

Midcoast Community Council

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on June 13, 2012

Call to Order. 7:30

All councilmembers present.

7 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors Report - Nicholas Calderón (7:35)

7th St. fence: Supervisor Horsley met with homeowner attorney who will work with homeowner to open gate, move house numbers and put up sign saying public access (all conditions on permit app now under appeal at CCC). County Environmental Health will send homeowner letter regarding lead-based paint. Issue will be monitored.

ALUC (Airport Land Use Committee): no info yet on MCC rep but will continue to try to obtain info.

ABAG Regional Planning Committee developed new designation "Rural Community Investment Area", same funding opportunities as Priority Development Area (PDA) but different requirements. Will provide memo from Supervisor to document this. As far as he knows, new designation has been approved. Changes will have to be made on acreage covered. Hopes to have conversation with ABAG this week.

Hwy 1 accident data from Transportation Authority that Laura requested has been passed along to Bill.

2. Public Comment

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Coastside Fire Board short notice meeting 6:30pm Mon 6/18 to discuss policies and possible resolution that could affect our financial standing as property owners. Additional \$million for overtime with stand-alone department not included. Ask about budget, staffing, benefit package.

Mike Ferreira: appreciation to Supervisor & staff for arriving at much better solution on PDA

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Consent Agenda – approved 6-0

a. Minutes – May 9, 2012

b. Minutes – May 23, 2012

5. Regular Agenda (7:55)

- a. **Midcoast Safety and Mobility Studies** (Kehoe) Discussion and public comment on the County's Mobility Study Action Plan. **Desired Outcome:** Send the County updates from the community for finalizing the Mobility Study Action Plan, and suggestions for a method for implementation.

Bill: Will take public comments, then go through Action Plan matrix, note comments if any on each item.

Nicholas: Would like to open conversation with new development that may shape conversation. 3 near-term top priority items (**medians, safe crossings, left turn lanes**) **eligible for TA highway improvement grant** program. County currently in process of applying - deadline is June 29. Supervisor Horsley would like MCC letter to accompany letter from BoS in support of application. Need by June 29 deadline (2 days after next regular MCC meeting). Will get you draft for next meeting. (We need Friday before.) Staff is tracking all applicable grant programs to be sure to make timely application. In Feb 2013 County will submit app to TA bike/pedestrian grant program for parallel trail. OBAG (OneBayArea) funds appropriate for parallel trail too. Order of projects follows availability of grant funding.

Mike Ferreira: what medians?

Jim Harvey: Do we have access to pictures of the medians & the crossings?

Nicholas: working off Hwy 1 mobility study conceptual designs, available on MCC & County website

Elisabeth Vespremi: need clear lane for emergency vehicles

Carl May: Roundabouts are still in Action Plan - remove it. No reference to LCP or update. No ref to CCT guidelines. No ref to CCC staff recommendation on LCP revisions. No ref to Caltrans Hwy 1 bike route.

Nicholas: will bring comments back to County. Red items were left in table so it wouldn't seem like County deleted items without transparency. (Carl: were those red items intended for deletion?) It depends how this is discussed here tonight.

Laura: How are speed limits addressed in getting grant money?

Nicholas: will have to sit down with Caltrans/TA and work out before 29th.

Len: Action Plan needs title reflecting inclusion of both phases. Note long term, high priority items (not all high priority is near term).

Nicholas: That's how highway realignment is designated: long term, high priority.

Bill: start discussion with spreadsheet with Lisa's comments, starting at top.

Expressway Re-Designation:

Lisa: Does expressway designation allow raised medians & roundabouts? Missing from table is MCC request for near-term item 45 mph speed limit throughout Midcoast except along airport.

Refine Hwy Re-alignment Alternatives:

Bill: Include MCC as partner here and throughout. Communication received from Save Burnham Strip Committee with a position on this issue.

Lisa: Item is "review & refine alternatives" - action column says "work with Caltrans & the community".

Public: Half the hwy at Surfer's Beach is in Half Moon Bay - add them to partner column.

Leonard: Add Army Corps - needs to fix breakwater - causing erosion. 40 yrs of talk - nothing done.

Len: All comments point to need for this as high priority, which is how it's listed.

Feasibility of Roundabouts

Lisa: Roundabouts in Moss Beach - do feasibility study as medium priority. Raised medians/crossings deal with pedestrian safety but not danger/difficulty of left turns onto hwy. Roundabout at each end of town provides easy U-turns making left-turn onto hwy unnecessary. Provides traffic calming entering town. Negates need for new signal at Cypress. Moss Beach best place to try roundabout.

Laura: Study pictures were city roundabouts, need more education/discussion before it's written off.

Dan: Would roundabouts be considered a raised median for purposes of current grant application?

Nicholas: Raised medians being discussed are narrow strip down middle of road in specific areas. County interpreted community comment that there was strong opposition to roundabouts.

Mike Ferreira: A lot depends on what your choices are, for example when people are presented with a stop light proposal, all you hear is what about a roundabout? Agree with Lisa.

Len: Running out of time (8:35), suggest we just discuss items that relate to the current grant application.

Ask Steve to push back time table on over-all Action Plan comment in order for us to focus on this near-term priority (medians/crossings/left-turns).

Nicholas: reasonable request.

Lisa: Approve of all the raised medians, crossings, and left turn lanes in the study conceptual plan.

Bill Huber: Bike approach to Devil's Slide from both ends is very dangerous - widen shoulder, heavy bike use.

Grey Whale Cove left turn/crossing

Laura: How do you determine which funding will pay when there are several options?

Nicholas: List has been established of what grants will cover what projects. Measure A has multiple programs.

North Montara

Councilmembers: Medians/crossing item should be color-coded blue. 2nd St. fits here rather than in Central Montara. Move comment "Priority because east side has parks/parking and west side has beaches/bluffs" to section on Montara State Beach.

Elisabeth V: Need southbound right-turn lane for beach parking lot entrance.

Carl May: crossing at 7th St. Montara - what are they crossing to?

Leonard Woren: Should prohibit all left turns onto hwy without merge lane and prohibit all left turns off hwy without left turn lane throughout Midcoast.

Bill: too many hwy ingress/egress in Montara & Moss Beach - need to limit.

Nicholas: That is accomplished by the raised medians in the conceptual plan.

Central Montara - OK

Montara Lighthouse -

Bill: Need southbound left-turn lane going into Carlos St., or no-left-turn sign.

Len: Consider lighthouse crossing & east-side 16th St. together.

How specific are details in grant application - will specific engineering solutions be funded by grant?

Nicholas: For grant application, he is working off Hwy 1 Mobility Study concept plans. He is not traffic

engineer. Grant will fund detail engineering (and construction) and Caltrans must sign off on it.

Bill: Will there be opportunity for community input at some point in the engineering phase? How much flexibility is there once you get the grant? Devil is in the details.

Len: Need community-level meetings to hear the particulars.

Nicholas: Nervous that changes now will jeopardize timely grant submittal. Will find out about flexibility. Will find out if he can use wording in application such as “pursuing x-number left-turn lanes in Montara” rather than specifying exact locations.

Carl May: Caltrans will have a lot to say about any of this. Need local input into traffic engineering process.

Laura: Where & when in process can we have input?

Lisa: Grant application is working off the drawings in the conceptual plan which are very distinct where the medians/crossings/left-turn lanes go. Probably the only change that could be tolerated within grant app time frame would be some short simple input items.

Nicholas: Correct – he is not a traffic engineer – engineering phase will be important to iron out details. Don’t want to miss grant opportunity.

Len: Propose special meeting week from today. This grant discussion was a surprise, not on our agenda.

Bill: When can you tell us what is in grant proposal so we can get community feedback on that?

Lisa: It’s all there in the Mobility Plan in detail drawings which we have reviewed and commented on. Nicholas is not inventing anything new. We’ve studied it, we’ve had 3 public hearings on it, we wrote a comment letter and nobody had any objections to the medians, left-turn lanes, and crossings which we gave a high priority. Sounds like Nicholas is under a lot of pressure here to get this grant money.

Bill: Are you going to paint the medians? Cut off streets? We don’t have all that.

Nicholas, looking at p. 46 for example of Phase 2 study, shows median details – this is what he’s working off, not throwing out surprises.

Bill: Lot of detail here that doesn’t make sense to the community - cross traffic at 7th St. Montara.

Lisa: Those comments were needed during the comment period and hearings on the study.

Bill: Nobody ever speaks up until they see bull-dozers. Is that a raised median, sunken median?

Nicholas: We are seeking raised medians which will be a strip down the center of Hwy 1 which will act to restrict traffic on and off the hwy, slow traffic down, and provide a safe haven for pedestrians trying to cross. Cannot tell you if it will be painted or not. Engineering plan hasn’t been done so he doesn’t have specific details.

Bill: Community would prefer not paved or painted, but more natural.

Laura: Made motion to get Nicholas his info tonight for his grant proposal, with insurance of our opportunity to comment at engineering phase.

Len: Don’t know what Nicholas has planned for Surfer’s Beach. Can’t determine medians/crossings there until parking is decided.

Nicholas concerned that large number of changes requested at next week’s meeting would mean grant application deadline missed.

Bill: Will there be opportunity for community input in engineering design to actually modify design such as shifting location of left turns or crossings?

Nicholas: Yes, looking for funding for engineering design based on these conceptual plans - that could shift locations say 100 ft one way or another (depending on Caltrans approval).

Bill: support Len on special meeting next week.

Laura: How specific is information Nicholas needs to put in application?

Nicholas will send link to application on line.

Laura: What specific information do you need tonight to finish grant application?

Nicholas: At next regular meeting (6/27) MCC letter of support for the County in seeking funding for engineering designs and construction for medians, crossings & left-tern lanes on Hwy 1 on the Midcoast. (based on conceptual plans in Hwy 1 Mobility Study)

Len: Special meeting next week – would like Nicholas or someone to attend.

Laura: Concern is, Nicholas can’t make lots of changes that late, or miss deadline.

Lisa: Is Surfer’s Beach median/crossing grant request assuming the existing road alignment? (Nicholas, yes) Does that help Len’s concerns about other options for that area?

Len: My position is we should have more discussion.

Bill: Depending on what we see in here will depend on how strong a letter of support you get from us.

Len: I think in principal we’re fully supportive, just want to know several details which if looked at, should only help improve support.

Nicholas: We are not writing application as to specific streets, rather as to areas. If TA requires specific locations, may have to add that.

Bill: Never did any studies to show how many people would cross at certain intersections as opposed to others. People didn't go through studies with fine-tooth comb. Motion on table that we try to finish this list now. We're on last half hour.

Lisa repeat Laura's motion: Move to get Nicholas his info tonight for his grant proposal, with insurance of our opportunity to comment at engineering phase. (Motion amended to include continuing to potential special meeting next week.) Motion passed 6-0.

Nicholas (to Elisabeth's question): Caltrans is not required to do engineering study, but they will have to sign off on it. County can bring in outside consultant.

Bob: Once grant is submitted, how long before decision made, consultant hired? Will there be plenty of time for us to become more knowledgeable about how to proceed?

Nicholas: Yes, engineering process won't happen overnight.

Back to Action Plan:

Moss Beach -

Lisa: At 3-way intersections there is space for a merge lane for left-turn onto hwy. At 4-way intersections both left turn pockets are for turning off the hwy. At Cypress in Moss Beach, suggest prohibit southbound left turn off highway and use that space for merge lane for those turning left onto hwy from west side Cypress. (Roundabout would also solve this problem.)

South Etheldore left-turn – no comment

Airport – no comment

Surfer's Beach –

Laura: Need generality we can agree on for Surfer's Beach for grant application. Would like accident statistics on how many pedestrians have been harmed in this stretch of road. Why are we so concerned that there has to be safe crossing there. Doesn't want crossing or median there.

Len: Don't believe you can do crossings at Surfer's Beach without considering parking options. Don't agree with Laura's proposal to drop crossing entirely.

Leonard Woren: If you turn RV lot back into beach parking would solve much of problem.

Bill Huber: On-street parking at Sam's restaurant creates unbelievable congestion.

Leonard Woren: Put median at Surfer's Beach and you don't need to do anything else for safe crossing.

Lisa: Agree raised median for pedestrian refuge a good idea at Surfer's Beach.

Nicholas: Would like to just say medians/crossing at Surfer's Beach, no more specific.

Miramar –

Leonard W: not enough left-turn merge lanes in Miramar.

Hwy 1 catchall section –

Len: Speed limit comment should go there.

Lisa: don't understand first section under Hwy 1 being red (stripe bike lanes and medians)

Nicholas: removed as repetitive - bike lane will be parallel trail.

Lisa: Parallel Trail in 5 segments will be long time to completion – maybe need striping in meantime?

Nicholas: Would like to complete first draft grant application for next Wed, & put in "medians for Surfer's Beach". If it's decided next week you want to delete it, that's easier than having to add something in.

Dan: Mid block crossing at Sam's – why would there be median there? Don't see left turn lane.

Len: parking lot is full - parking along hwy. Will agree to Nicholas' proposal on median wording but ask Council who has 4 members from El Granada to form some kind of committee to look at parking.

Lisa made motion: Let Nicholas bring draft grant app to next week's meeting. Passed 6-0.

Bill made motion: Continue remaining agenda items to next week's special meeting. Passed 6-0.

b. Letter to Caltrans on Street Light in Moss Beach – continued to 6/20

c. MCC representation on C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC) – continued to 6/20

d. New MCC Website (Erickson) – continued to 6/20

6, 7. Council Activity, Committee Reports – continued to 6/20

8. Future Agendas (9:55)

6/20: special meeting 7pm at Granada Sanitary District office to finish this meeting

6/27: Princeton comment letter requested by Sarah Rosendahl to support getting funding for planning process; Hwy 1 Action Plan comment final; support letter for Hwy 1 grant; 7pm permanent meeting start time

9. Adjournment (10:05)