

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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Pete Rasmussen
San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: Support for San Mateo County Transportation Authority Measure A Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant Application to fund the Montara Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project at 16th Street in Montara

Mr. Rasmussen,

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 Measure A Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for a grant to fund the final design, permitting, and construction of a pedestrian crossing at 16th Street in Montara. Through a County Preliminary Planning Study (PPS), which included public workshops, presentations to the MCC, and opportunities to provide comments online, the community identified a preferred alternative (Alternative 1) for a pedestrian crossing at 16th Street in Montara that includes high-visibility painted medians for traffic calming and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the crosswalk.

This project is an integral part of the Midcoast Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Studies. It will improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists by providing a much needed safe crossing of Highway 1 in Montara. In conjunction with the future extension of the Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail, this project will help better connect the communities of the Midcoast, and it will encourage utilization of other modes of transportation besides cars. Less cars on the road will reduce highway congestion and associated CO2 emissions and pollution, create safer conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, and help foster the semi-rural feel of the Midcoast so treasured by residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

s/Chris Johnson, Chair
MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL