DON HORSLEY

Board of Supervisors County of San Mateo

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Bijan Sartipi District 4 Director, Caltrans 111 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94617

Dear Bijan,

Re: Request for Street Lights at Virginia Avenue and Highway 1 in the Moss Beach Area

I am writing to ask that Caltrans install street lights within the Caltrans right-of-way on Highway 1 at Virginia Avenue in the Moss Beach area.

As you are likely aware, there have been accidents on Highway 1 in this area. The most recent accident sent a young high school student to the hospital with multiple fractures. This accident took place before daybreak, at an intersection where there are no street lights. This area has been identified in the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study, Phase 2 as a dangerous area for pedestrian crossing.

I asked our Department of Public Works to look into what the County could do to improve the lighting on Highway 1 with the existing street lights to help address this situation. Unfortunately, the County maintained street lights are set back from Highway 1 and outside of the Caltrans right-of-way. Increasing the wattage of the existing street lights would improve the lighting on Virginia Avenue and Carlos Street, but would not address the lack of lighting on Highway 1. Given this conclusion, I would like to ask Caltrans to install light(s) in your right-of-way to address this public safety issue. Please give this request every consideration and contact my office if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Don Horsley, Supervisor San Mateo County

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Senator Leland Yee, Senate District 8
Assembly Member Jerry Hill, 19th Assembly District
Captain Mike Maskarich, California Highway Patrol
Bill Kehoe, Midcoast Community Council
Jim Porter, Department of Public Works