

CITY OF CAPITOLA



Event: Capitola Rail Trail Town Hall Meeting
Subject: Improvements through the Village related to
Capitola's FY 25/26 Active Transportation Grant Application

ATP Grant

On January 21, 2025, the City of Capitola submitted an application for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to develop the City's first Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP will focus on pedestrian and bicycle improvements throughout Capitola to enhance safety, accessibility, and connectivity for the community. This project will identify gaps, barriers, and opportunities in Capitola's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and emphasize modern, protected designs to improve safety and equity for all users.

While the project area includes the Village, the plan extends beyond the Village and addresses bicycle and pedestrian connectivity on key corridors throughout the City (see map on page 2). The application highlights the need for improvements in the Village due to increased pedestrian and bicycle trips associated with the future Rail Trail and the Capitola Avenue bridge over Highway 1. A major focus of the plan will be on the Village and the collectors and arterials that link residents to major community destinations, such as senior housing, schools, parks, shopping centers, the community center, library, and senior center.

The City's ATP grant application is currently under review by Caltrans.

Project Title: Connecting Capitola Village Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Grant Funds Requested: \$450,000

Local Match: \$60,000 (In-kind Capitol Staff Time) 11.75%

Total Project Cost: \$510,000

Primary Applicant: City of Capitola

Sub-Applicant: Ecology Action

Project Type: Active Transportation (Bicycle and Pedestrian)

Under-Resourced Community Definitions: At/Below 80% - Assembly Bill 1550

Description of Project Area: The project area includes Capitola Road, Wharf Road, Cliff Drive, Stockton Avenue, Esplanade, Capitola Avenue, Bay Avenue, and Park Avenue. Two major corridor studies which are already planned for the city will be incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan, including: Bay Avenue Corridor Plan (to be completed in 2025) and the 41st Avenue Corridor Plan (to begin in early 2025).

Map of Project Area: See next Page

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