

Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar*
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Subject: Active Transportation Program – Support for San Mateo County funding application for Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail in Moss Beach and Montara

To Whom It May Concern:

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) is an elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, serving the residents of the unincorporated Midcoast in Montara, Moss Beach, Princeton, El Granada, and Miramar. The MCC wholeheartedly supports San Mateo County's application to fund the planning, permitting and construction of the Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail in Moss Beach and Montara.

The Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail is an integral part of the Midcoast Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Studies and will provide an intercommunity non-motorized transportation route from Half Moon Bay to Montara. The trail will provide a safe convenient route for adults and children to travel to local work, school, activities, and errands without adding to or waiting in highway traffic. This will reduce highway congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and associated CO2 emissions and pollution.

In the northern segment of the trail, the neighboring communities of Moss Beach and Montara share an elementary school but are separated by Montara Creek ravine. The only two access roads (Highway 1 and Sunshine Valley Rd.) are decidedly not pedestrian or bike friendly due to vehicle speeds and lack of shoulders or sidewalks. Montara is particularly cut off from bike/pedestrian access to points south on the Coastside. The California Coastal Trail connection through Montara will need to be on the east side of Highway 1 and thus it will also use this trail.

We urge that the requested grant funding be provided for this critical active transportation trail.

Sincerely,

s/Lisa Ketcham, Chair
Midcoast Community Council