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Dear George:

Thank you very much for your responses to questions raised at the April 22, 1992 Mid-Coast Community Council meeting. As usual, one response begets several additional questions. As you could tell during our discussion of the LCP, our principal interest is whether there is adequate linkage between land use planning and highway capacity and whether adequate funding sources exist to provide capacity improvements commensurate with coastside growth.

You indicate that LCP Policy 2.49 is applied when assessing the need for road expansion, that Highway 92 is currently operating at LOS E during commuter peak periods, and that Caltrans plans to widen Highway 92 during fiscal year 1993/94.

1. What improvements are being planned by Caltrans for F.Y. 93/94?
2. What is the status of the project? Have funds been appropriated, has preliminary engineering been completed, has any environmental review been initiated or approved?
3. What LOS will result in 1994 at the completion of the project?
4. What is the estimated LOS, with the anticipated Highway 92 improvements, in 2015 with buildout of the unincorporated area?

You have indicated that CEQA review on a project by project basis will determine the need for traffic mitigation. Our concern is that, when construction begins again in 1994 when sewer connections are available, the existing bad situation on Highway 92 will deteriorate further. Unless Caltrans is able to make improvements prior to review of any major projects requiring discretionary approvals, it would be our intent to focus on the environmental review process to assure that cumulative impacts are assessed and mitigations required. It is unreasonable to

increase traffic generation beyond LOS E without improvements.

With regards to the County's traffic impact fee program,

5. What improvements are included on the coastside?
6. Are intersection improvements on Highways 1 or 92 included? If not, why not? Certainly development in the unincorporated areas impact these intersections, and Caltrans cannot be relied upon to make improvements in the foreseeable future. That is why Half Moon Bay has included improvements to intersections at Highway 1/92 and Highway 92/Main Street in their impact fees.

Despite indications in the County's Congestion Management Plan that Highway 92 is one of the most congested routes in the County, there was no advocacy on the part of the County or Half Moon Bay to allocate CMP funds to Highway 92 improvements.

Thanks again for your willingness to address these issues of concern.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Brown
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