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Mr. Bijan Sartipi, P.E.
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Caltrans, District 4-Design West-Peninsula
P.O. Box 23660
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RE: *Widening route 1 to include the left and right turn-lanes at the following two locations: Location 1 - At the intersection of Route 1 and Mirada Road, in El Granada, in San Mateo County. The limit is 200 feet north and south of Mirada Road. Location 2 - At the intersection of route 1 and 10th Street, in Montara, in San Mateo county. The limit is 200 feet north of 10th Street and 800 feet.*

Dear Mr. Sartipi,

I submit the following comments on the above referenced projects on behalf of the MidCoast Community Council. The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Council unanimously finds that the subject projects require the preparation of an Initial Study to determine the appropriate level of environmental review. We are also concerned that without a buildout plan for Route 1 in the urban area, there is no other basis by which to evaluate the merits of what has been proposed relative to other alternatives, including the no project alternative.

It is our understanding that Caltrans is preparing the Categorical Exemption/Exclusion (No. 21084 of the Public Resources Code) document for these projects: meaning they have studied the projects and are giving assurance, that there are no significant items of concern which would otherwise require a full environmental report. Based on the scope of these projects, a fair agreement exists that significant environmental impacts to the environment will occur.

We believe that the EIR process should meet the requirements of any other project covered by CEQA, the Coastal Act, and the LCP. We expect that this would include at a minimum an Initial Study and Environmental checklist, followed by a focused EIR or a complete EIR. Either EIR should address the cumulative impact of any project which contributes to implementation of the Route 1 buildout plan.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. A. Sugar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith A. Sugar

Cc: Ed Pang, Director for Environmental Planning South