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Subject: City of Capitola Support for the County of Santa Cruz ATP Grant Application

Dear ATP Grant Selection Committee,

The City of Capitola strongly supports the County of Santa Cruz's Active Transportation Program application for *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11*. Approximately 1.8 miles of the 4.5-mile project lie within the City's jurisdiction. As partners, we acknowledge that only by working together will this transformative active transportation corridor be built: one step, one grant, one segment at a time. The 10-year plus extensive community engagement process has laid the foundation for the installation of this landmark project. Multiple segments have been constructed and this complex multi-jurisdictional effort is keenly focused on completing the entire 32-mile trail. The City of Capitola enthusiastically supports this project that will fundamentally change active transportation in our region.

The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project will fund construction of two priority segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. This project crosses jurisdictional boundaries and is located in both the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Capitola. This partnership between the City and County ensures a better project than if either agency were to pursue their portion independently and will create a truly transformative active transportation corridor for our community.

Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 will help to create a connected, active transportation corridor along the spine of the City and County. The trail will fundamentally shift transportation behavior in our community by providing safe and appealing infrastructure that is easily accessible to all. Students and seniors alike will be drawn to this trail. This is both a community and regional project that will shine for decades.

Within the City of Capitola, this project will traverse the city providing a corridor for pedestrians and bicycles. The trail will provide a safe and beautiful experience for recreation, active transportation, and environmental and cultural education along the Monterey Bay with access to key areas of Capitola including Capitola Village and the 41st Avenue commercial area.

I encourage you to support this critical project and award a grant to the County of Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

Sam Storey
Mayor