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re: **Proposed Changes to Coronado/Highway 1 Intersection in El Granada.**

Mike:

I apologize for the delay in getting these notes to you – I was unable to attend this particular meeting, and was under the impression this documentation had already been forwarded to you... At our meeting of 7/11/01, the MidCoast Community Council reviewed and considered the changes to design for proposed Coronado/Highway 1 traffic light in El Granada. Mr. John Lau of Caltrans attended our meeting to present the current project proposal and answer questions.

As it was presented to us, the project will no longer allow a turn from Highway 1 into Mirada Road west (ocean-ward) of the highway, and this section of Mirada Road will be closed to vehicular traffic. This will eliminate the left-turn lane from the northbound direction, the right-turn lane from the southbound direction, and the acceleration lane in the southbound direction. One of the retaining walls and both of the bus stops from the original proposal has also been removed.

It was noted that there is no provision, aside for standard crosswalks, for pedestrian or bicycle trails traversing the intersection. And although there is no parking for coastal access currently planned, Caltrans, the City of Half Moon Bay, the County and the Coastal Commission are discussing possibilities.

This item was on our agenda for information and comment only – the Council took no formal action. Below is a summary of the comments from members of the community at the meeting and from the individual council members.

Many members of the community felt that this project should be opened up for full review of the Coastal Development Permit for a variety of reasons:

- The project is now a three-way intersection instead of four-way intersection, and along with the other changes this constitutes a major change,
- Caltrans never presented any alternatives for the project

- The alternative of extending the northbound right-turn lane and moving it inland to fix the visibility problem has never been researched,
- there is no provision to accommodate possible pedestrian trail routes through the intersection
- Caltrans and County policies require that consideration for bike lanes be given in all new highway construction projects.

Other members of the public reminded the Council that it was presented with a petition from the community to install a light at the intersection and was urged to get the project underway.

Council member Ric Lohman asked that Caltrans present more alternatives and present an organized transportation plan for Hwy 1.

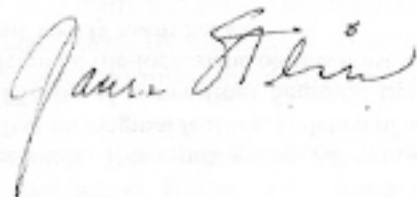
Council member Paul Perkovic expressed his continuing support for the project for safety reasons.

Council member April Vargas also supported the project with the clear understanding that modifications will eventually be necessary to accommodate pedestrian/bicycle usage and the continuation of the Coastal Trail and that Caltrans should plan now for this eventuality as the project is built. They should also prepare to pursue funding for future trail construction.

Council member Chuck Kozak agreed that the project is necessary but is disappointed that the Council has not been included in ongoing design discussions.

Thank you very much for your patience in waiting for these comments, and we hope that they provide the community input you need for your continued work on this project. Please keep us informed of any further developments regarding this project.

Respectfully



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