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From: Helen Bryce <helen.s.bryce@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 12:33 AM
To: City Council
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Dear Capitola City Council Members,

I am writing today regarding the proposed improvements to the Grand Avenue Pathway. I agree that the Pathway is an important feature of our community. As I read over the report prepared by the Public Works Department, it appears that the best plan for the long term use of the Pathway is Option #2 "Remove encroachments in the Grand Avenue right-of-way". While I understand that this option would require additional cost and additional staff time, it would enable better use of the Pathway now, and help prevent the need for duplicating work in the future. As a Capitola resident and property owner, I urge you to implement Option #2. Thank you very much.

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From: John Shenk <jshenk@mac.com>
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Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, and Council Members Brooks, Clarke, and Pedersen,

We ask that the public access trail be preserved as much as can safely been done. Please approve Option 2 in the Staff Report. This is not a community asset to be lost - we must do the good work to maximize its utility and safety to benefit the entire community.

We have been residents of the Depot Hill neighborhood for 15+ years and the access to Grand Avenue is a significant public asset worthy of the Staff time and “moderate cost” shown in Table 1 to preserve it with the lowest risk.

On Grand Avenue, each day many enjoy moments of tranquility and peace viewing the Bay, meet neighbors and residents of Capitola as well as from far away places, see children ride bikes, and dogs out for a stroll. Preserving the access and walking path is our duty. One day it may all be gone, but for now, for the foreseeable future, please take decisive action to approve Option 2. When compared to the cost to create such a public asset the work and capital investment to maximize the utility of the existing public land and preserve this walking path is minimal.

Respectfully, the Shenks at 117 Saxon Avenue