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**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Item 9A

Mayor and Council members,

I am writing regarding item 9A. First, the timing for the bridge inspection could not be worse. The fact that the bridge has been damaged during the inspection is just one more issue created by the Public Works dept. While not directly responsible, Public Works is the lead agency. This is just another one of many issue related to Public Works projects since Steve Jesberg retired. We have had the Bay Ave boondoggle, soon to be followed by a bigger boondoggle, the proposed roundabout. No Right Turn on Red on Capitola Road and 41st and Clares and 41st have created unnecessary frustrating traffic jams. The timing of the light for northbound Capitola Rd and 41st often malfunctions but complaints are dismissed. Street sweeping in residential neighborhoods is hit and miss - the advertised schedule is rarely adhered to. The manhole on eastbound Park Ave where the new paving begins is about 2-3" below the surface of the road and that was either approved as is or ignored. Monterey Ave between Capitola Ave and the railroad tracks is a mess and even minor repairs are not discussed or attempted. The median artwork on 41st, once a proud addition, hasn't been cleaned in years.

It's a shame that the Public Works Department seems to be doing everything wrong to solve congestion, traffic problems, and dilapidated streets and are actually making the problems worse through poor decisions or inaction. Our once great little town that handled public works efficiently and with pride in the city has rapidly gone downhill. It's time the City Council consider a performance review of the Public Works Dept and take a hard look at the issues addressed in this letter.

Thank you,  
Mick Routh

Sent from my iPad