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Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

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Planning Commission  
County of San Mateo  
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Dear Commissioners,

Last month you approved two Coastal Development Permits for highway improvement projects sponsored by CalTrans. One project was in El Granada and the other in Montara. Both were on Highway 1. It is my understanding that you requested that planning staff meet with me to discuss a long-range plan for Highway 1 on the coastside. We held such a meeting yesterday.

It became clear during the course of that meeting that there are multiple agencies involved with Highway 1. While CalTrans has ultimate responsibility for the road, any change to the road requires a Coastal Development Permit from the County of San Mateo. The Transportation Authority provides funding for road projects and C/CAG has been preparing a Countywide Transportation Plan and has responsibility for project funding under the State Transportation Improvement Program. At this time there are no plans for any significant change to Highway 1 in the unincorporated midcoast. CalTrans may consider additional improvements as part of regular safety enhancements in this area. There is, of course, the Devil's Slide Tunnel and there are some proposed changes in Half Moon Bay.

We believe that planning issues for Highway 1 can be addressed through the Local Coastal Plan review process that is beginning this summer. I will convene a focus group of technical staff from various transportation agencies including representatives from Half Moon Bay. I will ask this group to develop a range of scenarios for the future of Highway 1. These scenarios can then be presented to the community for consideration during the LCP review.

I do believe that this process will address your concerns, but I am available to discuss this further with you.

Sincerely,



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