

# Hazards of Highway 1 Informal Direct Vehicle Access

Request that Caltrans close off informal direct Highway 1 access  
in El Granada at Surfers' Beach east side dirt lot and  
in Moss Beach west side between California & Virginia.

Midcoast Community Council  
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# Highway 1 Access Policies & Recommendations

**Highway 1 Safety & Mobility** Improvement Study recommends:

- Limit highway access openings to improve safety and mobility.

**Local Coastal Program (LCP)** Policy 2.51.a:

- Limitations on new driveway connections to SR 1

**Caltrans** Project Development Procedures Manual, Chapter 27, Topic 104.2

- On expressways, access from private property is permitted, but the size and number of openings are held to a minimum.
- Parcels that have access to another public street are not allowed access to the expressway.
- Access openings to an expressway are limited to one opening per parcel.

## Moss Beach Chevron – wide open highway access



Vehicles turn right or left, into & out of gas station, anywhere mid-block across double yellow lines, instead of using the side street.

Vehicle movements are often sudden and quick during gaps in traffic, with multiple vehicles moving at once in unpredictable directions.

Big trucks block sight distance from side streets.

Unrestricted 144-ft-wide vehicle access (red arrow) between Vermont & Lancaster is the result of unpermitted removal of landscape buffer, creating a hazardous no-man's land for all highway users.

**MCC requested in July 2017 and April 2018 that highway access be reduced to one, which would be maximum 60 ft wide at yellow arrow.**





## Moss Beach west side between Virginia & California

- **Close vehicle highway access along the edge of the paved shoulder (red line).**
- Former roadside vegetation has been worn away by vehicles.
- Restaurant on-site parking is accessed from Virginia.
- Informal parking in the Caltrans right-of-way can still be accessed via Virginia & California.





## Surfers' Beach east side

- **Close vehicle highway access from the dirt parking lot on Burnham Strip.**
- Berm that used to block vehicles has worn away.
- Dirt parking lot is accessed via Obispo Rd.