

# 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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To:              San Mateo County Transportation Authority, Programming and Monitoring  
Cc:              Chanda Singh, Senior Transportation Planner, County of San Mateo  
From:            Midcoast Community Council  
Subject:        2021 Highway Program Call for Projects – San Mateo County proposed project

## To Whom It May Concern:

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 communities of Montara, Moss Beach, Miramar, El Granada, and Princeton. We, the MCC, strongly support the County in seeking funds through the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2021 Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Call for Projects to support the project initiation phase of the Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvements Project (Project).

Over the past decade, we have worked closely with the County, its partners, and our community to identify transportation concerns and needs that will serve both residents and visitors. This is memorialized most recently in Connect the Coastsides, the San Mateo County Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan, which draws upon many past planning efforts. The Highway 1 corridor is fraught with congestion and safety issues: it is the only link to connect Midcoast communities with the rest of the Bay Area and must serve weekday commuters, students, and extremely high volumes of weekend visitors. Driving is the most common way of getting around: there are no safe and continuous pedestrian and bicycling facilities, and transit service is infrequent and unreliable. Connect the Coastsides echoes the need for context-sensitive transportation solutions and importantly, solutions to address the coast's existing and projected congestion and safety issues.

Our Council heard support for Connect the Coastsides's vision to improve conditions for all roadway users, especially dedicated facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, and better transit service. Stakeholders also expressed a strong desire for congestion relief, especially on weekends and during commute peak periods. Stakeholders shared different opinions about what interventions would be the most appropriate at the most congested intersections. In Moss Beach, many stakeholders preferred roundabouts to keep traffic moving, calm traffic, and maintain coastal character. Some stakeholders questioned whether roundabouts would be feasible with potential environmental constraints, and desired more evaluation of potential alternatives.

We believe that the project initiation phase, with dedicated review and input from Caltrans, is a critical next step to further describing our challenges, identifying tradeoffs and constraints that influence interventions, scoping viable alternatives, and estimating costs for the 16th Street, California Avenue, and Cypress Avenue intersections with Highway 1. We strongly support the County's application and look forward to collaborating with the County and its partners if they are awarded.

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s/Michelle Weil, Chair