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From: Nicholas J. Calderon

Re: Transportation Planning Grant Program

Date: January 29, 2013

Background

A Local Coastal Program (LCP) is a basic planning tool used by local governments, in partnership with the California Coastal Commission, to guide development in the coastal zone. In accordance with the Coastal Commission's recent certification of an update to the San Mateo County LCP, the County has agreed to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan. In order to fund this plan, the County is pursuing Caltrans' Transportation Planning Grant Program. Each cycle, the grant program offers multiple grant opportunities. There is no limit as to how many grants an entity can apply for or receive.

Transportation Management Plan

The San Mateo County LCP (Section 2.57.2) states that the County shall develop a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan to address the cumulative traffic impacts of residential development on roads and highways on the Midcoast and in the City of Half Moon Bay. The plan will be based on the results of an analysis that identifies the traffic impact of new development at LCP permitted buildout. It shall also propose specific LCP policies designed to offset the demand for all new vehicle trips generated by new residential development on Highway 1, Highway 92, and local roads during peak commuter and recreation hours. The plan should also evaluate the feasibility of developing an in-lieu fee traffic mitigation program, expansion of public transit, and development of a mandatory lot merger program.

Public Engagement

In order to engage all community stakeholders in the development of this plan, the County will form a Technical Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, and will conduct open public meetings to inform the greater public and gather feedback. The Technical Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, and general public all offer a unique perspective as to what the issues are, how they may look in the future, and how they could be mitigated.

The first phase of the public process will be to form and solicit input from a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Representatives of the San Mateo County Transit District, California Department of Transportation, San Mateo County Planning and Building Department, San Mateo County Department of Public

Works, Half Moon Bay Department of Public Works, Half Moon Bay Planning and Building Department, California Highway Patrol, Cabrillo Unified School District, California Department of Park and Recreation, Sheriff's Office, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Harbor District, Granada Sanitary District, Coastside County Water District, Montara Water and Sanitary District, and the California Coastal Commission will be invited to participate on the TAC. This committee will be tasked with providing technical guidance to the study. They will develop a plan that identifies the sources of transportation issues on the coastside and potential mitigation techniques. They will also look at the anticipated extent and potential impacts of future development on the transportation system, and how to mitigate traffic during special events and days that attract high numbers of visitors. These findings will then be sent to the Steering Committee for discussion.

The second phase of our public process will be engaging a Steering Committee. This committee will be comprised of members of the community that can provide guidance from a targeted stakeholder's perspective. Individuals that will be invited to participate on this committee will include, but may not be limited to, a representative of the Midcoast Community Council (Municipal Advisory Council), Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce, local Parent Teacher Associations, Coastside Hope, Coastside Bicycle Coalition, Committee for Green Foothills, Surfrider, the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, and a resident from Half Moon Bay, El Granada, Moss Beach, and Montara. Allowing groups with targeted stakeholder perspectives from the community to provide feedback will sharpen the scope and content of the plan and allow for a more detailed and focused discussions at larger public meetings.

After the TAC and Steering Committee have made their findings and provided their feedback, the information will be organized and presented to the greater community. This will be through a thorough public process with various meetings throughout the study area. This will provide the residents of the study area an opportunity to provide feedback on the study.

Application

The application for the grant is due on April 5. The application will be for the amount of \$300,000.

Notes

The grant guidelines make note of supporting SB375, the Sustainable Communities Strategies. Given that the study area contains four (4) Rural Community Investment Areas, the rural equivalent to a Priority Development Area, this plan will support the goals of SB375. This should make our application more competitive.

The Community Based Transportation Planning Grant

Part of the evaluation process for the application is past use of the grant. The evaluators will take into account if an entity has received this grant in the past, and if so, how successful it was. Several years ago, the County received funding from Caltrans to conduct the Highway 1 Traffic and Mobility Study. Given the success of our prior project, we are in good standing with Caltrans'

Transportation Planning Grant Program. This should make our application more competitive.

Goals

The goals of the Transportation Management Plan are as to:

- Document the type, extent, and source of transportation problems currently being experienced on the Midcoast.
- Identify the potential impacts of future residential development within the Midcoast and Half Moon Bay on the existing transportation system, and on coastal access and recreation, based on a detailed analysis of the maximum residential development allowed in these areas (i.e. "residential buildout").
- Develop and analyze a range of alternative strategies for addressing existing problems, and for minimizing and mitigating the impacts of future development.
- Coordinate the development and analyses of these strategies with all relevant stakeholders, in a manner that recognizes coastal access and recreation as a priority use.
- Establish new programs, policies, and procedures to implement the transportation improvement strategies selected by the Board of Supervisors through a public review process.
- Increase the efficiency, consistency, and effectiveness of the development review process by selecting and implementing strategies that provide a fair and uniform basis for offsetting the cumulative impacts of individual residential development proposals.

Letters of Support

Letters of Support should be addressed to the **County of San Mateo (400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063)**. Ideally, we would like to have all letters of support by the end of February. The County is seeking support for the grant application from the following agencies and individuals:

- Congresswoman Jackie Speier
- State Senator Jerry Hill
- Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
- Assemblyman Richard Gordon
- Supervisor Don Horsley
- City of Half Moon Bay
- Coastside Chamber
- Harbor District
- Midcoast Community Council
- Sheriff's Office
- CHP
- SamTrans
- Pillar Point Homeowners Association
- Cabrillo Unified School District
- Committee for Green Foothills

**Underlined parties have already committed to submitting a letter*