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Date: July 10, 2013

To: Steve Rosen, Project Planner

Subject: PLN2013-00253 – CDP to widen east side of Cabrillo Hwy to accommodate a 1,000 ft center turn lane at Sam's Chowder House

The MCC feels that traffic turning on/off Highway 1 to access Sam's presents a serious safety concern that deserves priority attention. The CDP for this project is considered incomplete, waiting for additional documentation from the applicant. In the interim the MCC has the following concerns regarding the project:

- The proposed project will create a two-way left-turn lane extending 1,000 feet north from the pocket left-turn/merge lanes at the Beach House Hotel. A clear turning movement diagram should be provided indicating how traffic is intended to flow between the turn lane and the three existing restaurant driveways.
- Consider reducing the number of restaurant driveways to one access point and using dedicated left turn/merge pockets at that location, as at the next-door hotel and throughout this section of highway.
- The many driveway access points and extensive parking in the right-of-way create uncertainty for drivers which translates to additional risk for pedestrians.
- There is no provision to address the extensive parking in the Caltrans right-of-way on both sides of the Highway in the vicinity of this project.
- Consider the concepts of the Safety & Mobility study. Since it has not yet been determined where the pedestrian crosswalk(s) will be located on this stretch of highway, it will be most important that the engineering of the turning lanes provides for the later addition of a crossing refuge and raised median, should it be determined that this is a desirable location for a crosswalk.