

9/24/25

Subject: City Council Meeting 9/25/25 – Public Comments letter Item 9A – Bay Avenue

Dear Mayor Clarke and Council members,

Please consider Option 1 – No changes.

Soon, unfortunately, the Bay Avenue Porter Street on and off ramps will be closed for the Caltrans Highway 1 project. By the time they are reopened Capitola Avenue will be open (hopefully by the end of the year), and this will provide another access to Capitola and the two schools alleviating the traffic crunch. Bay Avenue is a mess and a major inconvenience for drivers for a few hours a day and, but it is temporary. Clearly people are extremely frustrated. I see vehicles practically ignore the flashing beacons just like other crosswalks. Slowing vehicles makes it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians and spending \$50,000 to \$200,000 for a temporary change is not worth it. Please focus on the bigger picture traffic plans. Spend the money on the roundabout and expedite it.

Thank you,

Paula Bradley

Capitola resident