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We feel that the Grand Avenue Pathway is a Capitola treasure and a very important part of the California Coastal Trail. There are few places in the world that enjoy the views that our trails provide.

The city of Capitola needs to step up and preserve the beauty of the pathway or it will be gone forever. The Pathway will not be preserved by spending money on yearly cliff assessments that just affirm that we are not doing what needs to be done to save the cliff from eroding.

The city needs to stop the formations of deep notches and sea cave into the bedrock at the base of the bluff with the use of rip raff rock to tame the ocean waves, like the rest of the world does it. Repair of the drains is essential as observed by the recent collapse caused by inadequate maintenance of the surface water. Hard drains need to be installed to direct street water from the neighborhood away from the fragile Marine Terrace Deposits.

Private encroachments that limit the city's ability to fully utilize the right-of-way must be taken back to be used as part of the pathway.

Anything short of the above will not save the Grand Avenue Pathway for our community and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

We hope the city will do what is necessary to preserve this pathway.

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