

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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Supervisor Don Horsley
James Porter, Director SMC Public Works

Subject: **LED Streetlights for Midcoast**

Supervisor Horsley and Director Porter:

Residents of the Midcoast have requested that the Midcoast Community Council (MCC) work to ensure that the Midcoast is Dark Sky compliant and that we actively work to minimize light pollution.

On March 26, 2014, at the regular MCC meeting, Nicholas Calderon of Supervisor Horsley's office presented the County's plan for replacing existing high-pressure and low-pressure sodium streetlights on the Midcoast with more cost-effective LED lighting as part of the PG&E LED Streetlight Turnkey Program.

During May through June 2015, the County conducted a pilot project to determine if residents of the Midcoast support conversion to LED streetlights. Two LED streetlights (one standard white light and one light with amber chip) were installed near each Midcoast post office so residents could see their nighttime effect.

In addition to comments received at regular MCC meetings and comments expressed directly to MCC members, the County's SpeakOut online forum received public comments for 40 days during May/June. The amber light had the most support.

Some commenters noted that the intensity of the test lights was too high, creating unwanted glare. Other comments touched on the range of area illuminated by the lights and the process for selecting the the color, intensity, and specific models for the LED test pilot streetlights.

The MCC requests that the County install a new test light with the lower intensity setting of 2200K amber (Model #ATB0-20BLEDE53-MVOLT-R2) near each Midcoast post office and allow additional time for public review and comment. The MCC further asks that the County present a clear and detailed process for attaching shields to individual lights after new LED streetlights have been installed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
s/Dave Olson, Chair