl Ban <cherylban@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2026 12:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stockton Street Bridge

Capitola City Council,
Building the trail on the Captiola Trestle would be paramount before any disruptive work being done on the Stockton Street Bridge or Cliff Drive Project.
CALTRANS and the city hired engineer report indicates the option to repair the bridge rather than complete replacement of the Stockton bridge.
I am not in favor of adding to the Stockton bridge or the Cliff Drive project in any way that would facilitate detouring the bike / pedestrian trail through the Village.
It must stay in the rail corridor.
Measure L, CMC 8.72 has already been discussed at length at past city council meetings and has been settled.

At this time the best way to proceed is to repair the bridge.
And since winter is fast approaching it may be prudent to asses the
Stockton Bridge after the winter storms.
If the bridge could get more years before replacement, per the reports, it would be a relief to our whole county to repair the bridge, since we are all construction traumatized.

Have we not learned anything from the Murray St. bridge years long closure.
The impact to the entire county. The business pleading for help.
Remember what the lockdowns during covid have done to business, disseminated 50% of small business.
Some struggling and still closing from this lockdown.
Now considering the unreasonable decision the city of Santa Cruz made to NOT make use of the useable and available trail on trestle to at least attempt to help the businesses.
I can just imagine Capitola Village business despair to have the Stockton bridge impaired or closed for any length of time.
How about the Council addressing the Capitola business district directly, proclaiming unanimous Agreement on the support of our small businesses.

It would be appreciated to have weekly updates posted on the Capitola city website with helpful information and details about the projects.
Especially what impacts the projects are anticipating.
For instance, current information about 41 St. Ave., Bay Avenue closure and the Park Ave. freeway on ramp closure.
The city website would provide valuable information for the citizens to navigate projects.

Capitola Resident,
Cheryl Ban

Gautho, Julia

From: Gayle Ortiz <gayle@gocapitola.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2026 11:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stockton Avenue Bridge

Dear Council,

I understand you will be addressing the future of the Stockton Bridge at the August 27 meeting.

I support keeping the existing bridge and doing the repairs outlined by the engineer that give us plus or minus 30 more years.

I don't believe this is the time to pursue a tear down. There's enough going on, staff time and community resources are stretched to their max as is!

Please consider repairs only.

Gayle Ortiz