

# Midcoast Community Council

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Date: March 28, 2012  
To: Steve Monowitz, Deputy Director, Planning/Building Dept.  
CC: Supervisor Don Horsley  
Subject: Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study, Phase 2

The MCC acknowledges the considerable effort in terms of staff and consultant time and public participation that went into the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility study. We have reviewed the Phase 2 study and public comments heard at our 2/29/12 and 3/14/12 meetings. We would like to emphasize these common themes:

- Proceed carefully.
- Preserve the rural character of the Midcoast.
- Prioritize simple solutions for highway safety and mobility.
- The east-side parallel trail, as inter-community alternative transportation, has long been a priority and is identified in the Measure A Strategic Plan for 2009-2013.
- Parking proposals need further study. Concerns are that scenic views and natural areas will be diminished or destroyed, that intensive parking events are only intermittent, and that we should be encouraging alternate modes of travel. The Surfer's Beach parking and circulation discussion needs to include the Coastal Commission, Harbor District, and Granada Sanitary District.
- Planning decisions should be based on statistical and technical data (rather than anecdotal data on accidents) and traffic volumes during peak commute or weekend hours (rather than daily average).
- Priority Development Area (PDA) designation for the Midcoast is opposed by many residents who are concerned about unwanted repercussions from receiving funding through the program or even just having the name attached to our area.

The MCC identifies the following Highway 1 improvements for near-term priority:

- Pedestrian crossings with refuge island in each community, most importantly in Moss Beach.
- Lighthouse left turn pocket
- Maximum speed throughout Midcoast should be 45 mph, except alongside airport.
- MCC work with county to find funding for engineering study on the parallel trail.

The MCC is interested in working with the county on an action plan for near-term priority items. We also wish to be an active partner in refining and achieving more complex and equally important long-term objectives and their associated action plans.

Sincerely,

s/Bill Kehoe, Chair  
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