

Midcoast Community Council

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To: Jim Porter, Khoa Vo (DPW), Alejandro Lopez, Tony Tavares (Caltrans), Erik Martinez (Coastal Comm)

cc: Supervisor Don Horsley, Julia Malmo-Laycock (SMC Active Transportation), Capt. Saul Lopez (Sheriff), Capt. Jim Allen (California Highway Patrol)

From: Midcoast Community Council

Subject: **Closure of Medio Bridge and Subsequent Detour onto SR1**

Recently, the bridge on the Coastal Trail over Medio Creek in Miramar was abruptly closed for safety reasons largely related to coastal erosion. Users of the trail are detoured to the shoulder of Highway One. This section is dangerous because of the narrow shoulder, speed of traffic and lines of sight.

The Coastal Trail in this area serves a large volume of bicycle and foot traffic in an area where vehicular road traffic is congested. Much of the use is recreational, but access to work, school and commercial establishments is also substantial. All ages and abilities use the trail. This section of the trail connects Half Moon Bay with the communities of the MidCoast.

We are aware that efforts are underway to resolve this situation, and strongly support this.

We have two major areas of concern:

- 1) Rapid replacement of the bridge in a way that avoids continued damage by coastal erosion
- 2) Immediate action to provide a safe detour route. Currently, we see pedestrians of all ages, bicyclists and parents with strollers using this dangerous path. Immediate action could involve cautionary signage and other temporary measures to alert drivers to the detour. Since the bridge repairs may not be rapid, stronger measures to harden the detour route will be needed.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent situation. The Midcoast Community Council is available to assist in your efforts.

Claire Toutant, Secretary