Outlook

Item 8A Staff report

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To City Council <citycouncil@cityofcapitola.gov>

Mayor and Council members,

At the 8/27/26 City Council meeting, Council member Jensen made a motion regarding rehabilitation of the Stockton Ave bridge. The motion, adopted unanimously, specifically directed staff to proceed with the polyester overlay as indicated in the CalTrans report.

What didn't the staff understand about the directive? Now they are offering up an alternative type overlay (Item 2 in the staff report), never discussed, never in the CalTrans recommendation. This is the #1 problem with the public works department and city manager. The directive was clear! FOLLOW IT ! PROCEED WITH THE POLYESTER OVERLAY AS DIRECTED! This is just one more example why we need a change in personnel at multiple levels.

Mick Routh

Recommended Action: 1) Receive an update regarding implementation of the City Council's August 27, 2026, direction, including the bridge preservation and project-development solicitation, continued community outreach, and the annual Soquel Creek inspection and coordination; and 2) provide direction regarding whether staff should continue developing the Caltrans-recommended polyester concrete overlay and return with a revised funding request, or pursue a methacrylate deck treatment as a lower-cost interim maintenance measure.

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