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To: City Council
Subject: Options for Bay Ave. traffic issues

Members of the Capitola City Council,

From a traffic flow perspective, the current lane restrictions on Bay Ave. simply aren't working. Of the 3 options being considered by the Council, I support restoring the lane markings to their former layout (option #2) but with the addition of a pedestrian-activated flashing warning or stop signal at the Nob Hill center crosswalk.

The current 'fix' was a poorly-planned knee-jerk reaction to a very unfortunate incident.

Many times I've seen pedestrians step out into moving traffic without even looking up from their phone, foolishly thinking that a crosswalk is some sort of 'invisible shield' that guarantees protection from approaching vehicles. Public awareness about pedestrian safety needs to be addressed as well...simply punishing the motorist by making our roads even more difficult to navigate isn't the answer.



Best regards,
-Jim Sklenar – Santa Cruz resident and frequent visitor to Capitola.