



Devil's Slide

Coastal Access

Task Force

Unofficial Minutes by Bill Kehoe

December 19, 2012

10:00 a.m.

***San Mateo County, Board of Supervisors Conference Room
400 County Center
Redwood City***

Note: I arrived 10 minutes late and missed some earlier comments.

1. Welcome / Introductions
Supervisor Don Horsley
2. Project Status – Caltrans Reps
 - a. Construction Status, Safety Separation at South Portal
 - **Changeable Message Signs**
 - Caltrans proposed smaller signs, at least 50% smaller (?), with patina on posts to soften look. Letters will be 12 inches high. Caltran pictures show little difference to overall appearance. But will be scaled back to the smaller size
 - Signs needed for safety information and directions. They provide automatic message as part of Emergency Response Plan -- signs are integral to system -- discretionary messages also possible.
 - Coastal Commission seemed on board with smaller signs but still not convinced southernmost sign is necessary (allows for vehicles to turn around at crossing).
 - Whatever final resolution on signs, may not be addressed before tunnel opens.
 - Cameras inside tunnel will be monitored 24/7 from Operations and Maintenance Center (OMC) on the south side of the tunnel.
 - Remote monitoring maybe done in the future.
 - K-rail safety barriers will be blended to match surrounding landscape (ie., tan paint).
 - b. Timeline and important dates for 2013, Opening?
 - While Caltrans has not given a "date" yet, they do use a straw man of Feb/Mar.
 - Will try to give County a 3 week advanced notice for planning Opening.

3. Operations Plan –County Parks and Coastal Commission Issues
 - Statement of Work (SoW) Park Plan approved by BoS and will be published for Contractors to bid on. Feb/Mar 2013 is expected date for design bids.
 - Coastal Commission still looking at the Park being opened from Sunrise/Sunset. SMC is pushing back at funding the resources needed to maintain those hours. Both trying to find a workable compromise.
 - The Coastal Trail through the park will be opened 24/7 to pedestrians and bicycles but the facilities (parking lot and restrooms) will be closed in off hours.
 - Coastal Commission still has questions on some of the fencing and guard rails. Caltrans had some drawings (still trying to get copies).

4. Coastal Conservancy projects, nature education plans update
 - Design for both Devil Slide and Green Valley trails are being worked.
 - Rest rooms will be CXT precast facilities.
 - Guard rails will be wood with steel backing and wooden posts. Inland side of park will have some kind of chain link fencing to prevent rock slides (and climbing?). Bird Blind still unclear. Cable rails on ocean side to minimize view blockage. Not sure of extent of these (just parking lot or through the whole park).
 - Nature Education and interpretive signs will be worked with the County.

5. Pacifica Issues: Trail, Shuttle Bus
 - Trail between Linda Mar and North Portal still be blocked by private property owner. Owner asking for \$1M on a valuation of \$300K. County will look at eminent domain,
 - A free shuttle service open to the public will operate on weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing transportation for Pacifica residents and visitors from as north portal of Devil's Slide to as far north as Jean Brink Pool at Oceana High School. Funding for the shuttle is provided for through a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) Measure A and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG). (We should look at this for the Midcoast).

6. Public Participation and Celebration Update
 - Waiting on Caltrans to set date. Invitations and agenda are being worked.

7. Additional items, Future Meeting schedule and adjourn
 - Next meeting 1/23/13 @ 11 am SMC offices in RWC.