



Outlook

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Mayor Morgan and Capitola Clty Council Members,

Thank you for showing a sense of urgency on 2 very critical items impacting our City.

Item 8A - Offshore Oil Drilling - The studies in 1980 were the basis for the creation of the MBNMS (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary) and all efforts to continue to support the most rigorous language in our municipal code to align with Santa Cruz and the goals of preserving our threatened coastal environment should be made. We should strengthen our legal defensibility by including as much specific language as possible including any and all onshore infrastructure to support seabed mining.

Item 8B - Support for Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Direction on Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10–11 and Evaluation of the Capitola Trestle

It never made sense to me that the RTC ZEPRT project pushed the Trestle to "Phase Later" except that costs were involved and helped with budgeting.

The Trestle is a key structure within the corridor and should be in scope for any variation of a coastal rail trail project. SAFETY for multi modal transportation is paramount and the use of this path allows for that. My neighbors sent another photo of emergency vehicles attending to a bike down on Cliff Drive by the vertical parking near the Hoopers Beach Stairs on Sunday. I am so greatful the cyclist was OK. We also need to be mindful of the compliance with MC 8.72 and not add more infrastructure that routes corridor traffic through the village.

Thank you to the Staff for 2 well written staff reports on the agenda this week.

It is great to see Capitola be passionate about the safety and health of our ocean and people!

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