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The Honorable Don Horsley
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Dear Supervisor Horsley:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 26, 2013 with regards to your concerns about erosion adjacent to State Route 1 at Surfer's Beach in Half Moon Bay. We understand your concerns as they pertain to coastal erosion and the loss of slope material at the toe of the bluff. As stated in the referenced internal Caltrans memo (Whitman to Le, December 7, 2012) the erosion is occurring at the toe of the bluff and not the top of the slope or Highway 1.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues to identify funding to program a project in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for this location. Recognizing the overall funding shortfall in the SHOPP program, only highest priority projects are programmed. This project continues to be a candidate for SHOPP funding.

Caltrans is currently managing the site through ongoing Maintenance activities and inspection by our Geotechnical staff. If an emergency occurs at this location, we will follow our well established emergency procedures. We will continue to monitor, evaluate and take steps to insure that Highway 1 remains serviceable and the travelling public is safe.

I understand that you have met with my staff recently to discuss a project that the San Mateo County Public Works Department is interested in pursuing that utilizes \$200,000 in grant funding to design a structure that would protect the roadway, fix the coastal trail at Surfer's Beach and provide safe pedestrian access to the beach. We will continue to work with you and the County staff, through our encroachment permit process, to advance this project.

Although our recent discussions with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff does not appear to support obtaining an Emergency Coastal Development Permit, CCC staff appears to look positive on our request to amend the existing Coastal Development Permit for the Surfer's Beach bike path. The specific details on how this can be accomplished will require more collaboration amongst the parties involved. I look forward to continue working with you and the County staff on this important project.

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If you have additional comments or concerns, please contact me at 510-286-5900 or
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Sincerely,



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