

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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Date: February 10, 2021
To: Jim Porter, Director, Department of Public Works
Cc: Supervisor Don Horsley,
Erik Martinez, California Coastal Commission Staff
From: Midcoast Community Council
Subject: Updated MCC Position on the Mirada Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Bank Stabilization Project (The Project)

On October 28, 2020, the Midcoast Community Council sent a letter requesting that the pedestrian bridge replacement over Arroyo de en Medio creek be built inland, rather than rebuilt at the current location. After further considering the Project, the MCC presents this letter supporting, with specific qualifications, the construction of a replacement bridge in the current location.

Since October, the MCC has done the following:

- Reviewed the time and cost of identifying a new location for the bridge, designing and permitting the new bridge location, addressing legal challenges to this action and completing the build (a minimum of three years and most likely several more).
- Recognized the impact of a relocation of the Coastal Trail on residents of this section of Miramar via on-site inspections and continued community feedback.
- Observed the impact of the current emergency detour of the Coastal Trail to/from SR1 and considered the safety risk of keeping this detour in place for several years.
- Reviewed the history of coastal erosion impacts in Half Moon Bay since the harbor jetty was built in 1959 and the history of continuing efforts to address this erosion, as well as the impact of sea level rise and climate change.

The MCC has commented on technical and environmental concerns which we feel should be recognized and addressed. With CCC's approval of the CDP, the MCC will support the proposed bridge replacement at its current location.

Regardless of which decision is made by the CCC, the MCC agrees with many sources who feel the bridge in this location will not survive past 2040, and requests the following measures be taken.

- Long-term planning for this section of the Miramar coast including an inland relocation of the pedestrian bridge, including purchasing property, or securing any necessary easements, to avoid another 'emergency' situation where this section of the Coastal Trail is closed when the currently proposed bridge and/or the roads and bluffs become untenable for public use.
- The Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District, an independent government agency known as OneShoreline.org, is the lead agency researching Coastal Erosion on the San Mateo Coast. It is establishing an erosion study that extends from Pillar Point Harbor, north to Maverick's Beach and south to Surfers' Beach. We request that OneShoreline's evaluations extend south at least as far as Medio Creek and preferably to Roosevelt Beach.

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s/Michelle Weil, Chair