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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors The Honorable Ted Lempert, President County Government Center 401 Marshall Street Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: April 4, 1995 agenda topic: Highway One Tunnel Information

Dear President Lempert:

The MidCoast Community Council is the agency which represents the area that will be most affected by any construction project on Montara Mountain. We will be the people who have to live with the construction, traffic, stoppages, dirt, debris, and with the benefits of the construction workers who purchase food, gas, meals, etc.

The MidCoast Community Council has steadfastly offered support and concern about both the process used in this ByPass debate and has consistently taken the position to explore alternatives to the "ByPass" as a permanent solution. Cal Trans has used "old thinking" in its dis-inclusive process of route selection: they decide what's right and move forward smartly to the conclusion, whether or not the locals agree. If the sound wall recommendations are any indication of their decisions, you can see how badly they do if they're not watched.

As problem solvers on many diverse issues, I'm sure the Board understands the value of properly facilitated meetings - where the participants have the right people, the correct information and the desire to come to the <u>best</u> solution. To date this has not happened. As you can well foretell, the future could be fraught with legal difficulties if Cal Trans <u>doesn't</u> provide <u>all</u> the information. They're the only ones with the resources to properly study the various alternatives.

Coastside residents and business owners who have endured this issue for over twenty years would welcome an alternative and the tunnel would seem to be it. Please use your influence to see that Cal Trans quickly provides the information that they already have accumulated.

Very truly yours,

James Marsh

Chair, MidCoast Community Council

cc HMB Review and Pacifica Tribune