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Serving 12,000 Coastal Residents

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San Mateo County Planning Commission  
455 County Government Center  
Planning and Building Division  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Commission President Bomberger and Planning Commissioners,

The Midcoast Community Council held a Special Meeting on May 17, 2000, to discuss the proposed Highway 1 improvement projects for El Granada and Montara. Both of these projects have been subjects of public concern and debate for the past few years. As evidenced by the six documents which accompany this letter, there is Council correspondence dating back to 1998 which outlines community concerns and recommendations regarding the projects.

The Council considered each of the projects separately, as your Commission will also do. Caltrans District Office Chief Bijan Sartipi was in attendance to answer questions and supply information. We greatly appreciate his willingness to make himself available to meet with the public. After hearing comments from several local residents and engaging in extensive discussion, the Council voted unanimously, 6-0 with one member absent, to approve the El Granada project with two conditions. The first is that two significant trees located to the south of the project not be removed and that the tree removal issue be clarified in the project description. The second is a request that the County begin work with all relevant agencies on a Master Plan for Highway 1 for the area from Pacifica to Half Moon Bay and that no further "spot improvements" be advanced until the Master Plan has been prepared.

Following comments from the public and due deliberation regarding the Montara project, the Council voted 4-1, with one member abstaining and one member absent, to make the following recommendations: the Council supports the closing of 10th St. at Highway 1, the opening of 9th St. to provide access to Highway 1 and lowering the speed limit to 45 mph within the proposed project area. We do not support the addition of extra lanes until the aforementioned initial improvements are in place and it is shown that that the additional lanes are still necessary. The Council further requests that the County begin work with all relevant agencies on a Master Plan for Highway 1 for the area from Pacifica to Half Moon Bay and that no further "spot improvements" be advanced until the Master Plan has been prepared.

The Midcoast Community Council is eager to work with the County and any other appropriate agency to begin the Highway 1 Master Plan process. We want to encourage the spirit of cooperation which has continued to develop between our locally elected representatives and our County/regional government.

As you continue to review the proposed Highway 1 improvements, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you might have.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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