

Kendall Sawyer

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

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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. It is an embarrassment to our community. A beautiful riverfront promenade would provide significant community benefit as public 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.

We ask the Petaluma City Council to

- prioritize the Trestle Rehabilitation Project.
- show commitment to this project by allocating funds to make the project shovel ready by the end of FY 23-24. (A feasibility analysis determined that both donors and grantors would be more receptive if the City budgeted funds, showing its commitment to this high priority project.)
- have the City apply for grant funding for this historical riverfront promenade park.

Thank you,
Susan and Douglas Cross
McNear Landing residents
