

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on June 28, 2017, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:00 PM

Present: Lisa Ketcham, Dave Olson, Dan Haggerty, Chris Johnson, Brandon Kwan

Absent: Claire Toutant, Laura Stein

Other attendees: 2 government staff, 5 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors' Report -- none

2. Public Comment & Announcements

CHP Sergeant Burns here to answer any questions. Regarding search for missing Montara resident Richard Moss, County Sheriff is lead agency.

3. Consent Agenda – approved 5-0

a. Approve Minutes for May 24, 2017.

b. Approve comments on PLN2016-00327, restoration of unpermitted grading and vegetation removal at 105 San Lucas, Moss Beach.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2017/2017-06-28-SanLucas105-MCC-comment.pdf>

4. Regular Agenda

a. (7:20) **Letter of support for County application for C/CAG Bike and Pedestrian Program funding towards construction of the southern segment of the Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail, Mirada/Alto to Coronado.**

Ellie Dallman: Grant applications due July 15.

Progress: 60% designs Sep 2017; 100% designs Apr 2018

TBD 2018: construction dependent on funding

Funding: -\$2.4 million total construction estimate

\$256K local match approved

\$400K current C/CAG grant request

-\$1.75 million remaining funds needed for construction

Dave: Source for remainder of funds? HMB has allocated funds for completion of east-side trail

Dan: Has concerns with side street speed bump design.

Chris: Why fund important projects with patchwork of uncertain grants and not from General Fund? Appreciates that MCC input on alignment and design was heard and incorporated -- now concerned that the trail be completed as soon as possible. Trail could have prevented recent bicyclist death.

Motion: Approve the draft letter -- Approved 5-0.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2017/2017-06-28-MCC-support-PT-funding.pdf>

b. (7:40) **Letter of support for County application for C/CAG Bike and Pedestrian Program funding for construction of Gray Whale Cove at-grade crossing, which was selected in 2015 as Phase 1 of the Highway 1 Congestion & Safety Improvement Project, aka crossings, raised medians, turn lanes.**

Ellie Dallman presentation: GWC Design Alternative 1 was selected from outcome of community meetings & online survey. This location was chosen as first project to implement because it had the largest consensus for the chosen alternative.

Planning Phase Funding:

- \$1.5 million 2012 TA Grant for Midcoast crossings, turn lanes, raised medians
- \$150K Local matching funds
- -\$300K Preliminary Planning Study
- -\$700K Design/permitting for GWC
- \$650K expected amount remaining for construction

Construction Phase Funding:

- -\$1.25 million Construction estimate
- \$650K remaining TA Grant funding
- -\$600K estimated need (\$400K C/CAG grant + \$200K local match)

Next steps

- July 2017 Execute MOU between TA and County
- Aug 2017 TA to sign on consultant
- Mid 2018 Expected completion 100% design/permitting (10-month process)

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2017/2017-06-28-Bike-Ped-Grant-GWCPT-Ellie.pdf>

Lisa gave slide presentation on summary history of Midcoast Crossings Project 2012 to present. During the alternatives phase, MCC pushed for median refuges to enable 2-stage crossing, one direction of traffic at a time (FHA proven safety countermeasure). 2012 TA grant application that MCC supported promised that "all safe crossings will be connected to medians for this purpose." Public acceptance is highest where safe crossing opportunities do not add to congestion by stopping highway traffic.

MCC Apr 2015 letter pointed out that GWC will have a new 12-ft-wide mid-highway buffer area at the crossing location (increasing the crossing distance by 50%). We asked that if raised median were not feasible at that location due to vehicle safety, that other methods be used to provide safe pedestrian refuge, such as surface treatments (tactile edging, colorized/textured paving, flexible reflective stakes/bollards). There was no response to this request. No alternative was offered to the flashing beacons. That is the explanation for the perceived alternatives vote consensus at GWC, compared to the many confusing design iterations for Montara & Moss Beach, which spread out the vote for those locations.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2017/2017-06-28-Hwy1-xing-turns-medians.pdf>

Dave noted the entire Midcoast crossings project has been only about at-grade crossings. Completing this project does not preclude more elaborate project in future.

Dan sees multiple design problems: Moving parking entrance south shortens line of sight to the south. Adding turn lane encourages more turning in dangerous environment, causing more congestion. Prefers no left-turns into or out of parking lot. Beacon lights give pedestrians false sense of security. Doesn't remember one person advocating for this design (compared to over/under crossing or median refuge).

Chris does not support project, prefers over-crossing, and is concerned that building critical infrastructure subject to grant opportunities gives poor, delayed results.

Midcoast villages have no crossings after all these years, and none in sight. When this project started it was 8 crossings, then 5, then 3, now just this one, and it's not a good solution.

Motion by Dave (no second) for MCC to write letter in support of grant application.

Motion failed 1-4 (Dan, Chris, Lisa, Brandon opposed).

- c. (8:20) **Princeton Street-End Beach Access Improvements** – Near-term coastal access priorities for Columbia, Vassar, and West Point. \$40,000 of County funding is allocated for the next phase of street-end improvements. (Ketcham)

Desired Outcome: Reach consensus on which street ends to prioritize for near-term improvements and concepts that fit the available budget.

Lisa gave slide presentation

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Neil Merrilees recommended prioritizing West Point Ave, but offered no specifics. After discussion, Council reached consensus to prioritize Columbia street end improvement for stairs to beach with any remaining funds for Vassar.

- d. (9:00) **Cypress/Highway 1 Roundabout Design Charrette** – MCC is invited to send our roundabout consultant to upcoming County/Caltrans design charrette, which is in place of the 2016 feasibility workshop that did not take place. Roundabout Expert Michael Wallwork's \$4120 fee for travel and consulting is within the \$5,000 original MCC allocation approved 5/24/16. (Olson)
MCC 2016-17 FY-year account balance is \$9,147.
Motion: Approve expenditure of \$4120 from MCC surplus funds for Roundabout Expert Michael Wallwork to participate in the Cypress roundabout design charrette. Approved 5-0

5. Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended

Chris:

CUSD Measure S Citizens' Oversight Committee, 6/5/17 meeting: Chris will be stepping down from the committee when his current term ends in June 2018. Please let people know that a position will be available on this important committee.

SMC Parks Dog Policy Committee 6/19/17 meeting: Chris reports the Committee has been meeting for almost a year and is now getting into specific operating/management policies. He believes the committee will return an exemplary result that will become a benchmark for other municipalities.

Big Wave Project Development Agreement amendments: On 6/6/17 BoS voted 4-0 (Canepa absent) to approve the amendments. Chris, Lisa and others spoke in opposition. Chris feels credibility gap with the County because the "minor modification" process was falsely based on an "error in the record".

Lisa gave update on Ordinance Second Reading at BoS 6/27/17: Item was pulled from consent with speakers in opposition representing the 2015 project appellants (Committee for Green Foothills, Surfrider, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter). BoS unanimously voted final approval. CGF subsequently submitted request for CCC Dispute Resolution on County process to amend the CDP at staff level without opportunity to appeal.

Dave:

GCSD Board Appointment 6/1/17: Barbara Dye appointed to replace Ric Lohman

GCSD 6/15/17: approved budget, parks ordinances, limit of 2 bedrooms on sub-standard lots

Short term rental ordinance approved by BoS 6/6/17, pending CCC certification

HMB City Council 6/20/17

- **Hwy signal synchronization:** Timing has been adjusted several times since initial synchronization in Jan 2017, to reduce queues, and slightly increasing crosswalk and side street green. Commute peak travel times decreased 20-30 seconds on average. Weekend travel times remain long, affected by backup on 92.
- **Seymour ditch erosion:** Sentiment for temporary repairs, want "real" solution for permanent repair that controls flows over entire drainage, possibly including east of Hwy 1, not just ditch riprap.
- **Coastal trail re-routing** and erosion control preliminary plan from Nichols Engineering was approved.
- **Budget approved**, including Capital Improvement Plan, including Hwy 1 design work and extension of east side parallel trail to Mirada Road to connect to Midcoast Parallel Trail.

Harbor District 6/21/17: West Trail slide repair permit will be separate from erosion control.

Board approved budget, capital improvement projects, and fee increases.

New Administrative Director is Anita Pyle.

HMB Planning Commission/BPAC joint meeting 6/27/17:

- LCP Land Use Plan draft Coastal Access & Recreation section available for review.
- Study session on Hwy 1 and transportation including bike and pedestrians
- CTMP references dropped, although data still incorporated
- Town Blvd downsizing idea endorsed for Hwy 1, delete 3-lane expansion, lower design speed and speed limits, improve crossings, increase shoulders where narrow; discusses roundabouts, pedestrian refuges, increased multi-modal transportation.
- Transportation alternatives discussed: shuttles, jitneys, bicycle rentals, trails.
- Bicycle traffic counts on Coastal Trail -- first phase complete this week.
- Adoption of new bylaws was on agenda but Dave didn't stay for that item.

6. Future Agendas

Adjourn: 9:18 PM