

*Draft letter by Ann Rothman re Hwy 1 Moss Beach Project*

## **MidCoast Community Council**

**October 25, 2023**

To: CalTrans, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Ray Mueller, County of San Mateo planning Chanda Singh:

RE: State Route 1 Safety Improvements Project Moss Beach

The Midcoast Community Council and community members have great concern over proposed road improvements for highway 1 Moss Beach. The road improvement plan for 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 1 has the potential to cause far more harm and not offer any improvement. Carlos Street which is only feet away from this proposed traffic light is on a blind curve. A stop light and pedestrian crosswalk at the location of 16<sup>th</sup> Street has the potential to create traffic accidents from cars stopping at a traffic light on a blind curve. The 50mph speed limit and limited sight distance has the potential to cause great bodily harm or death if anyone is in the crosswalk and cars cannot stop in time. Traffic accidents are likely to happen often. Flashing light beacons all along highway 1 will flash into residents homes all hours of the day and night. It will disrupt the lives of residents and harm endangered species residing in this area.

A pedestrian crosswalk at California Ave will provide appropriate sight distance for cars to stop in time. Sidewalk should be built along the west side of Highway 1 to the bus stop at Carlos St. on the west side of the highway. This would allow for safe crossing of residents who live on the east side of the highway while providing a safe pathway for residents on the west side of the highway to access the bus stop. Furthermore consideration should be given to move the bus stop at 16<sup>th</sup> Street altogether to California and Highway 1 as pedestrian crossing will be safer and it is a better location for a bus stop due to better visibility and at an area of highway that is wider allowing for the bus to pull over more safely. Transit passengers are safer at California Ave.

Evaluation of proposed roadway improvements must include the impact that broadband installment and utilities will have on the project. Stormwater impacts must also be evaluated and dealt with prior to any road improvements. Significant flooding at Carlos St, California Ave, Virginia St and Highway 1 has occurred during rainy seasons. Please see Pacifica Patch dated Dec 23, 2021 Patch.com for videos of the flooding. Full evaluation of this ongoing flooding threat must be evaluated and mitigated prior to building any road improvements.

We are asking to eliminate the 16<sup>th</sup> St road improvement section from the proposed project. We are asking for a full investigation, stormwater management plan and mitigation prior to any road improvement construction take place. All utilities and broadband should be in place prior to construction as well. Movement of the bus stop from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to California Ave should be considered. Public safety must be at the forefront of the proposed road improvements. We look forward to your response and plan to address our concerns. Thank you.

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MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL