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**Dear Mayor and Council Member,**

I received a notice that the Council is holding a special meeting tonight to discuss potential litigation. I am not an attorney and cannot offer legal advice. However, I can say that Measure L was voted on by the citizens of Capitola, and the majority clearly indicated that they did not want the RTC to run a bicycle/pedestrian trail through Capitola Village. Instead, they wanted the trail to remain on the train corridor and go over the trestle. We were assured by the RTC and FORT that there was sufficient room for both a trail and a rail.

It seems unfortunate that the Council is now considering spending a significant amount of money on litigation because some Council Members prefer a trail through the Village. Wouldn't it be much simpler to take Measure L back to the voters and let them decide? Shouldn't you be representing what is best for Capitola, not the RTC?

Sincerely,  
Susan Westman