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Comments on **Hwy 1 Safety & Mobility Study Phase 2**, November 2011 draft  
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**Parking** – Please consider our scenic highway -- particularly Montara and Surfer's Beach.

**Montara Beach** -- The stunning natural landscape of mountain and ocean views must not be marred by more asphalt parking lots. Please consider just expanded gravel shoulders to accommodate overflow parking during the relatively rare sunny weekend afternoons, which would leave the views unmarred the rest of the time.

**Surfer's Beach** -- The study suggests parking solutions that involve land belonging to the Harbor District and Granada Sanitary District who have not participated in the study. The Harbor District is working at cross purposes with the community in the effort to deal with parking issues at Surfers Beach. In 1998 substantial west-side beach parking was lost when the Harbor District gave over the land in a long-term lease for development as an RV park. More recently the Harbor District has allowed the RV park lessee to charge steep parking fees in the remaining small Surfer's Beach day-use lot, resulting in the lot being mostly empty while highway shoulder parking now occurs daily along the front of the lot. The Harbor District supports the day-use lot fee and has plans to charge for all harbor parking. Looking at a map of the area, the RV lot just cries out as the appropriate place for beach parking, which indeed it used to be.

**Surfer's Beach Alternatives A and E** are put forth as short-term options which do not deal with encroaching coastal erosion. Please consider either, or both, of the following suggestions:

- As an **alternative to option A** (east-side parking, no highway re-alignment), please consider securing an access easement from Obispo Rd. across GSD land to gravel parking in the east-side right of way, as a quicker, less expensive method for a short-term parking solution. Try to accomplish this, at least on a temporary basis, before GSD construction project this summer.
- As an **alternative to option E** (west-side parking with highway re-alignment), please consider acquiring the RV lot and returning it to beach parking. This would also return much-needed rest room facilities to general public use. Permanent coastal armoring of this area is already in place, thus this idea would also contribute to long-term solutions. Screening plantings are already in place -- replacing the RVs with parked cars will not further degrade scenic views. Paving and access are already in place. The highway would not need to be rerouted to accommodate this west-side parking.

**Miscellaneous corrections:**

- p. 26 Pedestrian & Bikeway Network: Pillar Point Bluff trails shown are pre-POST. Add Airport St. parking lot, ADA trail, new trail network. Correct map attached.
- p. 27 map shows Nurserymen's Exchange, now gone: suggest Floriculture business
- p. 36 caption: Grey Whale Cover trail (should be Cove)
- Surfer's Beach Option E – map lacks key numbers