

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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CALTRANS
Division of Local Assistance
1120 N Street, MS 1
Attn: Office of State Programs
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 -- Support for San Mateo County application for construction funding for Gray Whale Cove Pedestrian Access Improvement Project

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) is an elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, serving the citizens of the unincorporated Midcoast in Montara, Moss Beach, Princeton, El Granada, and Miramar.

The MCC supports the County's application for construction funding for Highway 1 improvements at Gray Whale Cove, including center turn lanes at the parking lot entrance, and an at-grade crossing. This project will improve safety and mobility for all users at this popular beach and trailhead on our busy scenic two-lane highway.

The concept design for this project comes from two planning efforts in which the MCC was deeply involved. The two-phase Midcoast Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study was completed in 2012. The Gray Whale Cove design was then selected in 2015 as Phase 1 of the Highway 1 Congestion & Safety Improvement Project (aka Midcoast Crossings). During the alternatives phase of the latter project, MCC consistently advocated for highway median refuges to enable two-stage crossing, one direction of traffic at a time. This project provides just such an opportunity due to the widening for the center turn lane.

We urge that the requested grant funding be provided to complete the Gray Whale Cove Improvement Project.

Sincerely,

s/ Dave Olson, Chair
Midcoast Community Council