

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on November 14, 2018, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:01 PM

Attendance: 6 councilmembers present (Claire Toutant absent)

3 government representatives; 9 members of the public

### **1. Board of Supervisors' Report & Reports from other Government Officials**

#### **Ellie Dallman, Supervisor Horsley's Aide:**

- Board approved Measure K allocation of \$60,000 to DPW for Princeton street-end coastal access improvements at Columbia and Vassar to supplement \$40,000 allocation in 2017. Beach access stairs are planned at Columbia.
- Board approved Measure K allocation of \$5,625 for repair of asphalt path and basketball court at Clipper Ridge Park.
- Update on MCC Sept 2018 request for assistance with closing informal direct highway access in 3 commercial blocks of west Moss Beach: Letter will go out from Supervisor Horsley to Caltrans using content from MCC letter.

Dan Haggerty requested geological data supporting infeasibility of pedestrian tunnel at Gray Whale Cove.

#### **Harvey Rarback, HMB City Council:**

- Election update: HMB cannabis measure GG to allow growing cannabis starts looks like it will pass; tax measure is passing; other cannabis advisory measures are failing.
- HMB Planning Commission has scheduled upcoming study sessions on City LCP update: Nov 27 (Natural Resources), Dec 19 (Coastal Access, Coastal Hazards, Scenic Resources), Jan 22 (Development and Agriculture)
- Introduced new HMB City Manager, Bob Nisbet

### **2. Public Comment and Announcements**

Gregg Dieguez, Montara, questions adequacy of local fire preparedness and water capacity. MWSD will reply to his request for info in writing. Fire preparedness should be put on MCC agenda. MCC should request that CalFire do an assessment of local fire preparedness, and all new water connections be suspended until that is complete.

Karen deMoor, Resist Density: Coast needs comprehensive disaster preparedness plan and evacuation plan for major wildfire – requested MCC put on agenda.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. ACTION: Approve Minutes for October 24, 2018 – approved 6-0.

### **4. Regular Agenda**

#### **a. (7:17) Midcoast Transportation Study Session (Ketcham)**

- Status of 2012 Action Plan for Highway 1 Safety & Mobility Study.
- Overview of Connect the Coastside to date – the project to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan to address cumulative traffic impacts of Midcoast development on Highway 1 & 92.

**Desired outcome:** informational

Lisa gave the presentation.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2018/2018-11-14-ConnectCoast-Study-Session.pdf>

Constrained development forecast assumes annual 40-unit/year growth limit is retained, but avoids addressing buildout with appropriate and needed land use options now.

Len Erickson, El Granada: Safety & Mobility Studies were initiated in 2009 by Midcoast Parklands and County Parks Director Dave Holland, and supported by Caltrans grant. Don Horsley, as Sheriff, was member of steering committee. After the results of the crossing design alternatives study in 2015 Supervisor Horsley seems to have lost interest in projects we're talking about here tonight. There was initial uncertainty in the community regarding roundabouts in 2012, but now when forced with choice of signal or roundabout, the prevailing preference is roundabout. Caltrans now requires formal intersection control evaluation (ICE) when improvements are contemplated.

Carl May, Moss Beach: The only document that has overall look at the Coastside is the LCP. Realistic buildout should be addressed during LCP revisions, but was stonewalled by the County. We don't have to wait till 2040 and see if we did OK. If projects are required to offset demand for new vehicle trips, why must we have these highway-plugging intersection projects? There are about 200-300 water hookups left in MWSD and it won't be easy to get more. Planning for 1000 more units is failing to consider the highway conditions that now prevail.

Dolores Silva, Moss Beach: Where is number of available water connections found? [LCP has analysis tables with range rather than hard numbers.]

- b. (8:05) Roundabout concept design for California Ave (Olson)** – Consideration and possible action regarding use of MCC surplus funds for Roundabout Expert Michael Wallwork to provide a preliminary design to show how a roundabout could work for the California/Highway 1 intersection.

**Desired outcome:** Decision on committing funds to hire consultant

Dave presented the proposal from Roundabout Expert Michael Wallwork to prepare two roundabout concepts (1-lane and 2-lane) for California/Hwy 1 intersection, using basic speed checks and design vehicle templates, with estimated reduced-rate fee of \$3,952. MCC currently has \$6,000 in surplus funds from prior years. This approach was suggested by Supervisor Horsley due to County staff and consultant claim that a roundabout is not feasible at that intersection.

Carl May, Moss Beach, prefers roundabout to signals, but is concerned with road projects going thru before they are needed. Cypress Point affordable housing project is anything but a certainty, and there is no sign of construction at Big Wave. Suggests looking at other surface modifications besides signal or roundabout.

Len Erickson, El Granada: Important to understand process of formal model-based intersection control evaluation (ICE) required by Caltrans. We owe it to ourselves to ask our consultant what does a roundabout at California do for us, and how do we get there.

Dan wants delay for further study and explanation of how cars entering roundabout from minor side streets affect highway flow.

Chris: This is excellent and proper expenditure for MCC – has kept the roundabout discussion alive, even brought it to the forefront. Let's get the concept design for California and keep the roundabout as an option.

**ACTION:** Motion (Barbra/Lisa) authorize payment not to exceed \$3,952.50 to Michael Wallwork to prepare roundabout concepts for California at Hwy 1 – approved 5-1 (Dan opposed).

- c. (9:00) **Cypress/Highway 1 intersection** (Ketcham) – Discussion of near-term temporary options to improve level of service until a roundabout can be built.

**Desired outcome:** Reach consensus on preferred options.

Lisa introduced the agenda item, which stems from Supervisor Horsley mentioning he was at a meeting with staff and the Big Wave team recently where a near-term “temporary” option of a signal for Cypress was being considered to expedite that project. Lisa proposed other near-term options to improve Level of Service (LOS) at Cypress that would be far better received by the community than a temporary signal:

- Re-stripe highway for northbound acceleration lane to replace existing southbound left-turn lane, as approved for Phase 1 of Midcoast crossings project, but not pursued.
- Widen Cypress on the eastbound approach and stripe for separate queuing for right and left-turning vehicles. These near-term measures would improve the LOS at Cypress, and would be far better received by the community than a signal.

Len Erickson, El Granada: Fully agrees with what’s been said.

Kimberly Williams, Moss Beach: Bike/ped improvements are needed at Cypress, but prefers roundabout to signal.

Consensus reached: All councilmembers and public who spoke agreed the two bulleted options are definitely preferable to a “temporary” signal as near-term options to improve LOS at Cypress.

#### **5. Council Activity** – Correspondence & meetings attended

Chris: Coastside Design Review Committee (CDRC) project is underway to update/revise Midcoast Design Review standards – next public workshop is Jan 10.

Barbra & Chris: First MCC Adopt-a-Hwy clean up event is Sat, Dec 1. Volunteers are invited – meet at 8 AM at Moss Beach Sheriff substation for required training/orientation. Email Chris or Barbra if you would like to help.

#### **6. Future Agendas**

Nov 28 – to be determined

Dec 12 – Annual Council reorganization and installation of councilmembers

**Adjourn:** 9:30 PM