

# Midcoast Community Council

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From: Midcoast Community Council  
Subject: Connect the Coastside Final Administrative Draft (San Mateo County Midcoast Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan)

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) believes that the Final Administrative Draft of Connect the Coastside is a high-quality document that reflects public outreach and improves upon the previous version. Many detailed comments continue to come in and we expect the Connect the Coastside (CTC) team to review and incorporate them as appropriate. The MCC looks forward to reviewing and supporting the final version of CTC, the supporting environmental document, and feedback from conversations between the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff and the CTC Team.

The MCC requests additions and improvements to the plan in the following areas:

## Comprehensive Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

MCC expects the CCC to certify this part of CTC. The points raised in the CCC letter dated April 5, 2016 should be considered as input:

- Coordinate plans between the City of Half Moon Bay and the Midcoast, most urgently with regard to measuring congestion for key segments of the SR 1 and SR 92 highways.
- Establish effective and appropriate highway data monitoring plans.
- Take all actions to reduce the buildable lot count and to buy development rights.
- Provide for mitigation fees to fund transportation improvement projects.

### Clarify Use of Delay Index / Proposal to monitor delay times

Connect the Coastside proposes use of the new Delay Index measurement. To be useful, actual drive times of meaningful road segments should be monitored. For example, the segment of SR 1 between Capistrano and the SR 92 intersection with SR 1. Caltrans is planning to install sensors on SR 1 (EA 2K880 SM-1 - Transportation Operations Systems) that may be useful in tracking delays on road segments.

### Regular Midcoast Transportation Review

The CTC document covers a broad range of potential projects over twenty years. It calls for a review of the plan every five years. We request that San Mateo County provide an annual update of Midcoast Transportation to the Midcoast Community Council. This session led by a Senior Transportation Planner would draw on other county resources, especially from DPW, Parks and the Office of Sustainability. In addition to CTMP quantified measures (residential housing permits approved, ADU permits approved, buildable lots eliminated, mitigation fee fund), the update should include:

- Traffic Status – measurement of travel times between key Coastside locations
- Project Plans – The provide updates (schedule/cost) on approved projects and those expected to become approved within the first two years
- Progress on reducing buildable lot count

### Parking

Automobile parking is a major issue throughout the Midcoast. A full study to better guide parking, including all designated parking lots and roadside parking, is needed in the next five years.

### Multimodal Parallel Trail Design Complete

After completion of the Miramar to Coronado in El Granada, trail operations should be observed, and the design of this trail through all Midcoast communities should be completed in the first five years.

### Convergence of Transportation Elements

The Coastal Trail is close to the intersection of Coronado and SR 1. In 2021, the Multimodal Parallel Trail is scheduled to be complete at this point. The interior road infrastructure has not been improved since the installation of a new Fire Station. Major attention to this area is required.

### Potential ICE Reviews

If the status of Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) reviews of Cypress Avenue and California Avenue in Moss Beach show no progress, consideration should be given to creating a northbound acceleration lane for Cypress Avenue Eastbound as a near-term improvement. (p. 4-14 [Documented in 2015 PPS study](#))

### Safe Crossings of Highway 1

The MCC and the County will continue to work with Caltrans to improve the safety of the crosswalk at Virginia Avenue in Moss Beach. Development of safe crossings of the Highway is a top priority for locations throughout the Midcoast.

### Bike Lanes

Caltrans is planning improvements to bring certain bike lanes along SR 1 to Class II level, and these plans should be considered in CTC.

Thank you for your efforts to involve the Midcoast Community Council in the planning process, and we look forward to seeing changes based on our feedback in the final document.

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s/Michelle Weil, Chair