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Subject: Add to March 13th Agenda - Prioritize the Trestle Rehabilitation Project for FY 23-24
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Hello,

I respectfully submit this letter to our Mayor and Council-members regarding the prioritization of the Riverfront Trestle Rehabilitation Project.

City Clerk, please add this to the March 13th Agenda for the City Council's Goal Setting.

Let me know if you'd like any further information.

Thank you very much,

Rosemary Hart
Community Engagement



March 6th, 2023

Dear Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Staff,

Our riverfront is at the heart of Petaluma, and the trestle has deteriorated to a point of compromising safety, and it is an embarrassment to our community. All of us recognize that the Rehabilitation of the Trestle fulfills every one of the City's five overarching goals. A beautiful riverfront promenade would provide significant community benefit as public park space adjacent to the historic downtown area. It would be an economic catalyst to boost tourism and support the downtown businesses thereby increasing city tax revenues which help support the other Capital Improvement Projects needed in the City of Petaluma.

The women of the Petaluma Woman's Club (PWC) were very excited that the Petaluma Riverfront Trestle was made a high priority by the mayor and most of the City Council members at last year's goal setting meeting. As with the City, PWC would like to help keep Petaluma a safe and well-maintained town. In our "Time To Trestle" campaign, we reached out to the community and within two days received over 400 signatures of Petaluma residents that want to see the Trestle eyesore rehabilitated. PWC has offered to help fundraise, write grant applications, and hold community visioning meetings in our historic clubhouse, but we haven't received a go-ahead as yet. It has been a year since the Trestle Rehabilitation Project was deemed one of the City's highest priority projects, and there hasn't been a real commitment to this project to date.

Please, prioritize the Trestle once again, and have the City show commitment to this project by setting the goal to have the project shovel ready by the end of this next fiscal year (FY 23-24) and to provide funds to achieve this milestone. Grantors and Donors are looking for a commitment by the City to the Trestle Rehabilitation Project prior to providing funds for the build.

It's Time To Trestle!

Sincerely,

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