

Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar*
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RE: Support for San Mateo County Transportation Authority Local Shuttle Program Grant Application to Fund the Coastside Beach Shuttle Program

Mr. Slavit,

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) is an elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, serving the citizens of the unincorporated Midcoast in the communities of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar.

The MCC supports the County's application to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Local Shuttle Program for a grant of \$105,000, in addition to a County 25% percent grant match of \$35,000, to fund all shuttle bus costs, including the driver, fuel, and insurance. Through a public presentation to the MCC and continued communication with the Coastside community, a preferred route for the Coastside shuttle has been identified that thoughtfully considers pervasive traffic flow, infrastructure limitations, and restrictions on duplication of existing SamTrans routes and stops.

The Coastside Beach Shuttle Program offers many benefits to both residents of the Coastside and visitors to it. With four rotations through the proposed route on each weekend day and with seating for up to 24 people on each shuttle, the Shuttle Program can help reduce the number of cars on the Coastside's overcrowded roadways on the days of heaviest use. Additionally, this program will provide a connection shuttle to Half Moon Bay area beaches and Pillar Point, places that are either not served or underserved by standard SamTrans bus routes. And by providing "last mile" connections to the most popular destinations on the Coastside, the beaches, this program supports Coastal Act principles by providing easier access to the coastline for an expanded number of people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
s/Chris Johnson, Chair