

MEMO

Date: July 8, 2017
To: Midcoast Community Council
From: Lisa Ketcham, Chair
Subject: **Gray Whale Cove Improvement Project**

At our previous meeting on June 28, motion to write letter in support of County grant application for Gray Whale Cove Improvement Project failed 1-4. As one who voted in the majority, I will move that the Council reconsider this motion at our next meeting, July 12, 2017.

The Council should have an opportunity to discuss communication I have had with Supervisor Horsley and Aide Ellie Dallman about the project this past week.

- Plans are still at 10% design phase (no progress since completion of Preliminary Planning Study in 2015), so it is still timely for MCC comments on design details such as we were invited to do for the Parallel Trail.
- MOU and Scope of Work are not yet finalized for the design phase.
- While Caltrans will have ultimate say on highway design, MCC can renew advocacy for a safe median refuge to enable two-stage crossing. Raised median may be ruled out at this isolated location for vehicle safety, but we can insist on full evaluation of surface treatments such as tactile edging, colorized/textured paving, and flexible posts.

Grant application deadline is July 14.
Draft grant support letter is provided for consideration.