

Midcoast Community Council

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To: California Department of Transportation
CC: San Mateo Supervisor Don Horsley, California State Senator Jerry Hill,
California State Assemblypersons Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman,
San Mateo County Planning Commission
From: Midcoast Community Council / Claire Toutant, Chair
Subject: **Crosswalk on Highway One, Moss Beach**

The Midcoast Community Council has advocated for safe crossings of Highway One on the Midcoast for over 25 years. We have been particularly concerned about the complete absence of safe crossings in Moss Beach because it is the only community in San Mateo County that has significant population on both sides of the highway.

On August 22nd, a seven-foot wide unsafe crosswalk was painted at Highway One and Virginia Avenue in Moss Beach. This crosswalk does not comply with Caltrans' own requirements and safety standards. There is an urgent need to improve the visibility of this unsafe crossing. The recently painted crosswalk is more dangerous than nothing at all due to the false sense of security it provides. There are no similar crosswalks in the area and motorists traveling at or above the 50 mph speed limit do not expect to encounter one.

There was no public notice or outreach to the MCC or any other local agencies prior to the start of this project, which is antithetical to the open lines of communication that we have been working toward. We want to understand why this happened without any community input, engineering study, or reference to the recommendations in the Preliminary Planning Study for the Highway 1 Congestion and Safety Improvement Project.

The MCC asks that Caltrans and public officials work with us to improve the safety of the crossing immediately, before any accidents occur. In the short-term, we'd like to see the crosswalk widened to meet Caltrans standards and the addition of lighted signs installed so that drivers are aware of the pedestrian crossing. We'd also like to work together to further improve the safety of this and other intersections in Moss Beach, which could include raised medians with pedestrian refuge, additional signage, a reduced speed limit, pavement texturing, in-road on-demand lighting, and public outreach.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve safety and mobility on the Midcoast.