



HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE
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Mr. Steve McGrath
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Dear Steve,

The Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau is in full support of your quest of a Department of Transportation Tiger Grant for improvements at Pillar Point Harbor. Pier access for loading of fish, safety improvements, truck access approach roadways to the Johnson Pier, holding or waiting lanes for the same trucks and improved traffic controls are all extremely important to the validity of the harbor. These improvements would be an important and significant improvement action for the fishing stakeholders.

Pillar Point Harbor and Johnson Pier are two of the largest tourism draws to the San Mateo County Coastside. From whale watching to sport fishing, to buying fish straight off the boat, the harbor is a main attraction.

The Chamber fully supports the benefits to the recreational fisherman of larger boat trailer towing improvements from Highway 1 to the boat ramp, less congestion at the intersection where you turn to go to the pier from Capistrano Road, and access to the boat ramp. These improvements will help the recreational party charter boat fishing activities off of Johnson Pier with less congestion and safer pathways for public walking on the pier.

All of these improvements present a safer and easier pathway to harbor venues for the many visitors the harbor attracts. In 2015, there were approximately 4,132,560 visitors to the coast. A majority of these visit the harbor in one capacity or another. Improvements to access can only enhance the visitor experience and safety. We are in full support of your grant efforts and are willing to help in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Teresa Adam
Chairman of the Board

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President/CEO