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Mr. Ralph Ely  
1001 Ocean Boulevard  
Moss Beach, CA 94038

Dear Mr. Ely:

*Re: Closure of Ocean Boulevard*

The following is in response to your inquiries on the status of Ocean Boulevard. I have used a Question (Q) and Answer (A) format and paraphrased some of your questions:

*(Q)- What is the status of Ocean Boulevard? Is it closed permanently?*

(A)- We retained a geotechnical consultant to evaluate the condition of Ocean Boulevard in the area that has been blocked off to traffic. His conclusion is that this section of Ocean Boulevard will continue to slide and the bluff will eventually move east into the road right-of-way. He does not think it will happen at one time but may occur over a period of time. We are monitoring the road to determine the impact of this winter season. I believe we will have to permanently close the road, but I still want to evaluate the movement this winter prior to bringing a report back to the Board of Supervisors.

*(Q) - Traffic counters and survey crews have been working in the neighborhood. Is an additional route being planned?*


(A) - We have done traffic counts to determine the relative volume of traffic that has been diverted due to the closure of the road. The counts indicate that traffic volumes are not large. Our survey crews have not been in the area. Possibly the utility company or a property surveyor has been working in the area. However, we are not proposing any additional routes since there are other subdivision streets which are maintained by the County that can be used by the residents.

*(Q) - Will there be meetings for public input regarding these matters?*

(A) - A public hearing will have to be held before the Board of Supervisors can take formal action on permanently closing a road. We will send out additional information prior to any proposed public hearing.

In closing, I appreciate your offering to disseminate information to others in your neighborhood, and have directed staff to mail you any notices or reports as we complete our evaluation of Ocean Boulevard.

Very truly yours,



Neil R. Cullen  
Director of Public Works