

# Midcoast Community Council

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

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on January 13, 2016, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:00 PM

Councilmembers present: Chris Johnson, Dan Haggerty, Dave Olson, Claire Toutant.

Absent: Lisa Ketcham, Erin Deinzer, Laura Stein

Government: Nicholas Calderón, Ellie Dallman, 2 trail consultants

8 members of the public.

### **1. Board of Supervisors' Report:** Nicholas Calderón

**New Supervisor's Aide for Midcoast** is Ellie Dallman, [edallman@smcgov.org](mailto:edallman@smcgov.org). For past 2 years she has worked at County Manager's office, on North Fair Oaks Forward, doing outreach & community engagement. Nicholas has briefed her and will be working across the hall in County Manager's office.

**Sea Level Rise Open House** Jan 30, 10-1, at Genentech Conference Center, SSF,

**Sustainable Landscaping Tours** by RCD, Sat Jan 23, 2-3pm.

**Surfers Beach temporary trail** access over the curb has been improved. Weather has delayed completion of the project but the highway is protected. Culvert repair has been included in the project. Chris requested more details on stair design.

**North Moss Beach Affordable Housing site:** MidPeninsula Housing has signed an option to purchase and are doing due diligence on the 11-acre site at Carlos/16th/Sierra. Chris said they reached out to him as MCC Chair — working on MCC agenda item ASAP.

Contact is Felix AuYeung, MidPen Housing Director of Business Development, [fauyeung@MidPen-housing.org](mailto:fauyeung@MidPen-housing.org).

**LED streetlights** (Dave): Installation won't start until at least March due to weather.

### **2. Public Comment & Announcements**

Kathryn Slater-Carter: attended today's Planning Commission — La Costanera outdoor patios Use Permit Amendment denied 5-0 due to many long-standing code violations.

Curt Grisham: Caltrans construction night lighting at Surfers' Beach glares at drivers creating hazard. Dave said lights were necessary to get armoring rocks in place at low tide at night. Nicholas said work is weather permitting. Gidget Navarro is Caltrans contact.

Chris Johnson: County is seeking applicants for Bike/Ped Advisory Committee (link on MCC homepage under Focus Topics - Vacancies).

Leonard Woren: Requested MCC send letter to Army Corps asking when their breakwater remediation project report will be released.

Gael Erickson: Coastal Trail bluff is eroding at alarming rate this winter. Caltrans has erosion rate study, need to be at meeting with Army Corps.

### **3. Consent Agenda:** approved 4-0

Minutes for December 9, 2015

Reverse order of 2 items on regular agenda.

### **4. Regular Agenda**

**b. (7:37) Highway 1 Parallel Trail (Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail) Crossings** (Calderón).

Presentation of design concepts for side street crossings — [link to presentation](#)

Nicholas: Crossing Concept A is in response to community comments at 9/23/15 workshop.

It pulls the crossing back from the highway intersection for increased safety. For comparison, Concept B puts the crossing at the highway intersection.

Jason Mansfield from BKF and John \_\_\_\_, Landscape Architect from Placeworks, covered design concepts in the slide presentation, moving north to south. Coronado crossing is located at Hwy 1 because it is a signalized intersection. Direct trail connection to school parking lot conforms to school master plan. Trail meanders to avoid sewer manhole and large eucalyptus. Will check for sewer line and avoid putting trail on top. Chicane approach (trail curve) is used to alert users to conflicts ahead at crossings. Where trail moves next to highway to skirt Magellan willows, Caltrans wants 6-ft road shoulder between fog line and guardrail. At Medio (26-ft W): chicane approach and bulbouts. Private drive (11-ft W) and Furtado (13-ft W) could be raised crosswalk to alert drivers. Medio Creek alternatives have similar environmental impacts and include 130-150 clear-span bridge. Alternatives at Miramar Dr are next to highway or setback. Chicane at Mirada Rd. Bollards or splitter islands are used to prevent vehicles from entering the trail at crossings.

Dan: Prefers less meandering, least amount of biking effort. Objects to bollards in trail center. Bulbouts narrow road for bikes on side street. Not convinced trail crossings should be 2 car lengths from highway.

Dave: Prefers chicane to stop sign at crossings. Thanks for listening and incorporating comments. Safety is most important.

Chris: Pointed out future fire station on Obispo and turning radius required.

Leonard Woren: Overall good job. At Coronado prefers center pedestrian island instead of bulbout. Prefers splitter islands to bollards. County Parks road is fire road — good to block big rigs from parking and blocking access. Lights seem unnecessarily high — should be motion activated.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Doesn't like bulbout at Coronado — people need radius to turn. Put lights/reflectors on bicycles rather than lighting the trail.

Bill Kehoe: Likes design. For child safety, the farther setback from highway the better. Need treatments to slow vehicles exiting highway.

Neil Merrilees: Likes design, setbacks, choke points. Doesn't like Patridge Trail frequent stops. At Coronado, prefers crossing at Obispo because traffic is moving more slowly. Think about next segment to north that Parallel Trail will connect to — likely at Obispo.

Bill Kehoe agreed about northern segment connection at Obispo.

Leonard Woren: emphasized that Parallel Trail is separate trail from Coastal Trail.

Dan: consider option of Coronado crossings both at highway & at Obispo. Need safety ed for kids.

Nicholas: Reach out to CUSD to partner for funding for SMC Dept of Education funding for safety ed.

Chris suggests Dan bring this issue to GCSD parks committee.

Dave: Sheriff Dept also does bike safety training.

Chris: Bikes ~100 miles/week — very familiar with route and what is needed. Loves the designs and appreciates how well Nicholas/consultants heard us last time and incorporated comments. Prefers no trail lighting except at street crossings, mounted as low as possible. Community values dark skies. Bikes make fast wide turn eastward onto Coronado in order to make it up the hill. Doesn't like guardrail at Magellan willows — unsightly, too low, and dangerous for bikes using highway shoulder — prefers trail away from highway through willows. Miramar crossing needs to be a least 2 car lengths back from highway. Strongly objects to bollards in center of trail — bike riders put at risk to keep motorists off trail. Like splitter islands but must be wide enough that people won't go through it, can't have curbs. Likes split rail fencing. What are next steps/deadlines?

Jason: Next step is CEQA document around April. Trying to keep construction cost under \$3M to shorten Caltrans process.

**4 a. (9:04) Montara Ped/Bike Safety Improvement Project at Lighthouse/16th St.**

(Calderón) Briefing on the December TA grant application for crossing at this location. Nicholas: In 2012 County received \$1.5M from Transportation Authority (TA) to design a series of Midcoast crossings, raised medians, left turn lanes (aka Congestion Management Project) all conceptualized in Hwy 1 Safety & Mobility Study. Following completion of Preliminary Planning Study (PPS) in November, TA notified County that 16th St crossing as designed is strictly a bike/ped project. Since funding source was for highway improvement, the crossing did not meet the qualifications of the program. They suggested applying for TA bike/ped funding opportunity in December. In 2012 the County was hesitant to include the lighthouse crossing until after the Parallel Trail is complete, but the community wanted it, so it was included in 2013. PPS is going to Planning Commission probably in Feb. Project implementation Phase 1 includes GWC/16th/ Cypress — need grant funding to include 16th, Due to rush on grant app, sorry was not able to get explanatory memo to MCC for Dec meeting.

John Qaqundah, Montara: He and others commented at workshops that flashing lights not good at this location due to blind curve and speed of vehicles. Feels like we never made a decision that the highway didn't need to be modified. Survey options were very limited. Does scope include a barrier for the east side trail?

Nicholas: Results of workshop polling and online survey — choice of Alt 1, 2 or no project. Support was for Alt 1. Above/below grade crossings are not feasible in the Midcoast. People opposed Alt 2 with raised median because of risk of eliminating east-side trail.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Nearby affordable housing site will affect this crossing project.

Bill Kehoe: Traffic calming and lower speed limit would be a lot safer.

Chris suggests people look at the Dec 9 MCC meeting debate about the grant app comment letter resulting in 4-2-1 vote, which touched on difficulties of getting projects done.

Dave, channeling Lisa, out sick: As part of this project, or separately and before, seek improvements to dirt trail between 14/16th with safety separation barrier and surface improvement such as added DG. Pointed out that was the reason people preferred Alt 1 so as not to lose that trail. Worth keeping in mind as this moves forward in meetings with Caltrans.

**5. (9:36) Council Activity** – Correspondence received & meetings attended

**CDRC:** Chris reported CDRC has put together procedures manual that includes all pertinent documents for committee members, particularly to help new members.

**No-Parking Ordinances:** Dave reported County has new process for no-parking ordinances where MCC will be notified in time to agendize and comment and post SurveyMonkey link for public comment.

**Code Compliance:** Dave reported Planning Dept has new position, Code Compliance Manager, Wayne Hoss, and are fully staffed.

**7. Future Agendas:**

Jan 23 (Sat): Administrative/Planning Retreat

Jan 27: The Wine Room, Moss Beach, liquor license recommendation (Johnson)  
Moss Beach substation cellular facility expansion early referral  
Sister Cities presentation (Deinzer)

**Adjourn** – 9:45 PM

[Link to meeting video by PCT](#)