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Hi Chris,

The purpose of this email to update anyone interested on the City's progress and to briefly outline my understanding of this project. If anyone would like to make additions or corrections please let me know. In addition, please include me in any forwards of this email, so in the future we can include all interested parties.

**Background:** The trestle is owned by SMART and is on SMART property. The trestle currently is in such a dilapidated state, that it is closed to all uses, including pedestrian. The Petaluma Trolley Project (Trolley Group) wishes to rehabilitate the trestle so it can safely take a trolley load. It is also the intent of many to maintain the historic quality of the trestle. The City wishes to assist the Trolley Group as appropriate and as directed by City Council. It is my understanding that the overall scope, funding, and planning of this project is the responsibility of the Trolley Group. City Staff's roll is to assist as best we can.

**Current Progress:** The City of Petaluma has funded and will manage, (Jeanne Miche, Project Manager) the process of obtaining an *historic report*. (Sorry if that is not the correct terminology). Jeanne is currently writing the Draft Request for Proposals (RFP), which should be complete with in a week or two. When complete it will go to the Trolley Group as well as other City departments for review. It is critical that the Trolley Group review this document well and is in agreement with the scope of work - we are writing it largely on your behalf. It is my recommendation that the report include all that would be necessary to incorporate it into a future environmental document. Doing so could save time and money in the future for all parties.

**Future:** The City will manage the historic report to completion including obtaining the proper rights from SMART for the needed surveys. I am not aware of any clearly defined plan past this point. As I know you are aware, this trestle is SMART property they will need to be included in discussions regarding any proposed work done on their property.

It was a pleasure talking with you last week, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Thanks,  
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