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MidCoast Community Council

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cc: Supervisor Rich Gordon via direct Fax: 363-1856

re: Agenda Item #9 for 9/18/01 regarding determination of contiguity of roads to State Highways for purposes of inclusion into the County maintained road system.

Dear President Nevin and Honorable Members of the Board:

At our regular Council meeting on September 12, 2001, the MidCoast Community Council reviewed the staff report from Public Works prepared for the above referenced agenda item along with other information submitted by members of the community and of our Council.

The Council voted unanimously to express its support for the actions recommended in the staff report, with the following conditions and considerations:

Existing Circulation Plans do not provide for any additional connections or traffic signals along Highway 1 in the MidCoast area. Approval of these resolutions should continue the prohibition of connection to Highway 1 outside of any fully approved circulation plan, and allow extension of the roads only to the point of necessary access for last developable parcel before the Highway as needed.

The resolution should clarify that this interpretation is only for existing State Highways, and not for any existing but undeveloped State Highway Right-Of-Way. This would prevent the use of the ordinance to include isolated roads that might be contiguous to an unused or abandoned State Highway ROW (like the soon-to-be-abandoned Devil's Slide Bypass ROW through Montara and Moss Beach.)

This issue centers primarily around the improvements of Coronado Ave. in Miramar. An advantage we see in the potential inclusion of Coronado, and subsequently Cortez and Magellan, would be the availability of traffic mitigation development fees for the installation of proper stormwater systems that would minimize the excessive erosion and

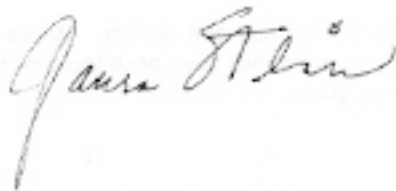
residential runoff pollution of the Mirada Surf wetlands and riparian habitats and other environmentally sensitive areas nearby.

We anticipate that these improvements can also lead to a more unified approach to the planning of the Miramar neighborhoods on both sides of the highway. Past development has proceeded in an unconnected and piecemeal fashion, without the ability to plan for traffic patterns and cumulative impacts of the individual residential developments. Traffic access for the east side Miramar neighborhood from Highway 1 is currently limited to the Medio St. intersection and a series of multiple left and right turns to get to the Cortez/Coronado/Magellan area. Expansion of the County maintained system could encourage the opening up of 5th St., which would provide more direct access to this area and less traffic congestion in the neighborhood.

We appreciate the time and energy the County staff has put into this issue to find workable solutions.

Thank you for your time and attention. We hope our recommendations will contribute positively to your deliberations on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Stein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

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