

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Approved Minutes: Special Meeting on October 17, 2012

Call to Order. 7:00

Present: Councilmembers Bill, Laura, Lisa, Dan, Len (arrived 7:15). Absent: Bob.
3 members of the public.

2. Public Comment

Carl May: FMR **Dardanelle Trail** under construction is egregious in scale; 20-40-ft width denuded for 8-ft-wide trail.

Lisa: **Dardanelle Trail** Condition #27 of CDP relates to the native fern/rush area, calling for minimal disturbance and careful removal and replanting. Fern grove was obliterated.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes for 9/26/2012 and 10/2/2012 - approved 4-0 (before Len arrived)

4. Regular Agenda

b. 7:05 Select an MCC representative for Princeton Plan Request for Proposal Panel -
to review the draft RFP before it goes out and sit on a panel to interview applicants.

Laura: Nominate Lisa as Princeton rep. Dan 2nd. Lisa accepts. Passed 4-0 (Len late arriving)

1. Board of Supervisors Report - Nicholas Calderón

TA grant successful- \$500K for initial planning plus \$1M. County will work with TA team on planning (not outside consultant). Extensive public outreach to come. Laura: Grant app average daily traffic volume for Route 1 is the same from 2012 - 2032. Nicholas: Didn't have hard data, didn't want to make up a number, so left it as unchanging in grant app. Going forward will use data from planning process - Transportation Mgmt Plan.

Don/Steve here on 10/24

Parallel Trail: Will apply in Feb for Measure A funds. Also "Safe Routes to School" funding for Farallone View. Don will talk more about on 10/24. Laura: Coastside Route to School program has 2 Cabrillo School District Leads who should be invited to work with the "Transportation Committee"; also grant-funded program coordinating SamTrans and CUSD.

MCC budget: Letter from County Counsel re new disbursement system; year-end excess over \$3000 will carry over with new system, but no reimbursement till end of FY. Council has questions on what can be covered and who will front first-year money.

4. a. 7:15 Highway 1 – Traffic and Trails Study Session. Brief summary discussion, followed by community questions/comments for Supervisor's visit next week on following items.

Highway 1 Safety & Mobility Study Phase 2 Final Draft and Action Plan. Update the community on the Hwy 1 Study and what it represents as a concept plan as Hwy 1 projects are undertaken.

Dan: 3 changeable message signs at tunnel are not consistent with 2-lane scenic highway, violates the LCP. concerned with future of Hwy 1 improvements if freeway-type signs are OK on our Midcoast highway.

Len: Caltrans acting on their own at Montara Lighthouse highway widening/left-turn lanes: Wider road has increased pedestrian hazard with no crossing included. Was CDP required? Why was MCC not included at Caltrans meeting (having expressed concern and been included at Devil Slide Task Force meetings).

Nicholas: Caltrans has agreed to public process moving forward. Don will work to hold them to it. Lighthouse project started before Phase 2 study. Don didn't want to stop project just because crossing not included.

Dave Olson: Caltrans is large organization. Is District 4 committed to process?

Len: Parallel Trail concept plan - could be east or west of Hwy 1 along Airport. Map lines: Airport St. is same color code as Parallel Trail but is a different category of trail. Phase 1 Study ignored Parallel Trail, thus no public process on conceptual plan in that area.

Lisa: Planting in Hwy right-of-way takes up space for trails, particularly along west side in Montara. Work with Caltrans to keep level trail space in right-of-way clear for pedestrians. Assess potential for west-side Coastal Trail with barrier between roadway and trail. Avoids crossing at lighthouse and Montara Beach. Adds access to coastal views at ends of county streets.

Laura: Has requested traffic statistics for the entire year. Data provided not specific for Midcoast. Caltrans has sophisticated system outlined in Chapter 3 of Traffic Manual, Accident & Roadway Records and can provide reports on all roadway statistics. Laura will give Nicholas list of reports needed and he agreed to request those from Caltrans.

Len: 2 areas that need serious near-term help (Moss Beach beyond just the medians, and El Granada) but carry long-term label. What is candid assessment of chance for County effort in next 2 years?

Carl May: Lighthouse is missed opportunity for safe crossing, much harder/more expensive to retrofit. Why no CDP? Lot of expertise exists in community (tunnel effort). Traffic /Trails with outside consultants, not drawing on local expertise. Urban mindset permeates whole study. Re conceptual plan, how can you get money if you don't know what it's going to be? CCT should be removed from Study; does not need to be bike path. Caltrans in charge of Pacific Coast Bike Route – not mentioned in study.

Leonard Woren: Clarify statement re traffic cutting through Alhambra. County should look at intersection level of service, not road segment. Don't let HMB put in any more signals without widening for stacking lanes. Only consider roundabouts as alternative to traffic signal. Michican left turns should be included as option. FMR Dardanelle trail too wide.

Public Participation in Highway 1 Corridor Activities Going Forward Discussion on objectives, merits and format of this participation.

Len: Item open, no proposal yet from county. Beyond holding public hearings, need format for on-going detail discussion, continuous, staying connected. Study recommended it. Refer to Caltrans meeting over year ago. People care about whole corridor -- Pacifica to HMB. Concerned about limiting public involvement to public meetings as individual projects come up.

Dave Olson – Planning should be done as corridor, not point project.

Leonard: Need Hwy 1 master plan.

Laura: A master plan for Hwy 1, including areas adjacent to the Midcoast, is crucial in planning for the future. All our Route 1 projects are looked at in segments, piecemeal, but have regional effect. Traffic jam on Route 1 in Pacifica will impact traffic south of Half Moon Bay.

Nicholas: Transportation Mgmt Plan in partnership w/HMB required by LCP update. Have potential funding source. Don completely committed.

Laura: How will community be involved in process?

Len: Why isn't Pacifica included? Need public process with continuing lifetime, with some community members committed to spend time on all Hwy 1 projects.

Lisa: After Phase 1, volunteers signed up for long-term committee which never came to pass. If there are community members willing to make long-term commitment, county should take advantage of that.

Carl May: What does public participation mean over time? County listens, then does what they wanted to do all along. How can the public actually have an effect? Process should make clear what public participation means – whether it will have an effect on the outcome.

Len: County brings us Safe Routes to School for Farallone View – why come with conclusion? No opportunity for earlier community input (El Granada school?)

5. Council Activity – Meeting announcements

Lisa: HMB Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Project Advisory Team first meeting 11/14 at Pillar Ridge clubhouse, 3-5pm

Laura: SMC Youth Town Hall 10/27 10-3:30, College of San Mateo. Jackie Speier is keynote speaker. Topics: bullying, alcohol/drugs, gangs, sexual health. Must register by 10/20.

6. Committee Reports - none

7. Future Agendas

10/24 – Horsley/Monowitz

8. Adjournment (9:30)