Capitola City Council Agenda Report

Meeting: July 24, 2025

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 & 11



<u>Recommended Action</u>: Reschedule the Coastal Rail Trail Project update to the August 2025 City Council meeting to allow participation by representatives from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the County of Santa Cruz.

<u>Background</u>: During the May 28, 2025, City Council meeting, Council Member Orbach requested an update on the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 Project, to be heard during the regularly scheduled July City Council meeting. During the June 12, 2025, City Council meeting, Councilmembers Orbach and Jensen reiterated this request.

At the June 12th meeting, the Council also formed an ad-hoc subcommittee, composed of Mayor Clarke and Councilmember Jensen, to draft a letter to the RTC Board. The letter outlines a series of questions and concerns related to the trail alignment and associated impacts within the City of Capitola. A copy of the letter is included as an attachment to this report.

<u>Discussion:</u> Staff has coordinated with RTC and County Public Works staff regarding attendance at a future Council meeting to provide a project update and respond to the questions raised in the letter. Due to scheduling conflicts, neither RTC nor County staff are available to attend the Council meeting on July 24, 2025.

Staff recommends rescheduling the Coastal Rail Trail Project update to a meeting in August or September to ensure both agencies can participate and provide a comprehensive response to Council's inquiries.

Attachments:

1. June 27, 2025, Subcommittee letter

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