

From concept plans of the
Highway 1 Safety & Mobility Studies,
to specific project elements of the TA-funded planning grant for
Midcoast Crossings, Left Turns, and Medians.

How did we get here?
(institutional memory for the path forward)

MCC 7/9/14

Highway 1 Safety & Mobility Studies

CONCEPT PLANS –

developed in two-phase public planning effort 2009-2012

Background documents available on MCC website:

- Studies - Action Plan
- Comments - County response to comments - Meeting videos.
- 2011 efforts to get under or over-crossing at Tunnel south portal.

Complex/expensive concepts included as mid-term options:

- Roundabouts – especially in Moss Beach
- Over-crossing – near lighthouse

Highly complex/expensive concepts NOT included:

- Under-crossings

Highway 1 Safety & Mobility Studies

MCC Comment, 2012

Common themes:

- Proceed carefully.
- Preserve the rural character of the Midcoast.
- Prioritize simple solutions for highway safety and mobility.
- Prioritize east-side parallel trail...
- Parking proposals need further study...

Near term priority:

- Pedestrian crossings with refuge island in each community, most importantly in Moss Beach.

TA grant for crossings/left-turns/medians (design/permitting)

2012 MCC letter in support of application:

"We support the goals of the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study for improved traffic circulation and pedestrian/bicycle safety and connectivity.

Of the conceptual plans developed in the study, the most enthusiastic support from the community is for projects that improve vehicle and pedestrian/bicycle safety via raised medians, well-placed left turn and merge lanes, and well-placed and designed crossings.

We look forward to an early process of consultation with the MCC and community on design details."

TA grant project elements are very specific –

Designated pedestrian crossings at 8 locations:

- Gray Whale Cove
- Montara: 2nd, 7th, 16th
- Moss Beach: California, Virginia, Cypress
- El Granada: feasibility at Surfer's Beach
- Miramar: Mirada Rd.

Left turn pockets:

- Gray Whale Cove
- Montara: 8th St.

Raised Medians

- Montara: 1st south to Montara State Beach; 7th to 11th
- Moss Beach: Etheldore south to Marine
- El Granada: feasibility at Surfer's Beach

How long is a near-term project?

Timeline for TA grant for crossings/left-turns/medians

2012, Sept: \$1.5 million grant application approved

2014, spring: MOU signed, consultants begin work

2014, summer: design alternatives for public review

IF we can find a design balance (safety, traffic flow, aesthetics), and the process is not delayed...

2015, late: design/permitting expected to be complete

2016 or later: construction, depending on funding availability

Recommended Action

Motion (approved 5-0):

The Midcoast Community Council reaffirms support for the TA-funded planning & permitting project for Midcoast Highway 1 medians, left turns and crossing improvements. We continue to believe that these design elements are top priority and should be accomplished with urgency.