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Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

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Bijan Sartipi  
District 4 Director, Caltrans  
111 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94617

Dear Bijan:

Like everyone else in San Mateo County, I am delighted with the success we are seeing with the construction of the Tom Lantos Devil's Slide Tunnels. I was at the breakthrough event last fall and was amazed at the project. Caltrans and its contractors are to be commended for the magnificent work being done. For all of us who use Highway 1 along the San Mateo County Coast, this transportation project will provide a safe, secure route past the treacherous Devil's Slide.

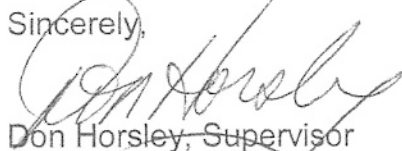
It is also exciting that the former cliffside roadway itself will become a scenic vista park, open to the public. We are already planning on how best to monitor and maintain the new park, when it shifts into county jurisdiction. It is bound to be a tremendous tourist magnet for hikers and bicyclists.

It is the safety of those people that is the topic of this letter to you. Our MidCoast Community Council has spent many hours discussing the Coastsides concerns, urging a strong look at how pedestrians will safely navigate their way to the new park's entrances at both portals of the new tunnels. I am hopeful that a thorough exploration of the pedestrian safety issue can be incorporated into the final stages of planning.

I am attaching the MidCoast Community Council's recommendations, which include serious analysis of the situation. My request is that you consider the issues raised in the report, and provide a thoughtful response from your perspective. I stand ready to work with Caltrans and any other public agencies to guarantee the promise of the Devil's Slide Tunnels is not marred by tragic, and avoidable, accidents.

Again, thank you for the spectacular job you have done in creating the tunnels. This project is the epitome of government response to a public desire and deserves nothing but praise. The safety of all should not become any less of a goal.

Sincerely,

  
Don Horsley, Supervisor  
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