

Midcoast Community Council

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

Subject: **Two-way left-turn lane arrows at 4210 Cabrillo Hwy N, Half Moon Bay –
San Mateo County PLN 2013-00253**

Dear Director Sartipi:

The Midcoast Community Council requests a modification of the two-way left-turn arrows painted in the new center lane as part of the project in front of Sam's Chowder House built earlier this year.

The 1,000-foot center lane was striped as a two-way left-turn lane; however, it is intended for northbound traffic only, turning onto and off of the highway at the restaurant on the west side. As painted, arrows also invite vehicles to travel southbound in the center lane and turn into the road embankment since there is no destination for a southbound left turn.

The Council is concerned that the extraneous east-facing left-turn arrows will invite motorists to make a U-turn. There is not sufficient room at this location to complete a southbound U-turn without making a multi-point turn, and this may cause collisions between vehicles, or vehicles and pedestrians. There is significant pedestrian traffic at this location, due to northbound vehicles parking on the shoulder.

The simplest solution might be to paint out the east-facing left-turn arrows at this location, leaving only the west-facing arrows towards the parking lot.

Please let us know what steps we should take to have this hazard addressed.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ketcham, Chair
Midcoast Community Council

cc. Supervisor Don Horsley
CHP Captain Mike Maskarich
S.Rosen, SMC Project Planner