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**From:** Annie Allen <bannieallen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 8:31 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Regarding Bay Avenue congestion

Dear Capitola City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion about traffic congestion on Bay Avenue in Capitola. Since the lane reduction was installed, the congestion and backups in this area have been overwhelming and frustrating and safety is a bigger concern than ever.

In the mornings I travel from Soquel to the New Brighton area and often times cannot move forward from the traffic light at the overpass due to traffic congestion across the intersection. There is a steady stream of cars coming off the freeway onto Bay Ave and many have to quickly maneuver to the left lane if they want to go straight. Cars stuck in the left lane move unbearably slow and I often see drivers using the middle turn lane to advance up the line and turn left. I also see frustrated drivers in the right lane turn into the shopping center and circle around to the exit to avoid the mess. It's bumper to bumper traffic and people are aggravated.

I strongly support restoring Bay Avenue to the way it was originally. Traffic flowed easily; it worked! To address safety concerns in the area, I suggest installing better street lights on the corners, trimming trees for increased visibility and adding in-road flashing crosswalk lights at the intersections (I think they have these on Soquel Drive in Soquel by the post office).

Thank you for your service and consideration,  
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