

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar  
PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038-0248 | [midcoastcommunitycouncil.org](http://midcoastcommunitycouncil.org)*

**Gregg Dieguez** | **Claire Toutant** | **Dan Haggerty** | **Scott Bollinger** | **Gus Mattammal**  
Chair Vice-Chair Treasurer Secretary | **Ann Rothman** | **Kimberly Williams**

Date: August 23, 2023  
To: San Mateo County Transportation Authority, Programming and Monitoring  
Cc: Chanda Singh, Senior Transportation Planner, County of San Mateo  
From: Midcoast Community Council  
Subject: San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2023 Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Call for Projects – San Mateo County's Proposed Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvements 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. The MCC continues to support the County in seeking funds through the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2023 Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Call for Projects to support the Environmental Document and Project Approval phase of the Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvements Project (Project).

As mentioned in our previous letter of support for phase 1 funding of this project, the MCC has worked closely with the County, its partners, and our community over the past decade to identify transportation concerns and needs that will serve both residents and visitors. This is memorialized most recently in Connect the Coastside, 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 Coastside 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 Coastside'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 requested more evaluation of potential alternatives.

The County was awarded funds from the 2021 Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Call for Projects for the project initiation phase to develop a Project Initiation Document (PID). The County, SMCTA, and consultant team provided a presentation to the MCC about the project on November 30, 2022 and shared additional information on its project webpage (<https://www.smcgov.org/planning/moss-beach-sr-1>).

The draft PID is currently under review by Caltrans and the County team will be presenting results of the PID to the community in September. The MCC requested a preliminary update on results of phase 1, as a prerequisite for supporting an application for funding of phase 2. Our understanding is that the PID identifies Build alternatives that include a combination of roundabouts, signals, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, bus stop improvements, and a pedestrian/bicycle path, which is aligned with Connect the Coastside. We also expect that further community input will continue to shape which alternatives are chosen.

With these understandings as communicated by San Mateo County, the MCC supports the County's application for funding of the next phase (Environmental Document and Project Approval) of the project by pursuing the 2023 Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Call for Projects and we look forward to collaborating with the County and its partners if they are awarded.

Sincerely,

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

s/Gregg Dieguez, Chair