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Subject: Fwd: Comments (applause, really) on proposed 'Montara entry and circulation' plan

>>> "Joel Farbstein" 3/7/2012 >>>

Just read about the proposed "Montara entry and circulation" plan as printed in the Half Moon Bay Review.

http://www.hmbreview.com/news/montara-entry-and-circulation/image_ebb031e0-63f1-11e1-b73b-001871e3ce6c.html

My thoughts, and some items for consideration:

1. Bravo! In my opinion, this change will be appreciated by any pedestrians who walk to Montara State Beach.
2. Please note that more people currently cross at the NORTH end of 2nd Street (right next to the current stop sign). It's fine if you want to change that and have them cross at the SOUTH side of 2nd Street, but you might consider adding additional "NO CROSSING" or "CROSS AT THE CROSSWALK" signs (or however they read) by 1st Street. Even if you have turn lanes, drivers traveling north on Highway 1 at 45 mph might not see pedestrians on the West side of the highway (wanting to cross west to east) due to northbound cars that may be in the left turn pocket, turning into the La Costanera (northern) parking lot.
3. You might consider making the SOUTHbound turn pocket at 2nd Street one car-length longer than the other side -- as opposed to equal size with the northbound turn pocket -- as I routinely see more southbound cars turn into Montara (especially at rush hour) than turn into the northern La Costanera parking lot. Worst-case scenario is that the turning cars line up and stick out into the traffic lane, though they may have a false sense of security .
4. I can't tell how many crosswalks are being added on Highway 1. Is it only one at the South side of 2nd Street? I'm not sure if instruction for "Trail crossing signs and high visibility crosswalks at driveways" means there's going to be crosswalks there. In my opinion, it'd be safer to have the only crossing at Second Street. BUT, again, please realize that more people cross at the NORTH side of 2nd Street, since they walk into the parking lot and down the stops (with the failing railing) BEHIND La Costanera, more often than they follow the path that does down through creek just ahead of them.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about my comments above. Sorry I hadn't written this sooner. Best regards, -Joel

P.S. I'm a member of Dave Holland and Sam Herzberg's MidCoast Parks Action Plan team, and I appreciate all the work you're doing. Keep up the good work!

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