

# Community Input Shapes the Future of Transportation on the Midcoast

Connect the Coastside 2020 Outreach Summary Report

## Thank You

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San Mateo County staff would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the public working draft of the Connect the Coastside plan (CtC), a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for the San Mateo County Midcoast. The goal of Connect the Coastside is to improve mobility and safety for residents and visitors of the Midcoast, and the input received from community members is vital to creating a strong plan that outlines the vision of transportation on the Midcoast.

**The purpose of this report is to summarize the Connect the Coastside outreach efforts that took place from January through August 2020.** This report:

- Provides an overview of the outreach efforts
- Summarizes the feedback on the draft Plan and proposed updates
- Presents the timeline for finalizing Connect the Coastside and previews additional opportunities for future input and involvement

Greater detail and additional materials relating to the outreach efforts, comments, and proposed updates to CtC can be found in the Appendices 1 through 7 of this report.

## Background

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The original stimulus for Connect the Coastside came from the [San Mateo County Local Coastal Program](#) (LCP) Policy 2.53, which requires the development of a comprehensive transportation management plan to address the cumulative traffic impacts of residential development on the Midcoast. Development for CtC began in 2014 and included creating development forecasts, projecting future traffic, identifying transportation deficiencies, and analyzing potential improvements and development constraints.

On January 15, 2020, San Mateo County released a public working draft of the Connect the Coastside Plan for public review and feedback. The Plan recommends programs and infrastructure projects to improve mobility and accommodate transportation needs due to future development and growth through the year 2040. The Plan's recommendations are focused on the areas surrounding Highway 1 and Highway 92 and includes the unincorporated Midcoast communities of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton and Miramar.

The Connect the Coastside project team consists of staff from the San Mateo County Planning and Building Department working in collaboration with staff from the Office of Sustainability, County Manager's Office, the Department of Public Works and consultants from DKS Associates. The Plan has also been shaped with the help of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that includes Caltrans, City of Half Moon Bay, SamTrans, and many more.

## Outreach Efforts

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The bulk of recent Connect the Coastside outreach efforts took place from April to August 2020 and are summarized in this section. In-person outreach events were originally planned for March and April 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project team postponed and reimagined outreach efforts to ensure the safety of participants. The goals of the outreach efforts were to hear from as many different Coastside stakeholders as possible and to provide multiple ways to learn about and provide comments on the Plan. Several outreach opportunities focused on reaching a broad cross-section of Coastside stakeholders including youth, mono-lingual Spanish speakers, workers, renters, and low-income residents.

### Listening to the Midcoast Survey

The project team reviewed findings from the Listening to the Midcoast Mobility **online survey**, led by the Midcoast Community Council and Supervisor Horsley's office. These findings helped to inform and shape the Connect the Coastside outreach efforts.

### Updates to the Website

To share information and provide an opportunity for people to provide comments, the project team made the following updates to the Connect the Coastside website:

- Created and posted a **library** of past CtC [documents and meeting materials](#)
- Posted a recorded CtC overview **presentation**
- Developed and shared 7 **factsheets** summarizing the CtC proposed projects and policies
- Added a **comment box** for community members to submit comments and sign up for the CtC emailing list

Comments received through both the comment box and emailed to the project team are incorporated into the summary of comments and proposed changes, detailed in Appendix 7.

### Virtual Community Meetings

Between May and June 2020, the Connect the Coastside project team held three virtual community meetings with Coastside community members to share information about the draft Plan and to gather community input to inform the Plan's goals and proposed projects. Each meeting included the following:

- Welcome from County District 3 Supervisor Don Horsley
- Presentation on Connect the Coastside
- Polls to learn about the participants and their transportation priorities
- Question and answer session
- Breakout rooms for small group discussions with feedback recorded by notetakers
- Report out to the larger group from the small group discussions
- Explanation of next steps for moving forward with the Plan

The three virtual community meetings were conducted in English and were not translated into Spanish, as the project team heard feedback that bilingual virtual meetings with real time translation did not provide the best experience for Spanish speakers. In total, about 132 community members participated across the three public workshops. Some participated in all three workshops while others attended one

or two. A detailed summary of the meetings and responses to questions are provided in Appendices 1 through 5.

<u>Meeting Date and Topic</u>	<u>Approximate # of Attendees</u>
5/30 Overview of Connect the Coastsides	40
6/15 Moss Beach, Montara	60
6/30 El Granada, Princeton, Miramar	32

## Youth Group Meeting

The project team collaborated with the Youth Leadership institute (YLI) to host a virtual Zoom meeting on July 7, 2020 to connect with youth who live, work, and/or visit the Coastsides, hear about their transportation experiences and needs, and ensure that their needs are incorporated in CtC. The County provided an overview presentation on Connect the Coastsides similar to the May 30<sup>th</sup> virtual community meeting. Youth participants shared their perspectives on what’s working well and what is challenging when it comes to transportation, which Plan ideas are most important, how to improve access to their favorite places, and their vision for transportation on the coast. Students also responded to several poll questions about how they get around. Biking, walking and transit improvements were most important to this group who rely on family members and friends to get around since they cannot drive. Notes from youth meeting are included in Appendix 6.

<u>Outreach Method</u>	<u>Views and Responses</u>
July 7, 2020 Youth focus group	7 youth and 2 staff members from YLI

## Spanish Language Outreach

To hear from monolingual Spanish speakers who live and work on the Midcoast, the project team used a combination of strategies to provide information about the Plan and ask for input. Outreach was designed to make participation easy and accessible by reaching people in places they already visited and by providing multiple options for participation. The Spanish language options for learning about Connect the Coastsides and providing feedback included:

- A Spanish language Connect the Coastsides **webpage**
- Seven Spanish language Connect the Coastsides **factsheets**
- A 20-minute recorded **presentation** in Spanish that provides an overview of Connect the Coastsides and was posted to the Spanish language CtC webpage
- Short (2-3 minute) **videos** in both Spanish and English posted to the ALAS and Coastsides Hope Facebook pages, describing Connect the Coastsides and asking for input
- A **paper survey** in Spanish and English distributed through the Coastsides Hope front desk and food distribution, ALAS food distribution, Pillar Ridge, and El Granada Elementary School lunch service
- **Phone and online surveys** conducted in Spanish

These efforts were successful in reaching a number of people, including:

<u>Outreach Method</u>	<u>Views and Responses</u>
20-minute recorded presentation	14 views
ALAS Facebook Spanish video & comments	137 views, 2 comments
Coastside Hope Spanish video & comments	77 views
Coastside Hope English video & comments	92 views
Paper Survey	25 returned, 16 in Spanish and 9 in English
Online Survey	8 responses
Phone Survey	6 phone surveys completed in Spanish

## Montara Water and Sanitary District Board Meeting

On April 4, 2020, County staff presented information about Connect the Coastsides to the Montara Water and Sewer District Board and received feedback. This feedback is incorporated into the summary of comments and proposed changes, detailed in Appendix 7.

## Midcoast Community Council Meetings

The [Midcoast Community Council](#) (MCC) is an elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar. The MCC has played an important role in the development of Connect the Coastsides, providing advice on how to reach the Midcoast community and providing feedback and guidance on the Plan. Two MCC meetings in the summer of 2020 solicited feedback from community members on the Connect the Coastsides:

- **July 8, 2020:** County staff presented on topics that were not covered in the May and June 2020 virtual meetings, including proposed projects for Highway 92 and land use programs.
- **July 29, 2020:** The MCC held a special meeting to conduct a study session on Connect the Coastsides for members of the community to provide feedback.

Feedback received during the MCC meetings are incorporated into the summary of comments and proposed changes, detailed in Appendix 7.

<u>MCC Meeting Date</u>	<u>Responses</u>
July 8, 2020	4 MCC members and 5 members of the public provided comments
July 29, 2020	5 MCC members and 11 members of the public provided comments

## Summary of Comments & Proposed Changes

The project team received feedback on various topics in the Plan. Below is a summary of major themes we heard and a snapshot of proposed changes to update Connect the Coastsides. The complete summary of comments and proposed changes to the Plan is available in Appendix 7.

## What We Heard

In general, commenters were supportive of the recommended projects that create safer places to walk, bike, and take transit. These include:

- The Multimodal Parallel Trail
- Marked crossings of Highway 1 with other safety features like median islands and lights
- Safe routes to school
- Bicycle lanes and bicycle parking
- Shelters and benches at bus stops
- More frequent and express buses

Commenters were more divided on the Plan's recommendations to improve driving. There were different opinions about the following:

- Whether intersections should have roundabouts, traffic signals or any control
- Providing additional parking and where it should be located
- The roadway design treatments that are best for the Midcoast

Several commenters focused feedback on specific locations in Moss Beach, including the proposed recommendations for Carlos Street. Others had concerns about the transportation and land use data used to inform the Plan's recommendations and wanted to know more about the impact of projects on traffic congestion and emergency response. Several commenters highlighted inconsistencies between the recommendations in the draft Plan and other planning efforts, like Plan Princeton. Many commenters were concerned about how long it would take to implement projects and wanted to know more about how projects would be funded. A few commenters were interested in the land use policy recommendations and suggested making them mandatory.

## Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside

The project team will work to update the Plan to clarify the recommendations, planning process, and next steps. Below are some of the proposed revisions to the Plan:

- Ensure consistency with ongoing and past planning efforts (like Plan Princeton and the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study), including updating maps and project descriptions.
- Add a chapter to describe the history of Connect the Coastside, including past outreach efforts.
- Revise the Plan's goals and include more to address environmental sustainability, accessibility for all ages and abilities, emergency response, and evacuation.
- Update and/or change specific project recommendations including: revise Highway 92 bikeways recommendation to widened shoulders only; remove Highway 92 climbing lanes; change Highway 92 roundabouts to signals; removing the recommendation for the Moss Beach Park and Ride lot; recommend roundabouts on Highway 1 with additional description about necessary studies and approval from Caltrans; removing recommendation for bus stop at Carlos St / 16<sup>th</sup> St and re-routing bus.
- Expand the implementation chapter to include a potential timeline and phased approach for project implementation, including a description of the community engagement process that will need to accompany certain projects during future project-level implementation.

## Next Steps

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An estimated timeline of future meetings and actions on the Connect the Coasts Plan is provided below.

Estimated Timeline	Action
September 2020	Present proposed updates at a Midcoast Community Council study session
October 2020	Update plan
November 2020	Present updated plan to Midcoast Community Council
December 2020	Planning Commission workshop on updated plan
January 2020	Final updates the plan and environmental review documents
February 2021	Publish final draft and environmental review documents
February 2021	Midcoast Community Council meeting to consider recommendation on plan
February 2021	Half Moon Bay Planning Commission meeting to consider recommendation on plan
March 2021	Planning Commission meeting to consider recommendation on plan
April 2021	Board of Supervisor meeting to consider plan approval

## To Stay Involved and to Learn More:

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- Visit the County's [Connect the Coasts web page](#) to sign up for email updates and for detailed plan and meeting information
- Visit the [Midcoast Community Council webpage](#) for information on MCC meetings and documents related to CtC
- Share this meeting report with your networks and people who were not able to attend
- For questions on Connect the Coasts, please contact Katie Faulkner at [kfaulkner@smcgov.org](mailto:kfaulkner@smcgov.org)

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Appendix 7 - Summary of Comments on Connect the Coasts & Proposed Changes

## Appendix 1 – Virtual Community Meetings Summary

Between May and June 2020, the Connect the Coastsides (CtC) project team held three virtual community meetings with Coastsides community members to share information about the draft Plan and to gather community input to inform the Plan’s goals and proposed projects. Objectives for the meetings were:

- Participants learn about Connect the Coastsides: what it is, why and how it’s being developed; and
- Participants learn with each other and share their feedback with the County about Connect the Coastsides.

### Meeting Format and Process

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and San Mateo County shelter-in-place orders, the community meetings were held virtually using the Zoom online videoconferencing platform to enable community members to participate via computer or phone. Meetings were held on weekday evenings and a Saturday morning in response to feedback from community members to maximize attendance.

The meetings were designed collaboratively by a facilitation consultant and County staff from the Office of Sustainability, County Manager’s Office, Planning and Building Department, and Supervisor Horsley’s office, and recommendations from community members to reach a diverse group of Coastsides community members and balance the needs of those who are very familiar with CtC with those who were less familiar with the Plan.

Figure 1 May 30, 2020 Virtual Meeting



Each meeting began with a welcome from County District 3 Supervisor Don Horsley followed by a presentation on Connect the Coastsides by County Planner, Katie Faulkner. Attendees participated in

polls before and during the presentation that aimed to learn about the participants (where they lived/worked and how familiar they were with the Connect the Coastside plan) and asked about their reactions to the Plan's goals and priorities. There was a brief question and answer session following the presentation to respond to clarifying questions. Community members were then divided into breakout rooms for small group discussions in which participants provided input on CtC and shared their ideas. The small group discussions were facilitated by trained facilitators who were either volunteers from the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center or County staff. The small group discussions were designed to encourage participants to dialogue with each other and hear their neighbor's perspectives. This approach provided an opportunity for all individuals to share their ideas and created a more welcoming setting for everybody to participate, from people who were new to the plan and people who were more familiar with it. Groups ranged in size from two to five participants. In some groups, there was a Midcoast Community Council member or County staff person who listened to the discussion. Feedback was recorded by notetakers who shared their screen so that participants could view the notes. Each breakout group briefly reported back to the large group on key discussion themes. This was followed by an explanation of next steps for moving forward with the plan.

Some community members and MCC members expressed frustration with the limitations of the virtual meeting platform, and felt that the meeting format limited opportunities for public input. County staff acknowledges the frustration, but believes that the importance of completing the Plan justified using the virtual platform, and that there remain several future opportunities for public comment to shape the Plan.

The three virtual community meetings were conducted in English and were not translated into Spanish, as County staff heard feedback that bilingual virtual meetings with real time translation did not provide the best experience for Spanish speakers because of the limitations of a virtual meeting. Instead County staff focused on providing dedicated Spanish language outreach through phone and paper surveys, as staff understood this was preferable to many mono-lingual Spanish speakers.

## Getting the Word Out

County staff, members of the Midcoast Community Council (MCC) and several organizations on the Midcoast helped spread the word to community members about the Connect the Coastside Plan and the community meetings. Efforts were made to reach a broad range of community members from the Midcoast, including people who were familiar with Connect the Coastside and those who were less familiar with the project. The meetings were promoted through the following methods:

- Email invitations sent to people who expressed interest in receiving updates on Connect the Coastside
- Personalized emails from County staff to community connectors (representatives of local schools, agencies, community groups and organizations) asking them to spread the word about the meetings
- Articles in the Half Moon Bay Review and Coastside Buzz
- Posting on the County of San Mateo Nextdoor page
- Postings on the San Mateo County Planning & Building website, the San Mateo County District 3 website, and Midcoast Community Council website
- Flyers posted at post offices, apartments, and shared at Midcoast food distribution events



- Announcements at public meetings including the San Mateo County Planning Commission and the Midcoast Community Council

## Meeting Highlights

In total, about 132 community members participated across the three public workshops. Some participated in all three workshops while others attended one or two.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop: Approximately 40 community members participated in the May 30<sup>th</sup> workshop. Based on responses to a poll during the meeting, half of the participants lived or worked in Moss Beach, with 20% from El Granada, 12% from Montara and the remainder living or working elsewhere.

The County’s presentation provided an overview of Connect the Coastsides, the goals of the plan and some of the major proposed projects including the Parallel Trail, the completion of the Coastal Trail, proposed improvements for driving and transit, and land use changes. County staff also presented information on a recent mobility survey that was completed by more than 600 Coastsides residents. The survey indicated that reducing traffic and improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists are the issues most important to respondents, followed by improving bus service and access to bus stops. In small group discussions, participants shared their thoughts about their transportation experience during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place, their reactions to the goals of the plan, and which projects they felt were most important for improving transportation.

June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> Workshops: The second workshop held on June 15<sup>th</sup> was attended by approximately 60 community members and focused on the Connect the Coastsides plan and projects specific to Montara and Moss Beach. Most participants (64%) indicated that they lived and/or worked in Moss Beach, 20% were from Montara, and the remainder were from elsewhere.

The third workshop on June 25<sup>th</sup> focused on plans and projects for El Granada, Princeton and Miramar. Of the 32 community members in attendance, 50% lived or worked in El Granada, 3% each were from Princeton and Miramar, and 30% were from elsewhere on the Coastsides.

At both workshops, participants in small groups discussed which projects they felt were most important and what else could be done to improve transportation in the area.

<b>Spring/Summer 2020 Connect the Coastsides Virtual Meetings</b>		
<u>Meeting Date and Topic</u>		<u>Approximate # of Attendees</u>
5/30	Overview of Connect the Coastsides	40
6/15	Moss Beach, Montara	60
6/30	El Granada, Princeton, Miramar	32

## Appendix 2 - Response to Connect the Coastside Virtual Meeting Inquiries

[Connect the Coastside](#) is a community-based transportation plan to help improve mobility and safety for residents and visitors of the San Mateo County Midcoast. The San Mateo County Planning and Building Department released a [draft of Connect the Coastside](#) in January 2020. In May and June 2020, the Connect the Coastside project team held three virtual public meetings to engage Coastside residents and other stakeholders in learning about the plan and to provide input into plan goals and proposed projects. The meetings included a presentation by County staff, question and answer session, small group discussions, and report-outs with all meeting attendees. About 130 community members attended the three meetings, provided feedback, and asked additional questions about Connect the Coastside.

The purpose of this document is to provide preliminary responses and clarifications to questions asked during the virtual meetings on May 30, June 15 and June 25, 2020. This document includes several of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) already present on the Connect the Coastside website (<https://planning.smcgov.org/connect-coastside-faq>); these are denoted with an asterisk (\*).

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## PLAN BACKGROUND AND STUDY AREA

### 1) How does Connect the Coastside relate to the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program (LCP)?\*

The California Coastal Act and the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program (LCP) require the preparation of Connect the Coastside, guide the content of the plan and will continue to guide the implementation of the plan after adoption.

Adopted in 1976, the California Coastal Act is a state law that directs the planning and management of the California coastal zone, the statewide stretch of coastline along the Pacific Ocean. The Coastal Act establishes a number of foundational goals that aim to protect the coastal environment and ensure maximum public access to the coast. The California Coastal Commission and local governments are responsible for carrying out the Coastal Act and for coastal management. The implementation of Coastal Act policies is accomplished primarily through the preparation of Local Coastal Programs (LCPs), which when completed by cities and counties located in the coastal zone, allow local governments to administer the Coastal Act within their jurisdiction, subject to certain retained powers held by the Coastal Commission.

San Mateo County's Local Coastal Program (LCP) is used to guide development in the coastal zone while protecting coastal resources. Any and all development projects in the Coastal Zone require either a Coastal Development Permit or an exemption from Coastal Development Permit requirements. For a permit to be issued, the development must comply with the policies of the Local Coastal Program (LCP). Before any of the transportation infrastructure proposals in Connect the Coastside are constructed, they must be evaluated and found to be consistent with the policies of the Local Coastal Program and authorized by a Coastal Development permit.

In 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted significant amendments to San Mateo County's Local Coastal Program regarding the Midcoast. One of these amendments was Policy 2.53, which called for the preparation of a "Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan" to address the cumulative impacts of Midcoast development. Connect the Coastside is designed to fulfill the requirements of Policy 2.53 and inform the County's implementation of several other components of the Local Coastal Program, including the public works and new development components. Some of the standards proposed in Connect the Coastside, such as the Delay Index, need to be incorporated into the Local Coastal Program through an amendment.

### 2) What are the boundaries of Connect the Coastside compared to the Local Coastal Program (LCP)?

The San Mateo County LCP policies apply within the unincorporated San Mateo County coastal zone, which extends at varying widths from the southern border of Pacifica to the Santa Cruz County line. Connect the Coastside focuses on future development and traffic within the urbanized Midcoast (Miramar, El Granada, Princeton, Moss Beach and Montara). Connect the Coastside's traffic analysis studied an expanded area (which includes Half Moon Bay) outside of the urbanized Midcoast, to understand how traffic impacts the urbanized Midcoast.

Figure 7 (p.53) of the report "[Connect the Coastside Buildout Analysis and Traffic Projections Final Report](#)" (November 2014) shows the various jurisdiction and study area boundaries, including the coastal zone boundary and planning boundary. The report is available on the Connect the Coastside Documents & Meeting Materials webpage in the Public Drafts section. The project team will clarify the map in the next draft of the plan.

### 3) Is Half Moon Bay included in Connect the Coastside? In what ways?

Development and traffic projections for Half Moon Bay are included in the Connect the Coastside traffic analysis, because development and traffic in Half Moon Bay and the Midcoast are interconnected. The traffic analysis was used to create the recommendations to improve transportation in the unincorporated Midcoast, which is under the jurisdiction of the County of San Mateo. However, Connect the Coastside does not include project recommendations for the City of Half Moon Bay, because Half Moon Bay is a separate jurisdiction from the County.

The Connect the Coastside consultant team developed several recommended traffic improvements for Half Moon Bay that were included in past public presentations, but drafts of the Connect the Coastside plan have not included those recommendations. The County has shared these recommendations with the City of Half Moon Bay for consideration during its planning efforts.

The City of Half Moon Bay and the County have been preparing separate but coordinated transportation plans over the last several years. The Planning Director for the City of Half Moon Bay also serves on the Technical Advisory Committee for Connect the Coastside. The planning staffs of the two agencies continue to coordinate on these planning efforts.

### 4) How is Connect the Coastside related to other County planning efforts, like Plan Princeton?\*

Connect the Coastside was shaped by previous planning efforts and will help inform future planning on the Coastside. Connect the Coastside was guided by existing community plans and regulations, including:

- California Coastal Act
- San Mateo County Local Coastal Program
- San Mateo County General Plan
- Montara - Moss Beach - El Granada Community Plan
- Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study (Phases 1 and 2)

The goals and policies of these documents helped inform the Connect the Coastside public participation process, the contents of the plan, and the evaluation of possible projects.

The list of potential infrastructure improvements recommended in Connect the Coastside was compiled from a variety of sources, including several past and concurrent planning efforts. These planning efforts include Plan Princeton, the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study, the Highway 1 Congestion & Safety Improvement Project, the Coastside Access Study, and the SamTrans Coastside Plan. Additionally, some of the proposed infrastructure improvement recommendations were developed during the Connect the Coastside process.

There are several concurrent planning efforts that will also influence transportation on the Midcoast. These projects include Reimagine SamTrans, the San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan, Plan Princeton, County Climate Action Plan, and the Half Moon Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Connect the Coastside project team has been working to make sure the various plans are appropriately coordinated and complement each other.

Once Connect the Coastside is adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the recommended projects will need to be incorporated into local, regional, and state transportation plans to secure funding. These plans include:

- San Mateo County Transportation Authority Strategic Plan
- San Mateo County Congestion Management Plan
- San Mateo County Road Fund
- County of San Mateo's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Plan Bay Area
- State Transportation Improvement Program

Following adoption of Connect the Coastside by the Board of Supervisors, a priority action for County staff will be to integrate Connect the Coastside projects in local and state transportation plans.

## 5) How does Connect the Coastside address the cumulative impact of development?

The purpose of Connect the Coastside is to recommend a suite of transportation projects and programs to address the impact of forecasted future development in an effort to maintain access and mobility to the California coast for visitors and for coastside residents. The cumulative development projections in the "[Development Forecast for the San Mateo County Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan](#)" (available on Connect the Coastside's project website) serve as the basis to forecast future development, traffic and conditions of the transportation system, including projected levels of service and delay. In addition to recommending transportation projects to address cumulative development impacts, Connect the Coastside recommends land use policies to reduce future development on the Coastside. The lot merger, transportation impact fee and lot retirement program are described in Section 4.3 (p.64) of the draft Connect the Coastside Plan.

## 6) How will Connect the Coastside advance County sustainability goals?

As described in the 2013 Community Climate Action Plan entitled [San Mateo County Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plan](#), the transportation sector accounts for over 60% of emissions annually countywide. The County is committed to implement actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions to meet local and statewide goals and mandates. Projects in the Connect the Coastside are aimed to reduce traffic congestion and encourage a shift from vehicles to walking, bicycling, and transit and help implement goals 6 and 9 of the Climate Action Plan. As individual plan projects are designed in detail, the County will ensure opportunities for green streets (e.g., bioswales, permeable pavement, and others) are considered. The Planning and Building Department is working closely with the Office of Sustainability to update the [County's Community Climate Action Plan](#) and to coordinate with the County's Active Transportation Plan, both of which promote alternatives to driving and County policies to support projects in Connect the Coastside.

## 7) How does Connect the Coastsides promote roadway safety?\*

The Connect the Coastsides plan proposes many infrastructure projects that will make walking, biking, and driving on the Midcoast safer for both residents and visitors. The plan addresses safety by analyzing existing conditions and developing improvement strategies. The proposed projects are evaluated and prioritized using six measures, one of which is safety and circulation. For more information on the six prioritization measures see Chapter 6 Plan Implementation in the public draft of the Connect the Coastsides plan. Many of the proposed projects score highly on the safety and circulation measure, such as projects that would add:

- Turn lanes or acceleration lanes
- Stop signs
- Standardized paved shoulders
- Roundabouts
- Bike lanes
- Sidewalks
- Curb extensions
- Crosswalks

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

### 8) How were the projects in Connect the Coastsides derived? Can you summarize the process?

The projects in Connect the Coastsides originate from a variety of places. Most of the projects come from ideas or concerns heard from the community, some projects are carried over from previous planning efforts, and some projects were added to fix a specific problem found by the traffic analysis. Recommendations were developed through input from the community, county staff, the consultant team, and the technical advisory committee (which includes agency partners).

Generally, recommended projects aim to address transportation safety and roadway performance based on current transportation and land use conditions, and future conditions inclusive of forecasted new development and land uses. The projects borrow heavily from past planning efforts (such as the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study) and concurrent planning efforts (such as Plan Princeton and the San Mateo County Unincorporated Area Active Transportation Plan). As such, Connect the Coastsides addresses a broad range of Midcoast stakeholder needs and viewpoints.

The project team will clarify the history of Connect the Coastsides and project development process in the next draft update.



## CLARIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

### 9) Can Connect the Coastside clarify the purpose of each proposed pedestrian crossing?

The project team will look for opportunities to further clarify the purpose of each proposed pedestrian crossing in the next draft update. In the current draft plan, Section 2.2 describes the conditions that form the basis of recommendations, including pedestrian movements, performance standards and design, and existing conditions. Proposed marked pedestrian crossings are based on pedestrian demand for key destinations and associated traffic volumes. In locations with higher traffic volumes, higher visibility pedestrian facilities are needed to alert drivers to pedestrian crossings and create safer conditions for pedestrians. Figure 2 (p.27) shows the location of key pedestrian hot spots and points of interest, such as beaches, trails, viewpoints, surfing destinations, shopping areas, and trail crossings. Section 4.2.2.4 (p.56) describes proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities, Figure 6 (p.58) shows proposed pedestrian crossings on a map, and Appendix A, Project Pe-1, p.16 (p.112 of 309) lists recommended striped pedestrian crossing locations. Marked pedestrian crossings will be included at locations recommended for intersection control.

### 10) Will people continue to cross the freeway at various locations with the proposed pedestrian crossings in place?

The proposed pedestrian crossings intend to connect key destinations and provide a higher quality and safer crossing experience so that people are less likely to cross at different locations on a given roadway stretch. Research has shown that pedestrians typically use the shortest distance to reach their destination; further, people walking will go out of their way more often if a high-quality crossing facility is provided. For example, a marked crossing of Highway 1 will be more likely to draw people to it if it includes additional safety features, such as signage and flashing beacon. The location of a pedestrian crossing also needs to be near destinations it intends to serve.

### 11) What will be the impact of the recommended pedestrian crossings on traffic flow?

The ultimate design of pedestrian crossings will influence traffic flow. Pedestrian crossings that are designed to halt traffic to allow pedestrians to cross will contribute a modest amount to overall delay. However, the programming of crossing signals can reduce potential impact on traffic flow. If signals are designed to hold pedestrians for a time to keep traffic moving and only allow crossings on fixed intervals (e.g., no more than one crossing every few minutes), then the impact on traffic flow can be minimized. The final design of highway crossings will have to be determined in collaboration with Caltrans.

### 12) Why does Connect the Coastside recommend at-grade crossings instead of over/underpass crossings for pedestrians?

Although pedestrian overpasses and underpasses have the advantage of complete separation of pedestrians from vehicle traffic, there are several drawbacks:

- They can be visually intrusive and poorly utilized when a more at-grade crossing is possible
- They must meet ADA requirements, often requiring extensive ramping, creating longer crossing distances and steeper slopes for people walking
- They are much more costly to provide (\$1 M to \$11 M)

- Research has shown that pedestrians may not use them if they can cross the street in a shorter or same amount of time
- Underpasses are often perceived as unsafe, can flood and require ongoing maintenance, such as lighting and cleaning

The [Federal Highway Administration recommends](#) that these be implemented as a measure of last resort and that it is usually more appropriate to use traffic-calming measures and/or install a pedestrian-activated signal. For these reasons, Connect the Coastside recommends improved at-grade pedestrian crossings; however, one location in Moss Beach near the northern terminus of Carlos Avenue is a candidate for an overcrossing and this will be evaluated in the next draft of the plan.

### 13) Will street lighting along Highway 1 be provided in Moss Beach as part of Connect the Coastside?

Additional street lighting is not included in the current draft of Connect the Coastside. Based on the feedback received from community members, the project team will consider this as part of the next draft and discuss feasibility as part of a technical advisory committee meeting. New intersection controls may include lighting based on Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration safety criteria.

### 14) What influences the types of intersection controls along Highway 1?

Many factors shape when and what type of control (traffic signal and roundabout are two examples) can be placed at the intersection of two roadways. Transportation engineers must consider the needs of all potential users, including drivers, trucks, buses, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Other factors like speeds, crashes, delay, turning movements, and roadway geometry are also important considerations. Highway 1 is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans, the California State Department of Transportation, which means Caltrans will have to approve the final intersection control choice and design. In order to weigh the compatibility of different intersection control types with the specific context, Caltrans requires the completion of an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE). The County will collaborate closely with Caltrans to complete the ICE process and determine the different tradeoffs between intersection controls where they are needed along Highway 1. The County continues to include roundabouts in the Connect the Coastside draft plan, and will analyze their effectiveness, cost and environmental impacts as part of a Caltrans' required ICE analysis (<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/intersection-evaluation-control>).

### 15) Will roundabouts be effective in areas with varying levels of traffic congestion? Are they feasible considering sewer and water locations? Will they accommodate large vehicles?

Roundabouts are circular intersections designed to eliminate left turns by requiring traffic to exit to the right of the circle. The design of roundabouts results in lower vehicle speeds, generally 15-25 miles per hour, throughout the roundabout. Commonly cited advantages of roundabouts include traffic calming, less maintenance (compared to signalized intersection control), opportunities for landscaping, and reduce certain crash types and their severity. Roundabouts can be single or multiple lanes, depending on traffic volume levels on each approaching roadway to facilitate traffic flow. Roundabout projects may require relocation of existing utilities to allow for safe ongoing

maintenance. Roundabouts can be designed to accommodate large trucks (e.g., emergency vehicles and recreational vehicles); this has been done in many locations in California. If roundabouts are recommended through the intersection control evaluation process described above and funding for implementation secured, the County will prepare detailed roundabout designs that address these considerations.

#### 16) Why doesn't Connect the Coastside recommend road widening or new roads?

As described in the Executive Summary of the [2016 Evaluation of Recommended Alternative to Address Potential Future Transportation Deficiencies Draft Report](#), early recommendations for transportation projects to address level of service (LOS) deficiencies included roadway-capacity projects (e.g., road widenings). However, these projects were not adequately supported by the community and therefore, community members encouraged the provision of a different set of roadway performance metrics that emphasized multi-modal (walking, bicycling, and transit) improvements in addition to those supporting driving. In addition to community concern of road widening or new roads impacts on Midcoast character and emphasis on automobile use, the County is aware of environmental constraints such as endangered species and topography that would make road widening and creating new roads challenging to implement. Lastly, providing increased road capacity can often lead to a challenge called “[induced demand](#),” where new road lanes fill up quickly by people who either would not have made a trip otherwise or would have previously used an alternative mode of travel. Finally, any widened section of Highway 1 could eventually lead to a one-lane bottleneck, either at the Tom Lantos tunnel or eastbound Highway 92.

#### 17) Can Connect the Coastside clarify the purpose of new parking lots, where they will be located, environmental impacts, and if street parking be removed along Highway 1 with the addition of new parking lots?

The project team will work to further clarify proposed parking in the next update of the draft. Section 4.2.4 (p.61) of the draft plan describes recommended recreational and transit parking facilities and Figure 8 (p.62) shows the proposed locations of parking improvements. Additional parking paired with wayfinding and active transportation facilities is recommended to improve circulation. Parking is recommended to allow for park and ride facilities for transit use and to address the performance measure of 85% parking occupancy (i.e., 85% of parking spots filled with 15% open) during peak recreational times. The [2014 San Mateo County Buildout Analysis and Traffic Projections Report](#) (beginning on p.34) and [2015 San Mateo County Coastside Access Study](#) includes detailed information on parking utilization and recommended strategies to address parking demand. Environmental impacts of proposed projects, including parking lots, will be addressed in the environmental review of Connect the Coastside. Individual projects will also go through environmental review prior to implementation. The current draft plan does not recommend removing street parking along Highway 1; the project team will identify if removal of roadside parking in El Granada near Surfer’s beach is necessary to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

#### 18) Why does Connect the Coastside recommend wayfinding?

Wayfinding can help residents and visitors understand how to best reach their destinations. Wayfinding is a recommended strategy from previous studies to minimize circling for parking and

directing visitors to designated areas to minimize congestion. Wayfinding can encourage walking and bicycling by showing how much time it would take to use active transportation to reach key points of interest and can promote transit use by directing people to where and how to use the transit system.

### 19) Why are there bicycle facilities parallel to each other?

To make bicycling accessible for as many people as possible, Connect the Coastside includes different types of bicycle facilities. A multimodal path completely separated from traffic could best serve people walking, jogging, biking, and scooting, and may be better for children, recreational cyclists, or those new to bicycling. Bicycle speeds tend to be slower on shared paths. Experienced cyclists hoping to commute or travel long distances at higher speeds may prefer a facility that is dedicated for bicycling and follows the roadway network. Ideally, when the projects in long-range plans, such as Connect the Coastside, [Caltrans' District 4 Bicycle Plan](#), and the [Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan](#) are implemented, there will be a complete, [low-stress bicycle network](#).

### 20) Will future trail alignments be multiuse (e.g., for bicyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers)?

Proposed trails in the current draft of Connect the Coastside (e.g., Highway 1 Multi-modal Parallel Trail) are envisioned to serve people walking (includes those using scooters, wheelchairs, walking dogs, etc.) and people bicycling. The trails are not intended to serve equestrians.

### 21) Can you clarify the alignment and status of the Parallel Trail?

The alignment of the Multimodal Parallel Trail is shown in the draft plan Appendix A, project Pe-2, p.17 (p.113 of 309). The project was conceptualized in the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study in Phase 1 and is planned from Montara south to Miramar to connect to the Naomi Patridge Trail in Half Moon Bay. The first funded segment of the trail is from Mirada Road to Coronado Street. More detail on the funded project section is available on the [Midcoast Multimodal Trail Project website](#).

## TRAVEL DELAY AND DATA

### 22) Why does Connect the Coastside recommend using the delay index?

Connect the Coastside recommends using the delay index to understand how well a roadway is performing and to recommend roadway improvements that meet the specific needs and character of the Midcoast community.

Currently, the Midcoast Local Coastal Program (LCP) includes “Level of Service” or LOS to measure roadway performance. To measure how well a segment of roadway is performing, level of service measures the ratio between traffic volume and roadway capacity and assigns letter grades. A letter grade of “A” can be considered free-flow and “F” can be considered as stop and go (see the [San Mateo County Traffic Impact Study Requirements](#) for more information). Level of Service measures the impact to people in cars, leaving out the experience for people taking any other mode of travel (i.e., people walking, bicycling, or taking transit). The Midcoast Local Coastal Program sets the LOS performance standard for Highway 1 and Highway 92 at LOS E during commute times and recreation peak periods, and at LOS D during all other times. For example, Highway 1 is not meeting the defined performance standard if level of service is an “F” during commute hours. In order to improve roadway segment LOS, roadway capacity needs to be increased or traffic volumes need to be decreased. This is typically achieved by increasing the number of cars that can go on a road through road widening or by reducing the number of cars on that road by diverting traffic to another road.

A primary goal of Connect the Coastside is to address future roadway deficiencies due to development and meeting the standards as defined by the LCP. As described in the Executive Summary of the [2016 Evaluation of Recommended Alternative to Address Potential Future Transportation Deficiencies Draft Report](#), early recommendations for Connect the Coastside’s transportation projects to address deficiencies as measured by LOS included roadway-capacity projects (e.g., road widenings) along Highway 1. However, these projects were largely unsupported by the community and community members encouraged providing a different set of roadway performance metrics that emphasized multi-modal (walking, bicycling, and transit) performance, in addition to driving performance. The [2016 Evaluation report \(referenced above\)](#) describes the existing and proposed roadway performance standards beginning on page 5. The Delay Index is one of the proposed roadway performance standards.

Using the Delay Index instead of LOS to measure the performance of roadway segments responds to the community’s desire to broaden the types of projects included in Connect the Coastside. The Delay Index is defined as the ratio of peak period travel time on a segment to the free-flow travel time. For example, the delay index would be 2 if a trip took 5 minutes during free-flow travel conditions and 10 minutes during the morning commute period (10 minutes divided by 5 minutes is equal to 2). In contrast to LOS, the delay index focuses on travel times and user experience for people driving.

The delay index allows for different thresholds for performance. If a high-quality multimodal facility is provided parallel to a roadway, then the delay index deficiency threshold is above 3; in other words, a roadway is deficient if it takes longer than three times to travel it by car during peak

periods than free-flow conditions. If a roadway segment provides for vehicle-only travel, then the threshold at which it becomes deficient is above 2.

The goal of Connect the Coastside's recommended projects are both to meet community desires and needs under current conditions and address future traffic conditions based on projected new development. Changing the standard by which roadway performance is measured influences the types of projects that can be recommended. For example, if the Multimodal Parallel Trail is built, Highway 1 would no longer be considered deficient under future conditions as measured by the delay index; delay index projections for Highway 1 fall under 3.0. If roadway segment LOS is used as the roadway performance measure, the Multimodal Parallel Trail would no longer be an effective strategy because adding the trail does not change projected LOS. Using the delay index allows Highway 1 to meet roadway performance measures by adding walking and bicycling projects as an alternative to widening the highway. Therefore, Connect the Coastside recommends amending the LCP to use the delay index to measure roadway segment performance instead of roadway segment LOS.

### 23) Does the County plan to update the data used in Connect the Coastside?

Connect the Coastside began in 2014, and the data used for projecting development and traffic was gathered in 2014. Since that time, the County has tracked development using building permits and found that the forecast, based on 2014 data, is over-predicting development. Building permits are approximately half of what is predicted by the model. In addition, the County gathered traffic data in 2017 and 2019 to inform the design of roundabouts in Moss Beach. Although these are targeted traffic counts, they provide an opportunity to check 2014 projections, particularly for weekend traffic. Recent traffic counts show no appreciable change in traffic since 2014. The project team will look to provide additional context and data to clarify this in the next update of the plan.

### 24) How does Connect the Coastside reduce the number of drivers on the road?\*

Connect the Coastside recommends projects that will increase transportation options and policies that will reduce development. More transportation options and less development on the Midcoast can help to reduce the number of drivers on the road.

The way land is used has a significant impact on travel patterns. Midcoast communities are mostly low density, suburban and residential. Small commercial areas can be found along Highway 1 in each of the Midcoast communities. This type of community layout encourages automobile trips. A range of other factors also encourage driving on the Midcoast, including:

- The configuration of local streets
- Limited access provided by Highway 1 and State Route 92
- Distance from major job centers and local services
- A lack of multi-modal transportation choices

The transportation improvements envisioned in Connect the Coastside will expand mobility choices, while land use strategies to limit development can serve to reduce future traffic demand. Improving safe routes to schools will provide parents and students alternatives to driving to school, such as walking and bicycling.

The lot merger program could reduce the number of homes built in existing single-family neighborhoods and result in some larger lots with more on-site, private open space. The lot retirement program will limit the development potential of rural lands on the Midcoast, preserving additional open space and natural resources.

A transportation impact mitigation fee program would collect fees for new residential and non-residential development. Fees would be collected on a per-housing-unit basis for residential and per-square-foot basis for non-residential development. These fees would help pay for projects included in Connect the Coastside and serve as a potential check on development.

Many of the recommended projects will increase transportation choices for residents and visitors. Bike lanes, sidewalks, trail improvements and safe crossings will make it easier and safer for people to walk or take their bike. Investments in bus stops and expanded weekend bus service will help reduce traffic and encourage people to take public transit.

## 25) Which projects will reduce traffic congestion and specifically on the weekends?

The project team will aim to clarify these findings in the next plan update. In section 5.1 of the current draft plan, Table 18 includes proposed projects and their “network impact” or ability to address deficiencies. A more detailed description of potential projects and their ability to address roadway performance standards beginning on p.37 of the 2016 [Evaluation of Recommended Alternatives to Address Potential Future Transportation Deficiencies](#); however, not all of the projects as listed in the 2016 document are in the current draft of Connect the Coastside.

## 26) Can vehicular speeds be slowed without causing additional travel delay?

As summarized by the [Federal Highway Administration’s Office of Operations](#), traffic congestion and its associated travel delay is typically linked to traffic incidents, work zones, weather, fluctuations in normal traffic, special events, traffic control devices, and physical bottlenecks. Interventions to slow speeds must be carefully planned and placed to not cause physical bottlenecks, but rather, create a normal fluctuation and flow of traffic that is predictable at the desired speed.

# PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

## 27) Can you clarify the lot merger and retirement programs and their impacts?

The lot merger and retirement programs are described in Section 4.2.4 (p.63) of the current draft plan and in the [2016 Evaluation of Recommended Alternatives to Address Potential Future Transportation Deficiencies](#) (p.35 and p.52).

The lot merger program would establish a process (first voluntary, then mandatory) for substandard (undeveloped and less than the minimum size requirement) parcels next to each other and under the same ownership to be merged. Voluntary mergers would be eligible for certain development incentives. The lot merger program would reduce the number of undeveloped parcels along the Midcoast; draft plan estimates showed the lot merger program could reduce development potential by about 216 lots.

The lot retirement program would be a mandatory program that would require one-to-one retirement of development rights on existing lots in exchange for new lots as part of a subdivision.



Draft plan estimates show that development potential could be reduced by approximately 148 units. The project team plans to update these assessments in the next Connect the Coastsides draft.

### 28) Can you clarify the definitions of each zone (village, fringe) recommended in Connect the Coastsides?

The current draft plan describes the village and fringe zones in section 4.2.1 (p.46). Figure 3 (p.49) shows where village and fringe shoulder treatments are recommended. The recommendations for creating standardized shoulder and edge treatments is originally from [the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study Phase 1](#) and [Phase 2](#). The definitions are:

- Fringe Zone: Transitional segments approaching or leaving coastal communities with increased pedestrian and bicycle activity and side street access/egress with lower vehicle speeds. Design recommended is valley gutter to define roadway edge and consistent lane widths less than 12' on segments where speeds are below 45 mph.
- Village Zones: Coastal communities with potential for multimodal conflicts due to parking, retail and restaurant use, transit stops, and controlled intersections with lower vehicle speeds. Design recommended is curb and gutter to define roadway edge, consistent lane widths less than 12 feet and raised medians where currently striped.

### 29) Can Connect the Coastsides include enforcement a strategy that can be used to address speeding?

The California Highway Patrol and County Sheriff both have representatives on Connect the Coastsides's Technical Advisory Committee and are the responsible entities for law enforcement. The project team will share this feedback with them for consideration. It is possible for future draft of Connect the Coastsides to include traffic calming measures on certain County-maintained roads that commonly experience speeding by people driving.

### 30) Why doesn't Connect the Coastsides recommend roadway pricing (tolls for tunnel)?

Roadway pricing of highways and the tunnel are out of the scope of the Connect the Coastsides plan and are beyond the authority of the County to implement on a state highway. In addition, the Coastal Commission's policies and the County's Local Coastal Program encourage the provision of low-cost visitor access to public beaches and tolls could be an additional burden, especially for disadvantaged residents.

### 31) What is the impact of short-term rental properties on traffic and does Connect the Coastsides take this into account?

The current draft of Connect the Coastsides does not discuss the transportation impacts of short-term rental properties (e.g., Airbnb). The project team will research whether data is available on the numbers and locations of short-term rental properties in the Midcoast.



## CLARIFYING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

### 32) What is the process to get a project funded, designed, permitted and built?\*

Each of the transportation-related projects proposed in Connect the Coastside will require separate funding, design, permitting, environmental review, and construction. Local governments often seek grant funding to prepare project designs. Project designs are necessary before permitting and environmental review can start.

Each project will require a Coastal Development Permit issued by the County of San Mateo, except for a few projects that are outside the Coastal Zone. Although the overall Connect the Coastside plan is evaluated based on the California Environmental Quality Act, individual projects will need specific assessments of environmental impact as part of the Coastal Development Permit process.

Once a project is funded, designed, and permitted, it can be published for bids. This competitive public process allows construction companies to compete for a project by responding to a request for proposals (RFP) issued by the County. Once a contract is awarded, the contractor can begin to build the project.

Projects identified through Connect the Coastside will take place in phases, as funding becomes available. While some projects or parts of projects could be implemented fairly quickly, some high priority projects will likely take a long time to get through all of the steps required. Implementing transportation projects can be challenging, due to the variety of funding sources, environmental concerns and the permitting process.

It is anticipated that many projects identified in this plan will be implemented independently as stand-alone projects. However, some projects or parts of projects will instead be incorporated into other transportation or non-transportation projects on the Midcoast. This may include projects under the Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), San Mateo County maintenance, operational, and preservation projects, land use developments, or major infrastructure modifications.

### 33) Who will provide funding for improvements identified in Connect the Coastside?\*

The Connect the Coastside plan creates a vision for transportation on the Midcoast and clarifies the Board of Supervisor's priorities for investments in transportation infrastructure. Funding for different Connect the Coastside projects could potentially come from a mix of a number of local, regional, state, or federal programs. Agencies that could potentially fund various recommended improvements through grants and other programs include:

Federal:

- US Department of Transportation (US DOT)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

State:

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

- California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
- California State Parks
- California Strategic Growth Council
- California Natural Resources Agency
- California Air Resources Board
- State Coastal Conservancy

Regional:

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
- The San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA)

Local:

- County of San Mateo

For a list of potential grant programs and funds, please see Table 23 (p.74) in the public draft of the Connect the Coastside plan.

Another possible funding source is a “transportation impact mitigation fee.” This kind of fee could be charged to new development projects on the Midcoast to help pay for transportation projects needed to address the impacts of growth. For more information on this fee, see section 5.2.2 (p.77) in the public draft of the Connect the Coastside plan.

### 34) What is the cost, timeline, and priority of each recommended project in Connect the Coastside? When will the projects in Connect the Coastside be implemented? Can project implementation be phased so implementation happens more quickly?

The estimated costs of proposed projects are discussed in Chapter 5 (p.68) of the draft plan. The project team is planning to update and refine the cost estimates in the next plan update.

Connect the Coastside includes a project evaluation system to prioritize projects and project timing (pg. 81-86). Projects are evaluated based on six metrics: project cost, ease of implementation, multimodal connectivity, safety and circulation, shoreline access, and annual cost. Table 28 (p.84) shows the project implementation performance scores, and Table 29 shows the short, medium, and long-term project implementation priorities. The project team plans to update this project prioritization system to incorporate the feedback received at the virtual meetings.

Connect the Coastside is a planning document; because there is no dedicated funding allocated for any specific projects, the timeline for implementation of each project will vary. If Connect the Coastside is adopted by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, County staff will work to implement its recommendations and seek funding (as described above) to engage partners in

developing detailed designs, project costs, and environmental review. Once the Plan is adopted, it can also serve as a basis for requiring improvements as a part of new development. The project team will address project phasing and opportunities to implement low-cost improvements as a part of routine maintenance in the next draft.

### 35) How will the County collaborate with other agencies, like SamTrans, on implementation?\*

Putting the Connect the Coastsides plan into action will require the County to work with a number of other agencies. These agencies may play a wide range of roles, including:

- Owning the land where Connect the Coastsides recommends projects
- Overseeing the construction of recommended projects
- Playing a part in permitting improvements
- Providing recommended transportation services
- Providing money to help pay for projects
- Providing support or guidance to ensure plan goals are met

Likely collaborators include Caltrans, SamTrans, the California Coastal Commission, San Mateo County Parks, the California State Parks Department, the City of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the City County Association of Governments.

Below is a list of those agencies with an explanation of how they can support the Connect the Coastsides implementation.

#### **Caltrans**

Caltrans is the State's transportation agency and the manager of Highways 1 and 92. Many of the projects contained in Connect the Coastsides rely on active partnerships between the County of San Mateo and Caltrans. Caltrans must approve all modifications within the Highway 1 and Highway 92 right of way. Caltrans will also most likely construct many of the improvements within the right of way envisioned in Connect the Coastsides. Caltrans can provide funding for improvements from state and federal funding sources, as well. The County will need Caltrans' assistance for design, planning, funding and constructing these improvements.

#### **SamTrans**

Connect the Coastsides will rely on a partnership with SamTrans, San Mateo County's transit agency. SamTrans provides bus service to the Coastsides and broader county community. Any expansion of transit service will require investments by SamTrans in vehicles, maintenance and labor. In addition, SamTrans is currently conducting "Reimagine SamTrans," a planning effort that could identify further improvements to Coastsides service.

#### **California Coastal Commission (CCC)**

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) implements the California Coastal Act and oversees development within the Coastal Zone. The County's Local Coastal Program (LCP), which is certified by the Coastal Commission, includes a policy requiring preparation of the Connect the Coastsides

plan. The LCP includes policies that address roads and transit, promoting coastal access and protecting coastal resources. These policies will be used in evaluating transportation projects within the Coastal Zone.

### **San Mateo County Parks and California State Parks Departments**

Both San Mateo County Parks and the California State Parks Department provide wonderful recreational opportunities at beaches, parks and nature preserves on the Coastsides. Some of the improvements in Connect the Coastsides, including segments of the Coastal Trail and Multi-modal Trail, and recreational parking lots, will be located in state or county parks. Park managers can obtain grant funds, secure entitlements, conduct environmental review, construct, maintain, and manage these Connect the Coastsides improvements.

### **City of Half Moon Bay (HMB)**

San Mateo County will coordinate with the City of Half Moon Bay on key transportation investments and management strategies. Half Moon Bay is an important partner in alleviating the traffic congestion on Highways 1 and 92 that can hamper coastal access and affect quality of life for residents. Half Moon Bay can collaborate with the county, plan, design and fund improvements, including obtaining grant funding for its own projects.

### **San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA)**

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority administers the proceeds from Measure A, which is a voter-approved half-cent sales tax that funds many different transportation-related projects and programs. The County can apply to the Transportation Authority for Measure A funds to help pay for many of the recommended improvements in the Connect the Coastsides plan.

### **The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. MTC collaborates with a network of other public agencies to help support the streets, roads, highways, transit systems and other transportation resources that help millions of people get to where they need to be. MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) lead the preparation of Plan Bay Area 2050, which includes the regional transportation plan and allocates and prioritizes a variety of transportation funding.

### **City/County Association of Governments, Congestion Management Agency (C/CAG-CMA)**

The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG), is a Joint Powers Authority whose membership includes San Mateo County and its 20 cities. The City /County Association of Governments works on multiple issues that affect quality of life in general and is the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County. As the Congestion Management Agency, the City/County Association of Governments prepares a Congestion Management Program every two years. This program identifies future transportation needs and incorporates projects intended to ease and control congestion. The Congestion Management Program also includes priority allocations of federal, state and regional monies for City and County transportation projects. The Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ) provides advice and recommendations

to the Board of Directors of the City County Association of Governments. The committee provides guidance on all matters relating to traffic congestion management, travel demand management, coordination of land use and transportation planning, mobile source air quality programs, energy resources and conservation, and other environmental issues facing the local jurisdictions in San Mateo County.

### 36) How does COVID-19 and impacts to the County budget affect Connect the Coastsides?

Funding to develop the Connect the Coastsides plan was allocated before the COVID-19 crisis. At present, County staff is working to revise and finalize the plan. For implementation of the plan, the County will be largely dependent on state, federal, and local grant funds. At present, these opportunities continue to exist, underscoring the importance of plan completion; however, COVID-19 may impact future transportation funds available for implementation.

### 37) How will future infrastructure projects be maintained?

Maintenance of improvements on County-maintained rights-of-way will be assumed by the County and incorporated into standard planned maintenance cycles; this is detailed further on the Department of Public Works [webpage on road maintenance](#). Maintenance agreements would need to be established for projects that are outside of County-owned rights-of-way and depend on facility location and type. In some cases, the County may maintain projects that are within Caltrans' right-of-way.

### 38) How much money is expected from the Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee and over what period of time? What portion of projects recommended will be paid for by new development?

Section 5.2.2 of the current draft plan (p.77) describes the Potential Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee (TIMF). Only a portion of the plan's recommended projects' costs can be allocated to new development because some of the locations included in the study area are already deficient, without the addition of new development. In order for new development to pay fees and/or contribute to projects, there must be a nexus (i.e., specific connection) between the transportation project need and the new development. Based on the current project cost estimates, approximately \$15.7 million of the total project costs could be attributable to future development. The fee has been divided across different development types based on the projected growth estimates through 2040 (see Tables 24, 25, and 26). The proposed TIMF would need to undergo a separate nexus study and adoption process; it does not go into effect automatically if the Connect the Coastsides plan is adopted. If a TIMF is adopted, all of the forecasted development, in the amount that it is estimated by each land use type, would have to occur in order to generate the projected \$15.7 million. Without the adoption of a TIMF, only developments of a certain size would cause transportation impacts where they could be required to fund transportation improvements; these are evaluated on a case by case basis.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### 39) What kind of environmental review process will be done for Connect the Coastside? How does Connect the Coastside address environmental concerns, like endangered species?

The project team anticipates preparing an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which can be found in the California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines found in California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq., as amended. An initial study is a document that describes a project's potential impacts and determines what type of environmental review document should be prepared. A mitigated negative declaration is prepared when a project has significant environmental impacts under CEQA and describes the mitigation measures that will reduce impacts below a level of significance. Pursuant to State Law, the environmental document will be made available to the public for a minimum 30-day review period prior to Board of Supervisors' consideration for plan adoption. Endangered species and other related concerns will be further addressed as part of the environmental review for Connect the Coastside.

### 40) How does Connect the Coastside address other needs of residents, such as more health care facilities, improved school facilities, water, and sewer?

Connect the Coastside is a transportation and land use plan. It plans for the provision of transportation facilities and services and proposes certain limited land use policies. Provision of other services such as schools, health care, water and sewer are beyond the scope of the plan, and generally are provided by agencies other than the County.

### 41) How does the County plan for emergency situations and evacuations?\*

Mobility on the Coastside is of particular concern in emergency situations and if an evacuation is required. The following is an overview of different County departments and special projects related to emergency response:

- In the event of a disaster, the Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates countywide response and protection services. One of the missions of the Office of Emergency Services is to maintain and improve the Countywide Emergency Operations Plan. This plan establishes policies and procedures and assigns responsibilities to keep residents safe during an emergency situation.
- During an emergency or disaster, law enforcement is responsible for evacuation and the movement of the public away from a hazard area. Representatives from law enforcement and public safety agencies were part of the Connect the Coastside Technical Advisory Committee that reviewed and helped refine the plan proposals.
- In the event of an emergency, public safety agencies such as police and fire will be able to provide emergency information directly to people who have registered for the San Mateo County (SMC) Alert service. These alerts may include life safety, fire, weather, accidents involving utilities or roadways or disaster notifications. For example, the SMC Alert service would be used to notify Coastside employees and citizens of available evacuation routes during an emergency.

- In March of 2019, Supervisor Don Horsley allocated \$75,000 of discretionary Measure K funds to launch the development of a countywide standardized emergency evacuation zone project. The goals of the project are to reduce the amount of time it takes to notify the public, create a common operating evacuation platform for all jurisdictions, information sharing, and help people to safely & efficiently evacuate in case of an emergency. Since the project began, the CAL FIRE San Mateo Division has worked with every fire and law enforcement agency in San Mateo County to identify over 300 evacuation zones. The project includes a public webpage that will show a map of each evacuation zone and a software application that will help first responders call for evacuations using the standard zones. This will greatly reduce the time from when an evacuation is called to when the public is notified. Additionally, the application integrates with Waze and Google Maps, so as soon as a zone is closed people will be directed accordingly. The project team anticipates launching this evacuation management platform in summer 2020.
- The County of San Mateo will be implementing updates of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Safety Element of the General Plan in the fall of 2020. The County will be working with emergency service providers such as CalFire, the Office of Emergency Services, and the new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District. These efforts will further evaluate hazard risks and identify safety measures on the Midcoast.

#### 42) How does Connect the Coastsides promote safety in the event of an emergency?\*

The projects recommended in Connect the Coastsides have been selected to improve safety and mobility for residents, businesses and visitors. In addition to the projects that promote everyday roadway safety, Connect the Coastsides also evaluates traffic conditions during times of peak traffic and suggests improvements to ease roadway congestion. In the event of an emergency, keeping traffic moving efficiently will be important for both emergency responders and those leaving during a possible evacuation. Many of the projects in Connect the Coastsides will improve the flow of traffic, such as projects for additional turn lanes, intersection controls and passing/climbing lanes.

Connect the Coastsides also suggests improvements to bicycle, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure that could aid in the evacuation of visitors and residents in certain emergency situations. For example, in the event of a Tsunami Warning, the County of San Mateo Office of Emergency Services suggests walking to high ground or inland immediately. Improvements to trails and walking paths will make it easier and safer for people to travel by foot.

#### 43) How does Connect the Coastsides address the needs of older adults, children, and people with varying abilities?

Goal 3 of the draft Connect the Coastsides plan is to “Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.” In meeting this goal and its objectives, the County aims to better meet the needs of older adults, children, and people with varying abilities, who are often less likely able to drive. When specific projects are implemented, the County will aim for universal accessibility and ensure projects meet Americans with Disabilities Act design requirements. The project team will incorporate opportunities for other support projects and programs, like Safe Routes to School, as part of the next draft.

## NEXT STEPS TO UPDATE CONNECT THE COASTSIDE

### 44) How will community feedback be incorporated into Connect the Coastsides?

The draft plan incorporates community feedback received prior to January 2020. The project team is reviewing feedback received since then to identify potential changes to the draft plan. This may include revisions to plan language for clarity, adding projects that are missing due to safety concerns, modifying recommended projects, and adding sections to address other concerns such as Safe Routes to School and emergency operations. The project team will add a chapter to the plan to summarize community engagement and feedback received.

### 45) What is the approval process for Connect the Coastsides? What is the timing projected for final adoption of the plan?

The [Connect the Coastsides project homepage](#) includes a tentative timeline of next steps. Once the final draft plan and associated environmental documents are produced, the project team anticipates the following review and approval process:

- Midcoast Community Council meeting to consider recommendation on plan,
- Half Moon Bay Planning Commission meeting to consider recommendation on plan,
- Planning Commission meeting to consider recommendation on plan, and
- Board of Supervisor meeting to consider plan approval.

The project team anticipates the final review and approval process commencing in December 2020 and ending in February 2021.

## VIRTUAL MEETING DESIGN

### 46) How will comments and questions received during the virtual meetings be addressed and shared?

This document addresses frequently asked questions from the May and June 2020 Connect the Coastsides (CTC) virtual meetings. Comments and questions from the virtual meetings will also be shared, summarized and addressed in a forthcoming meeting summary report, which the County anticipates completing by September 2020. The meeting summary report will be posted on the Connect the Coastsides website and shared through email with everyone who registered for the virtual meetings. Additionally, materials from the workshops are currently available on the Connect the Coastsides website under the [Documents & Meeting Materials](#) page. Materials include meeting presentations, large group discussion recordings, small group discussion notes, and meeting room chat transcripts (where applicable).

### 47) Why were participants arranged in small group discussions during the virtual meetings instead of having everyone participate in one room?

The virtual meetings were designed to offer a wide variety of Coastsides community members the opportunity to learn about Connect the Coastsides and have a conversation with each other about how to shape the future of transportation on the Midcoast. Breakout groups have several benefits:



- They allow participants to have a dialogue with each other
- Breakout groups allow more time for each individual to share their ideas, rather than restricting attendees to 2-3 minutes of comment as is common in public town hall meetings
- The small group discussion format can provide a less intimidating setting for those who are not yet ready to speak in front of a large group or who may feel uncomfortable expressing a different perspective than others
- Breakout groups allow for shorter meetings, which makes it possible for more people to find time to attend

The County heard both positive and negative feedback on the format of the virtual meeting breakout rooms. For those who prefer providing public comments in a large setting, there will be other opportunities to do so at future Midcoast Community Council, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings.

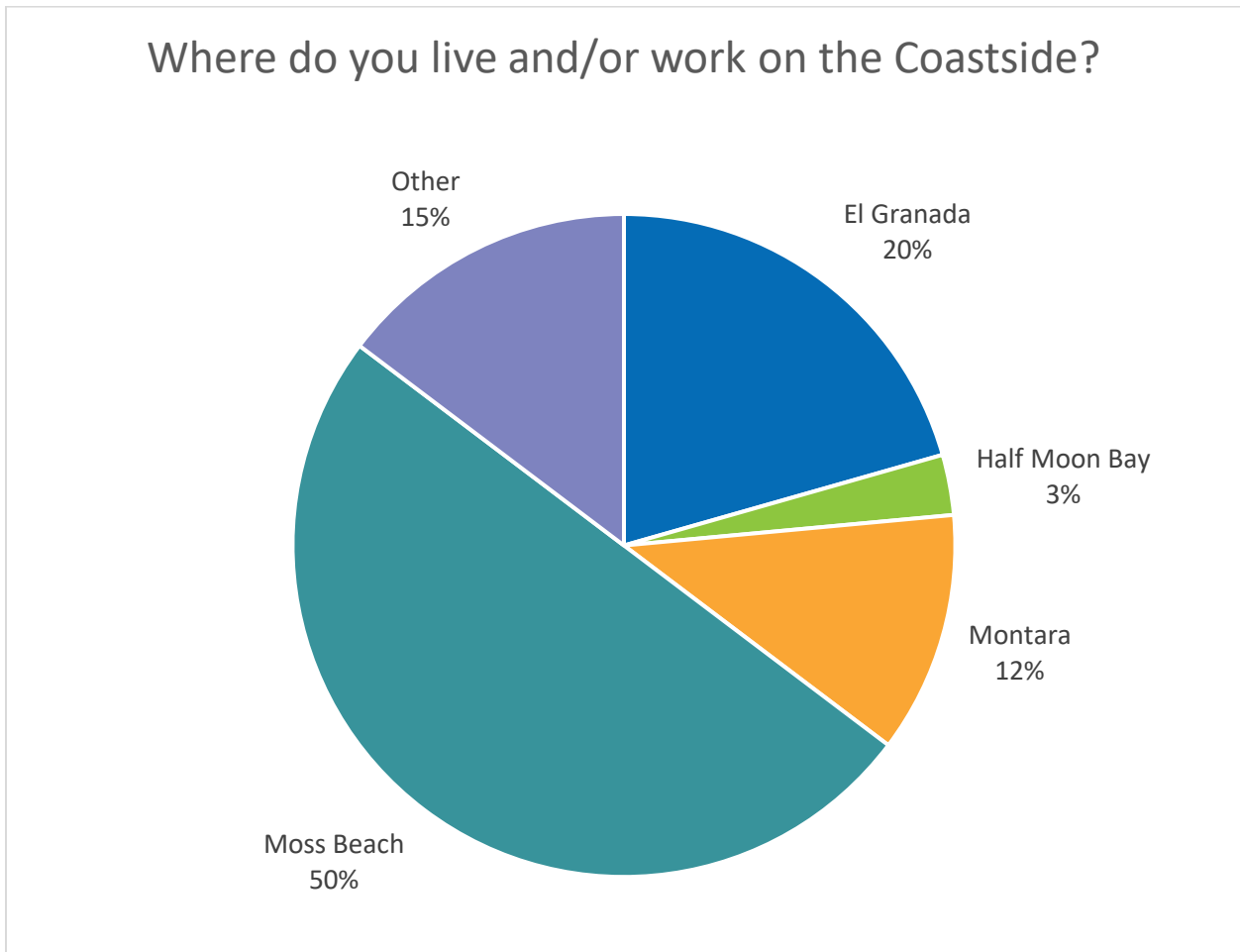
#### 48) Why is the County continuing to work on Connect the Coastside during COVID-19?

Connect the Coastside has been in development since 2014 and its completion continues to be a priority for County staff and elected officials in order to begin implementation of the important transportation safety and congestion relief projects in the plan. The project team had to change its engagement approach to receive feedback on the most recent January 2020 draft of Connect the Coastside from in-person to virtual meetings due to COVID-19. The project team requested feedback about the format of the virtual meetings in a post-meeting evaluation survey. Some community members appreciated the virtual meetings because they would not have been able to attend an in-person meeting. Other community members gave feedback that they would have preferred to engage in person. The project team continues to learn and refine its engagement efforts to reach as broad and large of a stakeholder group as possible. Presentations at forthcoming Midcoast Community Council and Planning Commission meetings will allow for additional engagement opportunities.

Participants at the virtual meetings noted changes in travel patterns and travel demand due to COVID-19-restrictions. The long-term impacts of COVID-19 on the transportation system are unknown; however, notable safety concerns still exist. Opportunities for implementation of transportation safety improvements through grants and new development continue and without an adopted plan, the County cannot take advantage of these opportunities.

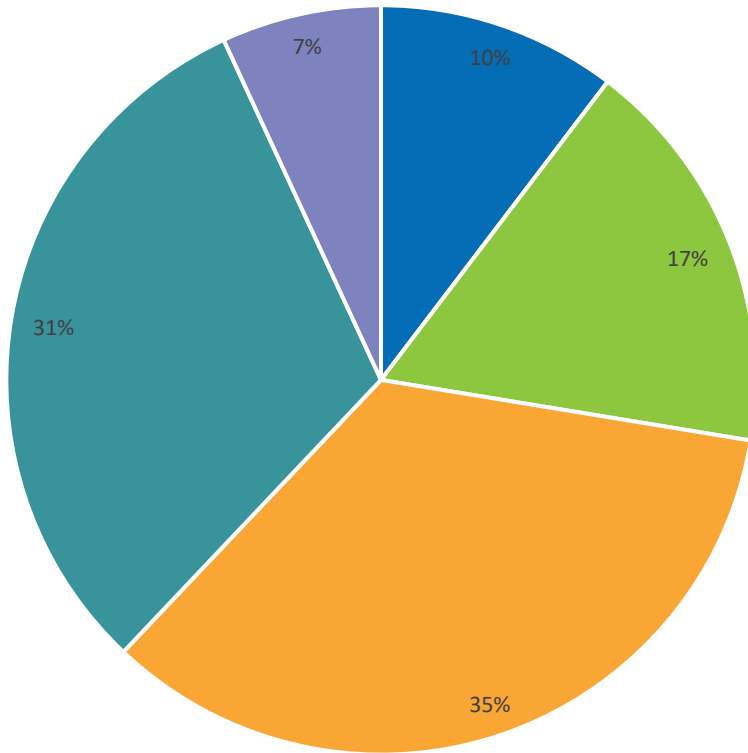
## Appendix 3 - May 30th Meeting Poll Data & Small Group Discussion Notes

### Poll Data



Answers	Number of Votes
El Granada	7
Half Moon Bay	1
Montara	4
Moss Beach	17
Other	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

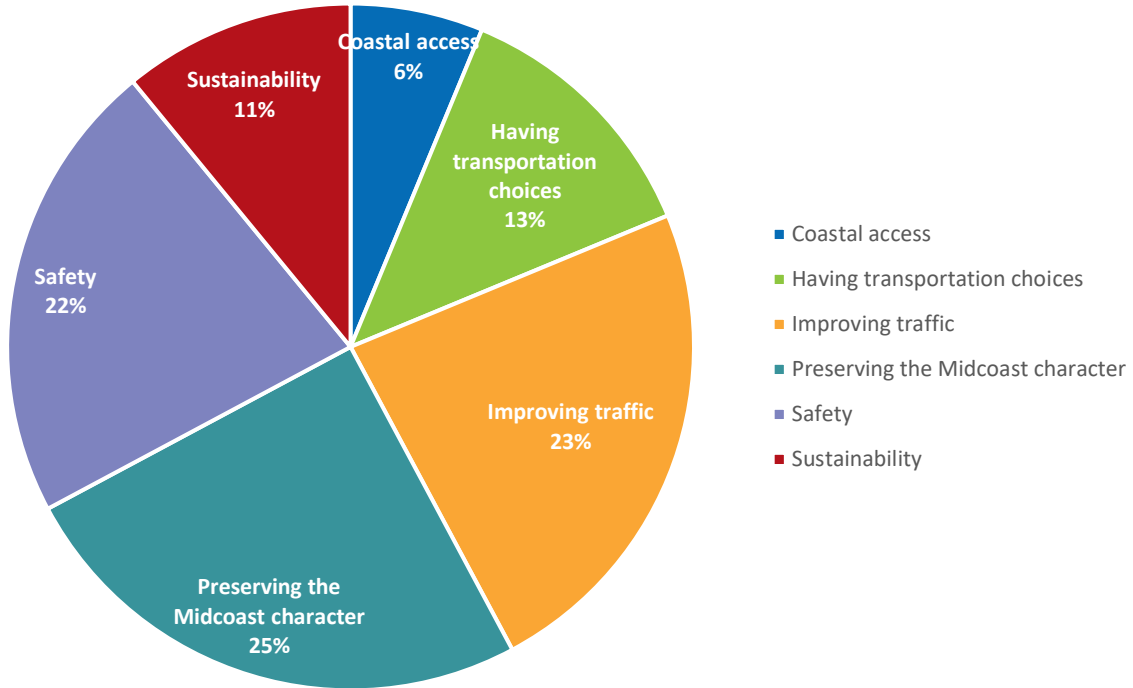
## Focusing on the goals of the plan, which one is your highest priority?



- Goal 1 Improve existing traffic and roadway conditions on the Midcoast.
  
- Goal 2 Lessen the cumulative traffic impacts from future development on the Midcoast.
  
- Goal 3 Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.
  
- Goal 4: Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources.
  
- Goal 5: Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors.

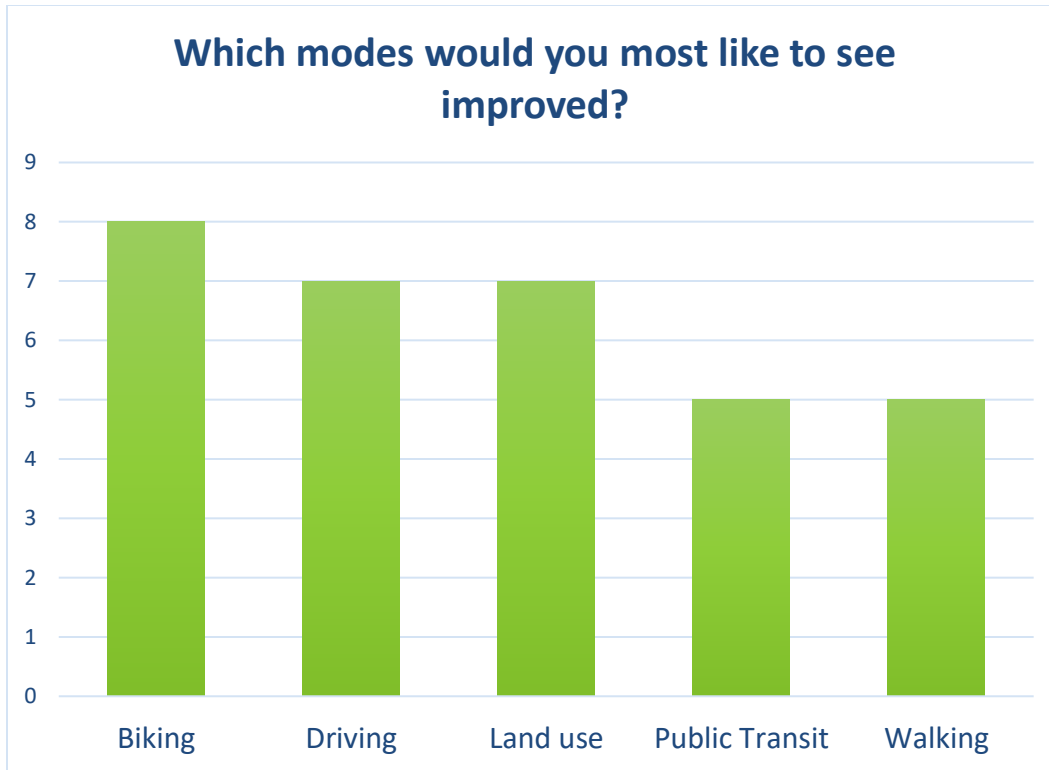
Answers	Votes
Goal 1 Improve existing traffic and roadway conditions on the Midcoast.	3
Goal 2 Lessen the cumulative traffic impacts from future development on the Midcoast.	5
Goal 3 Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.	10
Goal 4: Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources.	9
Goal 5: Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors.	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29</b>

## In thinking about your transportation priorities, what is most important to you?



Answers*	Votes
Coastal access	4
Having transportation choices	8
Improving traffic	15
Preserving the Midcoast character	16
Safety	14
Sustainability	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>

\*Participants could vote for multiple answers



Answers	Votes
Biking	8
Driving	7
Land use	7
Public Transit	5
Walking	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>

### Small Group Discussion Notes

What have you learned about your transportation experience during this time of shelter in place?

Group	Notes
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic has been great during shelter in place. Traffic has recently gotten worse during the weekends.</li> <li>Shelter in place (SIP) showed us how bad traffic was previously.</li> <li>More people may be teleworking at least part time, so daily commute traffic on the coast may get worse. Non-commute traffic may get worse, though.</li> </ul>
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardening, love Zoom, need for cars</li> <li>Not much travelling, flights are not crowded at all (one person took a flight to the Midwest)</li> <li>Hardly any traffic, faster and easier to get around</li> <li>Gridlock: coming back with beach restrictions lifted, Highway 92 and Highway 1, parking lot closures created difficulty for visitors, parking in neighborhoods</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilities challenges during shelter in place</li> <li>● Older adults: people who do not drive are in danger, driving services were not available, leaving people stuck in their homes.</li> <li>● Communication from disability transportation</li> <li>● Trying to get funding for coordinated transportation system for older adults (lyft, Uber type service). Not everybody can use the bus.</li> <li>● Sign up for ready coast and Redi-Wheels: transit to medical appointments, with stops on the way</li> <li>● Challenges: people who do not have smart phone with App</li> </ul>
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Haven't travelled to the coast, due to COVID restrictions.</li> <li>● Visitor traffic is irrepressible, coast experiencing problems during SIP; governor mistook closing parking for closing beach—parking just pushed into neighborhoods, significant impact. Beaches still in use; trash, waste, other impacts as well. Public's desire to visit coast is not diminished.</li> <li>● Initially there was a big decrease, then approx. 2 weeks later, returning to normal, despite SIP. Spillover parking is a big impact, as well as trash in neighborhoods... In general, a lot more pedestrian traffic on streets; some people using streets because it's easier to maintain social distancing, versus trails where distance can't be maintained. Possibly generating more danger for cars and pedestrians.</li> <li>● During SIP, easier to see daily patterns; garbage is increasingly worse—Cypress &amp; Fitzgerald is fenced off, but many cars parked there, and much bad garbage. Not enough awareness of the impacts of visitors, residents on beaches, neighborhoods.</li> <li>● Overall, what mitigations can be added to projects to address these issues.</li> </ul>
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Are breakout rooms discussion being recorded?</li> <li>● Why is the discussion limited to these 3 questions?</li> <li>● I was expecting a Zoom meeting where I could hear what everyone had to say vs. a small group discussion</li> <li>● Available parking, lack of bike racks</li> <li>● Traffic worst in the last week, normal problems exacerbated, lower speed limits, litter fines (problem at the highway), traffic enforcement needs to improve</li> <li>● Hopeful that this experience will allow employers to let people work from home. We won't need anywhere near as many transportation improvements if people can work from home more.</li> <li>● The pandemic has solved our transportation problem. The question is whether this is going to last (teleworking).</li> <li>● Question DKS analysis; Resist Density did their own study and pointed out flaws. Think we need to go back to the drawing board before spending \$150M. The only think I can see that would merit these changes is if we allow population expansion, and that will be limited by water and sewer.</li> <li>● I have been biking a lot more. I have been moving my car to the street and have to leave it there.</li> <li>● Traffic in the beginning was better, but has been worse over the last 2-3 weeks. I have seen more people biking. I'd like to think about how we look at things differently than the frame that the county has put this in around traffic improvement. I'd like to see</li> </ul>

	<p>lower speed limits. I'd also like to address the litter problem along the highways. We should think about litter fines for individuals and locals. Traffic enforcement needs to improve. There is hardly any speed limit enforcement. I saw some enforcement of parking but not a lot.</p>
E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic much easier in Shelter in Place without rush hour commute for job (San Mateo and SF from/to Coast). Traffic is picking up this week. Still avoiding driving on weekends due to congestion.</li> <li>• Participant lives in South SF, Planning Commissioner. When she tries to drive to coast, Highway 92 is congested. She hasn't tried to drive to Coast during Shelter in Place. Traffic in general seems better now.</li> <li>• Traffic better during Shelter in Place.</li> </ul>
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsafe driving in residential streets in Moss Beach (Cypress Avenue and near Distillery) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speeding has gotten worse over last two months during SIP</li> <li>○ Walkers and with baby having to avoid vehicles, confrontations with speeders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Great deal of traffic on Highway 1 on weekends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crosswalk on highway is ignored by motorists when pedestrians are waiting to cross</li> <li>○ Motorists driving through crosswalk when pedestrians are waiting on both sides</li> <li>○ Crosswalk is good, needs better implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parking challenges near Quarry Park and residential area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hopes that parking lots are never closed again as it impacts residential neighborhoods</li> <li>○ People parking along highway – recommendation to park on west side not the east side</li> <li>○ Parking in Harbor District should be open for public outside of crab &amp; salmon season</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Traffic reductions from SIP has made the area feel like 30 years ago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mixed feeling about having less people coming to the coast</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question: Why was El Granada left off of the map?</li> </ul>
G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capistrano Road is dangerous to walk along the route to Highway 1 – happy to hear that the road may have some bike lanes and sidewalks</li> <li>• El Granada sidewalk situation is very random – makes it very difficult to walk in the neighborhood</li> <li>• Walking north from El Granada is very difficult due to a lack of infrastructure</li> <li>• Safe routes to school is very important</li> <li>• Feeling very isolated – hard to go outside</li> <li>• From Moss Beach to Half Moon Bay – hard to walk and bike, public transit is not effective</li> <li>• Concerned about the rate of development on the coast</li> <li>• Addressing traffic concerns is important and a concern due to funding and budget impacts at federal/state/local levels</li> <li>• People rely on cars way too much when shelter in place was not in effect</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People driving recklessly while shelter in place</li> <li>• Can be very hazardous to ride a bike on the coast – almost no bike lanes along the coast</li> <li>• Crossing Highway 1 is very dangerous/unsafe – dependent on the drivers to slow down and allow for pedestrians and bike riders to cross safely</li> <li>• Hope the plan will slow traffic where it is recklessly fast and speed it up where it is very slow</li> </ul>
H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of people coming to the coast has increased; parking has been a challenge</li> <li>• Driving to and from work is just right due to less traffic but traffic has increase during weekend</li> <li>• Schools closed has increase bike riding with children more risk of traffic or being hit</li> <li>• Crosswalk improvement needed for safety</li> <li>• Connect communities; traveling safely to connect family and friends; walking or traveling on bikes</li> <li>• Difficult to get to town due to the hills by walking or hiking</li> </ul>

**What is your reaction to the goals of Connect the Coastside?**

1. Improve existing traffic and roadway conditions on the Midcoast.
2. Lessen the cumulative traffic impacts from future development on the Midcoast.
3. Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.
4. Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources.
5. Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors.

Group	Notes
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is limited faith in the Connect the Coastside plan due to the constant changes in the plan and the lack of engagement for a sustained period of time.</li> <li>• There is concern over the road impacts of a new development project in the Moss Beach area. The roads aren't able to handle it. The community is concerned that the plan now seems to revolve around this new development. The housing plan is being rushed through. This is with regards to the Cypress Point development.</li> <li>• There is also concern about the traffic around Cypress. Likes the goal about respecting the character of Midcoast communities, but also likes safety goal and favors safety upgrades like roundabouts.</li> <li>• New element of plan is to divert traffic from the development through local city streets to avoid Carlos. Concerns this would conflict with the parallel trail. No sidewalks and two blind curves.</li> <li>• Focus on improving Carlos so cars, local traffic, and the parallel trail can all use it. Especially between Sierra and Etheldore.</li> <li>• Those of us who live on the coastside have to time their weekend traffic. Want to make it safer to turn on and off of the highway. Sometimes have to wait for 20 or 30 cars to go by to enter or leave a neighborhood. Easier access on and off of Highway 1</li> </ul>



	<p>is important. Not a big fan of the bike trail in Half Moon Bay. 12-15 MPH is too fast for the coastal trail, so people ride on the shoulder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing can be difficult for new residents, so it is good to incorporate housing opportunities into the plan.</li> <li>• It can be unsafe to cross the highway from parking to the beach. Signals might be helpful in improving pedestrian safety.</li> </ul>
B	<p><b>Highlighted</b> sections were said to be top priority by the group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve existing traffic and roadway conditions on the Midcoast.</li> <li>2. <b>Lessen the cumulative traffic impacts from future development on the Midcoast.*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission looks at individual projects. Must look at overall cumulative traffic impacts</li> <li>• Examples: harbor village RV park, cypress point</li> <li>• School buses: no school buses, not a priority for school districts, this is not helpful for middle income families, creates traffic for coastside residents shuttling students</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.</li> <li>4. <b>Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources.*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of Plan Princeton: keep harbor charm</li> <li>• More visitor attractions = more traffic (limit visitor attractions)</li> <li>• Coastside Village feel vs. Fisherman’s wharf feel</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors.</li> </ol> <p>General Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common sense goals</li> <li>• Compliments to group for being here, we are not rioting, this is a very tough time</li> </ul>
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must address cumulative impacts of transportation, and must have projects/measures to mitigate those impacts. Solutions for traffic impacts from future residential development must be addressed through lot retirement –or merger-- as mitigation for development of new lots, among other policies.)</li> <li>• Agree with comment regarding the impetus for CtC.</li> <li>• Not just the midcoast, also half moon bay buildout impacts; must be factored in.</li> <li>• Understand prioritization of parallel trail, but: there’s a lot of indirectness about roundabouts, plus idea that it will be easy to find funding for them—no clear short-term programs/policies to address traffic impacts. Frenchman’s Creek stoplight never fully addressed. Traffic concerns often get shelved, it seems—community would love to hear specific phasing to address specific traffic impacts.</li> </ul>
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are good goals, but the devil is in the details, how are these interpreted? What is the County’s understanding of these goals?</li> <li>• The cost dimension is missing, looks like a wish list, no consideration of holistic balance, Overall concept of sustainability and balance</li> <li>• Timeline? Different for these projects, what has gone to this point? That would be helpful.</li> <li>• Management plan needs to be comprehensive. It seems that the County’s interpretation is different from the Commission.</li> </ul>

E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant has read Plan. It is well thought out. Understands why issues she felt was important at first were not that important in the plan.</li> <li>• Such as public transportation (such as for disabled adults) which has low ridership. Construction projects might increase people coming to coast and how will plan adjust for new patterns? How to prioritize projects based on timing of population density from future development.</li> <li>• Such as a traffic control in EG in her neighborhood. While she would want traffic control there, there's less traffic there than in other places on Coast as shown in the Plan.</li> </ul> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access to Coastal trails</li> <li>○ Safety is very important.</li> <li>○ Parking for visitors is important</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coast is for everyone. Trails and parking need to be accessible to everyone, including ADA access.</li> <li>• Disconnect with CTC. Plan is focused on traffic and safety. Real answer is pedestrian underpasses which provide 100% safety in terms of collision with autos, and 100% traffic flow without stops for pedestrians. Crosswalks timed for slowest walker, which results in wasted wait time for cars.</li> <li>• Traffic lights that exist can be better programmed. Road system has sensors (some are timed and some have sensors?) and knows rate of low and traffic breaks. Most efficient to use breaks or low points in traffic to allow cross vehicle traffic to turn. Volunteer sheriffs during Pumpkin Festival is more efficient to allow more thru traffic, this can be used for expected peak traffic periods on Highway 1.</li> </ul>
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement with goals, would move Goal #4 up as a high priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Second for this being a high priority</li> <li>○ Small-town, semi-rural</li> <li>○ Paths &gt; sidewalks, gutters in neighborhoods</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future challenges with Big Wave development on traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seems illogical to take traffic up Cypress to 1, opportunity to go through Princeton where there are bus stops, wider streets, less residential areas and children</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interest to see walking and biking made easier as reflected in goal #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarifying plan impacts along the highway</li> <li>○ Interest to see a plan for getting around the neighborhoods</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These goals are good, seem long term facing, deep construction projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Great infrastructure projects for long term</li> <li>○ Would like to see short term actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement – has made requests of Sheriff and has not seen increased enforcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speed limit is 25 miles per hour</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signage</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Speed bumps</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Resident unsure of costs, very scared about walking along road and is open to creative fundraising</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goal #3 – important to capitalize on the opportunity to walk/bike/ride transit – but we are currently missing links to all of these opportunities. Plan needs to be comprehensive to move traffic appropriately (where it is slow – improve the flow; where it is fast – slow it down safely).</li> <li>● *No funding for school busses so we need to think about other alternatives/opportunities for students and faculty/staff to get to schools</li> <li>● Goal #3 – improving opportunities and encouraging people to walk and bike more on the coast and enjoy our surroundings – improve quality of life, the environment and traffic flow (in a safe and quick manner). All modes of transit need safe infrastructure and accessibility. Weekends are particularly challenging since beaches/areas receive visitors from all over the Bay Area and great Northern/Central California region.</li> <li>● Goal #3 – voted for it but all five goals are equally important and linked to each other. Safety and emergency response a concern as well as maintaining community character. Creating a much more effective contiguous trail system along the coast and over Highway 92 possibly for bike trails</li> </ul>
H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improving the existing traffic rather than future projects; very little done to improve existing traffic over the years;</li> <li>● Appreciate to the county for asking people their opinion to fit the community</li> <li>● Talk about the funding for these investments; how to prioritize assistance from the state in addition to local funding (Measure K, Measure W)</li> <li>● Taking into account evacuation; emergency situation; how to incorporate</li> </ul>

**Which one or two project ideas are most important to you for improving transportation for the Coastside? (see also overview fact sheet)**

- **Walk:** A multimodal trail parallel to Highway 1, safe crosswalks across Highway 1, add sidewalks where missing, complete Coastal Trail
- **Bike:** Multimodal trail, bike lanes along Highway 1, bikeway along Airport Street, widen the shoulders of Capistrano Road for bike route, install bicycle parking
- **Drive:** Add turn lanes, acceleration lanes and passing lanes; add stop signs, where missing; add roundabout or signals at intersections with heavy traffic; traffic calming projects; parking improvements; Highway 1 shoulder improvements
- **Public Transit:** Bus stop improvements, increased weekend and commute SamTrans service, Park and Ride lots
- **Land Use Programs:** Lot Merger Program, Lot Retirement Program, Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee

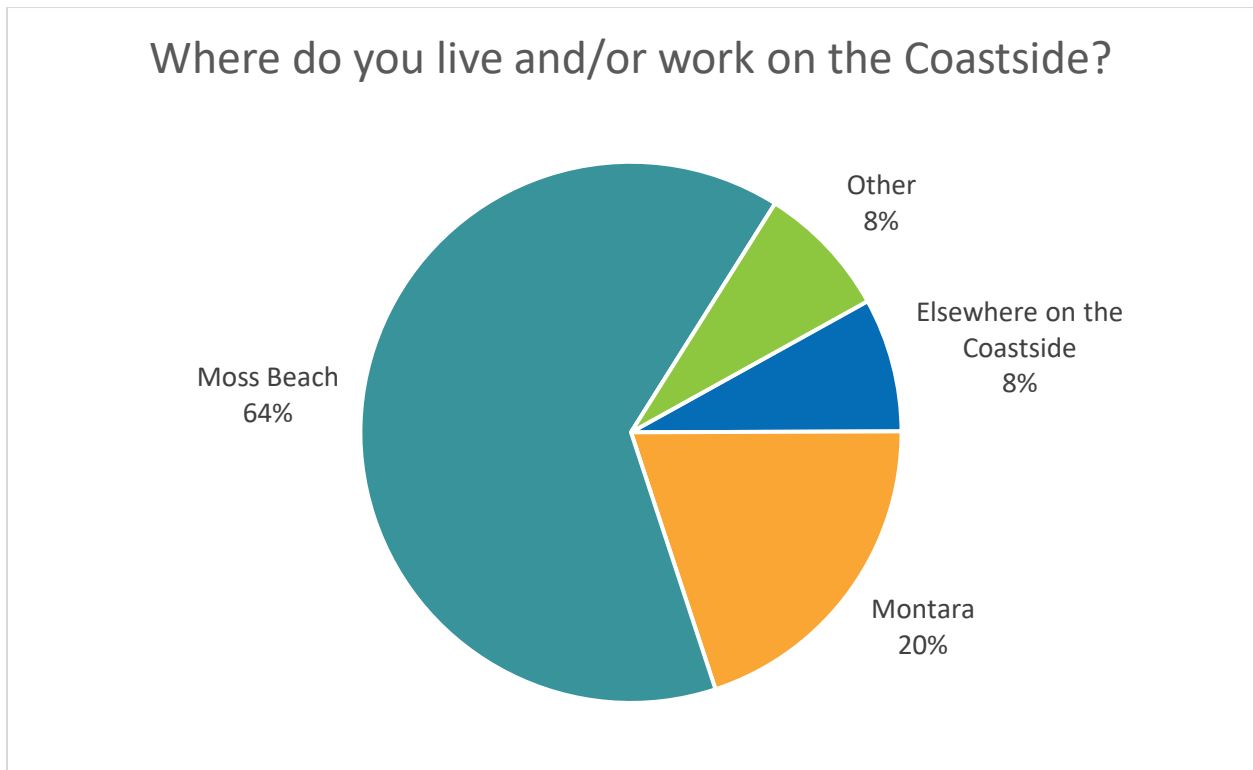
Group	Notes
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving is most important, as we won't be able to get people out of their cars. Safer driving infrastructure will also improve bike/ped safety as people will drive more safely.</li> <li>• Given the current environment, it may not be viable to expect SamTrans to expand weekend service (multiple people agree on this point). People commute all over the Bay Area, so carpools and transit can be difficult. Some residents may not want change, but something needs to be done to improve traffic safety.</li> <li>• Drive options should be the priority- turn lanes, stop signs, roundabout or signals at intersections.</li> <li>• If there was a decent public transit express from Montara to the BART station, it might get use, but the existing service isn't working well. Multiple people like the express bus idea.</li> </ul>
B	<p>*Walk: multimodal trail parallel to Highway 1, safe crosswalks across Highway 1, add sidewalks where missing, complete Coastal Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age friendly: older adults riding tricycles, also for children</li> <li>• Problems with surfaces: use walking poles, Jean Lauer Trail with gravel</li> <li>• Space:</li> <li>• Nobody asks about ongoing needs</li> <li>• Bluffs were previously improved with crushed granite, potholes have been an issue due to motor vehicles</li> <li>• Many dog walkers</li> <li>• Lack of consideration by fast bicyclists – zooming by with no bell</li> <li>• Dangerous to walk: no sidewalks, roads are narrow</li> <li>• Mountain biking road – ocean blvd closed: people have been injured here</li> </ul> <p>*Bike: Multimodal trail, bike lanes along Highway 1, bikeway along Airport Street, widen the shoulders of Capistrano Road for bike route, install bicycle parking</p>

	<p>*Drive: Add turn lanes, acceleration lanes and passing lanes; add stop signs, where missing; add roundabout or signals at intersections with heavy traffic; traffic calming projects; parking improvements; Highway 1 shoulder improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coming and going out of Cypress: need an acceleration lane going North out of Cypress (Moss Beach)</li> <li>• South bound – there is a lane</li> <li>• Suicide lane/waiting lane</li> <li>• Plan may include roundabout there</li> </ul> <p>*Public Transit: Bus stop improvements, increased weekend and commute SamTrans service, Park and Ride lots</p> <p>*Land Use Programs: Lot Merger Program, Lot Retirement Program, Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID Traffic: gridlock, beach visitors parking in neighborhoods</li> <li>• Age Friendly: transit, bike lanes</li> <li>• Condition of walkways and roads</li> <li>• Driving out of Moss Beach (Cypress) – make similar to Montara</li> <li>• 7 streetlights in Montara, 1 in Moss Beach</li> </ul>
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In moss beach, some mitigation measures are actually a negative impact on the community—projects in very difficult places, very hard to avoid the impact of street closure, intersection work, etc. What’s the net gain for the community of these changes? They often seem like losses.</li> </ul>
D	<i>None listed</i>
E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most Important Project Ideas:</li> <li>• Drive and Public Transit</li> <li>• Walk (ped underpass crossings)</li> <li>• Drive (more vehicle lanes on 92) and walking trails</li> </ul>
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian and Bicycle safety projects are most important (seconded)</li> <li>• Lot merger program</li> </ul>
G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All are important – voted for biking since it is particularly lacking. Public transit is not very viable at the moment. Walking a concern, but no one path for biking – patch work of different paths throughout the community. Hard for kids, adults, visitors to bike in a safe environment – a physical barrier is needed along Highway 1 to provide safe infrastructure</li> <li>• Biking extremely important. Crosswalk at Moss Beach installed with no lights (really needed to make it obvious to drivers that someone is using it).</li> <li>• Biking highest priority/land use (lot merger and retirement will be helpful). Bike share program along the mid-coast to Half Moon Bay (parallel the coastal trail). More public transit would be helpful and is needed on the coast.</li> </ul>
H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use program component can really help; there is funding to improve public transportation as long as we request it for the coast; walking and biking improvement can help people get out of their cars if planned with public transit</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hard to get people out of their car; very few amenities; everything needs driving; not much access to public transportation; not just about public transportation but it is also about access; car at times is the only mode of transportation; not near by</li><li>• Driving situation improved; city planners need to look at it and provide improvements</li><li>• Driving; traffic circles; bikes lanes; the mile solution how to help people get to public transit; on demand models (similar to lift) but from public transit; home pick-up</li></ul>
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## Appendix 4 – June 15th Meeting Poll Data & Small Group Discussion Notes

### Poll Data



Answer	Votes
Montara	10
Moss Beach	32
Elsewhere on the Coastside	4
Other	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50</b>

### Small Group Discussion Notes

Which of the projects discussed today for Moss Beach and Montara are most important to you? Which projects are most important to encourage you and others to walk, bike or take transit?

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most important: slowing down traffic. Very unsafe for folks crossing Hwy 1. Roundabouts or some level of traffic control.</li> <li>• Agree that slowing down traffic is important. Speed limit should be lowered to 45. Seen people almost be hit. Like the bike path. More pedestrian and bike options.</li> <li>• Love the idea of bike path and trail. Agree to make it safer to cross. Happy to hear a way for kids to get to school at Farallone.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intrigued by the idea of roundabouts. Never saw one in the middle of nowhere. Ambitious and expensive. If it works, hooray! I don't see people riding their bicycles to HMB. Not a priority to get to HMB on bikes.</li> <li>• If you're thinking of commuting from Moss Beach to HMB, unless you have an electric bike or an avid cyclist, you won't do it. All for bike lanes, for commuting within the neighborhoods. Not a concept that will reduce traffic. A fantasy. Not going to happen. County parks put large gravel on trail from Pillar Point to Harbor. Difficult for most people. Airport road would be the most likely road from Moss Beach to Harbor.</li> <li>• I would bike, going north to Pacifica. Needs to be other transportation options. Traffic is going to increase.</li> <li>• Individuals originally paid for roads themselves in some areas</li> <li>• Poor plan, hodge podge, people are older</li> <li>• Erroneous, railroad job. We don't want to have this "thing" in our neighborhood. Other MidPen properties notorious. The forum is "when should we start elk hunting in Moss Beach."</li> <li>• New resident. Loves it. Excited about some of these items.</li> <li>• Concerns about the process. I don't feel the county engages in good faith. Some good things. Bike and pedestrian access. Not opposed to roundabouts.</li> <li>• Great idea to talk about CTC. Often, the county doesn't seem to be communicating aspects of their ideas. Big issue of safety in traffic on the Coast. Wants to hear more about how CTC impacts development.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle improvements are high priority</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How will they improve HW1 crossing?</li> <li>○ Handicapped, elderly, people on bicycles?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Etheldore &amp; HWY 1 Park n Ride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is it for? Where is it connecting us?</li> <li>○ 1 mile away from "downtown" MB</li> <li>○ What is the reasoning behind this location?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase pedestrian trails along coast (high priority)</li> <li>• Improve bike safety along coast</li> <li>• Biking to work not realistic</li> <li>• Majority of residents drive to work</li> <li>• Improve bus stops/lanes</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pillar Ridge Resident has not used Airport Road regularly, but with COVID, sticking around the neighborhood and walking along Airport Road. Challenging to avoid speeding vehicles and maneuvering between broken glass with dogs. Fatalities on the road and traffic. With Big Wave, there is room for improvement for ped/bike access. No sidewalk from Cypress down to Yacht Club; little access. Concern for ped/bike.</li> <li>• High School/Middle School students travel from Montara to HMB. Parallel Trail is very important. More students would walk/bike if that option was available. Safe Routes to School to Farallone ES is important. Residents walk/bike to post office to get mail since mail is not delivered to homes. Need a safe route from Post Office to Farallone.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commute along Coastal Trail living in Moss Beach and has to cross Highway 1; challenging. Ped Xing at Country Market is inadequate; need improved crossing. <u>Current</u> crosswalk in Moss Beach is inadequate.</li> <li>• Parallel Trail without crossings would not be effective; need both (Hwy 1 xings).</li> <li>• What CTC suggests now for crossings is adequate.</li> <li>• Airport Road – Big Wave project mentioned options but wasn’t clear what would be the final plan for the road (e.g., converting Airport Road to one-way). Pillar Ridge is next door to Big Wave. Heavily used road by teenagers/children; many children live at Pillar Ridge, many cyclists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Airport Road not on overview fact sheets; may be in the plan or another plan. Airport Road is designated as a bike route; heavily parked.</li> <li>○ Felt hazardous to walk to El Granada ES on Airport.</li> <li>○ Teens using bicycles for mobility; job at the yacht club. Primary access point.</li> <li>○ Speed limit is fairly low, but people are still speeding.</li> <li>○ Speeding has always been an issue; its easy to speed on it and treated as a “back road”</li> <li>○ Abandoned vehicles, trash.</li> <li>○ Residents have reported abandoned vehicles to CHP and no action is taken. Side of road is obstructed with trash/vehicles, so forced to walk in the street.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Important Highway 1 crossings – 2nd Street in Montara (where restaurant/beach is), 16<sup>th</sup> Street (with new bus stop; a lot of people use this location to cross when cycling), Virginia Ave (?) existing crossing is an important location but not safe as designed for peds or drivers</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundabout at Cypress and Hwy1- First to be done when there is funding. Looking forward to see it start. It has been a long wait. Already LOS F, worse on sunny days. It is too long of a wait to turn north onto NB Hwy 1, need either roundabout or acceleration lane.</li> <li>• No street lighting on Hwy 1, Montara has 6-7 and there is only one on California, need more highway street lighting for increased safety of pedestrians and vehicles.</li> <li>• No one on this part of the coast likes traffic signals. They may be OK in Half Moon Bay, but not here, Moss Beach is not a town, it is a small village that is not suited for a signal.</li> <li>• Insinuation of Mid Pen into the mix, they have their own agenda and not giving us opportunity to give our input. Serious issues with Cypress Point, moving too fast and not based on facts, public records and community input. Mr. Horsley understands the density and land use issues related to this. There is no reliable transportation. Impossible to get from point A to point B on bus. And daily activities cannot be done from Friday to Monday. One Rd in one Rd out of Mid Pen, no alternate routes. Wildfire risk is large for the coast. Need more transparency from Mid Pen. Connect the coast is transparent. Need more effort to address the evacuation plan. Need to address people going north to Pacifica. Caltrans needs to trim.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most important – improvements to pedestrian safety including crosswalks on Hwy 1, parallel trail, safety improvements on Carlos St.</li> <li>• How do you get to conclusion that speed bumps and other proposed measures on Carlos St. are appropriate?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cypress Ave between Hwy 1 and Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is very narrow and unsafe, only 1 speed limit sign posted. See Safe Streets group online petition w/165 + signatures – <a href="https://change.org/safestreetscoastside">change.org/safestreetscoastside</a></li> <li>• Most important is all projects that can be completed the soonest – 1) safe crossing (above and below grade crossing discussion needed); 2) completion of parallel trail; 3) roundabouts, at least 1 test case needed now. Studies have been long and drawn out and people want to see improvements now.</li> <li>• Multimodal trail concern – endangered species along Carlos Street – what about migration pattern of frogs? How will trail construction and other improvements be impacted by this? Joe LaClair’s MCC presentation identified there are frogs so how do we address them?</li> <li>• Traffic is going to increase along side streets around Cypress Point – how will endangered species be impacted from all of this?</li> <li>• How will anyone access bus stops with no road or sidewalk; what’s the time period for completion?</li> <li>• Primary concern is what’s the cost and what’s the motivation for CTC?</li> <li>• CTC from January is relying on outdated data; may not be traffic problem in Moss Beach post COVID.</li> <li>• Bike route proposed is not relevant.</li> <li>• Traffic analysis needs to be redone post COVID and used as baseline.</li> <li>• Additional mitigations are not responsibility of owners; should be responsibility of incremental development projects.</li> <li>• Cost to residents needs to be taken to public vote.</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parallel Trail is important +1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides for alternative method for mobility on the Coast</li> <li>○ Trail improvements have been segmented over the past 20 years, unsure of total plan. If parallel trail means connecting segmented work then this is a great project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flurry of activity to Marine Reserve and to Airport, accessible area in Moss Beach and is unsure how this fits into bigger plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improving Main Street in Montara to be bike friendly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not a new idea, has been on drawing board for 10 years</li> <li>○ This question does not resonate as it has been asked and mapped out before, curious why this is continuing to come up.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pedestrian Underpass is necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to have pedestrians cross the road without impacting traffic and provide safety for all (pedestrians and cars)</li> <li>○ Resident shares that 1,000 petitions from community members and visitors requesting underpass at Gray Whale Cove site (rather than having red flashing light crosswalk)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Traffic issues in Moss Beach and Montara don’t have much to do with residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incremental changes like changing direction of the road, added parking, new sidewalks are “dressing things up” and are fine, but don’t improve quality of life on the coast</li> <li>○ Empty outside of peak times (weekends, good weather days, etc.) Better to think about what residents want.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Get Montara properly connected to Moss Beach for Biking</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Part of the Parallel Trail project – this is the most necessary connector for cyclists</li> <li>● Nothing in the plan motivates residents to take transit or walk</li> <li>● Alternate question – Resident feels like these questions do not accurately capture feedback. Preference for: What would coastsiders like? Not how would people respond to given plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most of what is given in the plan is not what resonates with resident</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interest in biking, be able to ride to HMB and the other way to get to tunnel and parking lot up there. Have to get creative to do it safely now. If you don't have a bike that can go on trail, you are near the highway. Really hopeful trails get built in the shorter term (not 10-20 years).</li> <li>● How slow traffic has gotten in general. It does not seem like the increase in traffic is because people on the coast are driving more. Seems like traffic is increasing from inland visitors. Seconding of traffic increase initiated by people coming from other places. Only see increase in traffic with increase with developments – Big Wave, Cypress, Devil's Slide Tunnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need to put limits on large scale developments</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Intersections near Fitzgerald. People weaving in and out of neighborhood to find parking. Solution: find one way roads throughout this neighborhood. Appreciated awareness about safety concerns around distillery. Safety for cyclists. Seriously looking into one way traffic in these neighborhoods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carlos</li> <li>○ Wienke</li> <li>○ Carbillo Highway</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Huge fan of roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coming out of Dardanelle trail, crossing over Lake, going up California, which is the CA trail, going up Wienke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We should have one way traffic here to protect cyclists and people on trail</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sidestreets are a big issue. Different on east side of highway.</li> <li>● Carlos St is very narrow, windy and the most scenic street on the east side of the highway</li> <li>● Proposal for Cypress Point does not address where traffic is going to go <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Analyze traffic on the side streets. How can you base recommendations without doing an analysis?</li> <li>○ Carlos is on the Post Office box. Very common to drive to the post office (especially nowadays). VMT will be created more which is contrary to what this plan is trying to do.</li> <li>○ Go one way south, get on the roundabout, not sure where to come back home from post office</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Roundabouts need to be considered if appropriate for coastal residents who frequent the post office</li> <li>● Roundabouts – sewer and water pipes run under the highway. There is no room for a roundabout. Roundabouts need to be considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are roundabouts a pipe dream? Not enough information given to make this a reality.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big picture: This plan has had a delay because this plan was supposed to look at roundabout alternatives. We are here 4 years later with no answers on the roundabouts and discovering new problems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Confidence is important</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General support for roundabouts, although there are some concerns (see below)</li> <li>• General support for parallel trail/ Eastern trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Long term: we have to have a parallel trail on the East side of Hwy1 to connect all of the communities on the Coastside</li> <li>○ Good for neighborhoods and students going to school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concern with parallel trail access</li> <li>• Eastern trail / parallel trail (supportive) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Addresses pedestrians and cyclists</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Address traffic issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highway 1 crossing at CA/Wienke Way (crazy intersection) in Moss Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crossing at night is very difficult and dangerous. Makes stores inaccessible by walking (need to walk) from the other side of the Highway</li> <li>○ Need button with flashing lights (one commenter supports; one does not)</li> <li>○ Closure of Wienke Way is ok. Only 8 houses on this street</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need study of neighborhood streets; new crosswalks may not be needed; need more stop signs (example: at Stetson/Sierra)</li> <li>• According to one commenter, walking on the east side of Hwy 1 in Moss Beach from eastern neighborhoods is hilly, steep, lacking in sidewalks (but some don't need sidewalks). Services are too far for most residents. Most people will drive.</li> <li>• Highway 1 crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup> street at La Costanera in Montara</li> <li>• Parallel Trail (safe and flat) to get to Moss Beach, as walking path alternative to driving on Sunshine Valley Road (can only bike in westward direction) which is curvy and steep. With Parallel trail, more reason to walk to Carlos. Geography between MB and Montara makes it hard to traverse through these areas without going to Hwy 1. 16<sup>th</sup> street is not a through street.</li> <li>• Please change plan to add Safe Route to Farralone View School</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carlos one-way and interesting proposition. Accessing Hwy 1 @ Cypress challenging. Supports roundabouts. Pedestrian crosswalks along the Highway.</li> <li>• Continuation of the Coastal Trail, including up to Devils Slide southern access point. Between Gray Whale Cove and Tunnel...supports inclusion of Green Valley Trail project in CTC. Could help reduce congestion. What is the scope of the LCP v. CTC?</li> <li>• Is Half Moon Bay included?</li> <li>• There are four versions of the plan out there. It's confusing</li> <li>• Supports bike lanes. Transit is impractical for shopping. Concerned about three traffic lights or roundabouts in Moss Beach. Traffic lights slow traffic, will result in grid lock and use of parallel routes, e.g., Sunshine Valley Rd.</li> <li>• Evacuation Routes are needed. fire hazard risk increasing, along with traffic, makes evacuation challenging.</li> <li>• Traffic congestion mitigation is needed. Supports roundabouts but unsure about how well they'll work with traffic Need better access to the County of San Mateo</li> <li>• Solutions need to be based on Half Moon Bay development and traffic.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike lanes and routes important...both for shopping and recreational rides. Facilities for all kinds of cyclists.</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike paths most important – great plan so far – works in HMB – school bike path would be used</li> <li>• Lives in Moss Beach – works from home right now – did commute to Mt. View – does work from home</li> <li>• Moss Beach – works in SF</li> <li>• Crossing of Hwy 1 is most important – lights would be helpful – no one respects the crossing signs – lights in HMB works – could work here too – trails too narrow right now – could be expanded to allow bikes side by side</li> <li>• Still taking it in – projects are vague – a bit confused on what is being presented – what could actually be funded? Carlos – parking and biking – unsure? Concern about Hwy 1 slowing traffic flow – MB/Mon is a free area now – would this be a gridlocked section of the highway now too? Strange proposals at other meetings – trying to sort it out. Current crosswalk is dangerous – who put it in? Too many crosswalks on Hwy 1 maybe wouldn't be a functional highway. Its o.k. to get off Calif. Onto Hwy 1 – light could back things up – reluctant to say that one thing would be best solution. One main road – anything changed would have an impact. Would like to see pedestrian access improved from Montara to MB – along 16<sup>th</sup> - - Montara Creek habitat – sewer main are constraints – and big question is who is paying for it? Roundabouts – driving on E. Coast/Europe but have to be wide enough to allow for free flowing traffic – 16th isn't wide enough – at Calif with 5 streets coming in would be a problem – Burlingame – ECR road not highway – keep speed – don't slow to 25 mph</li> <li>• First time in meeting and looking at all this info – most important is safe walking and biking for families and kids – walking bridge over highway would be best, but that's not included. Makes most sense – traffic would increase with roundabouts – who is going to pay?</li> <li>• Walk/Bike/Transit Ideas:</li> <li>• Pedestrian bridge, anything else that would reduce use of cars – transit would take 3 hours to Mt. View!! Express bus up to the City would be a good idea. So much change not – concern about taking public transit with COVID – hard to imagine commuting other than by car – transit use may be wishful thinking. School traffic, local traffic? Bikes and bike routes would help and keep people healthy too.</li> <li>• Farralone View – busses were for Moonridge kids – local kids didn't use the bus – safe paths is great idea from MB to Farallon. Transit doesn't serve commuters and not safe now – won't get on bus with kids!</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritize evacuation routes</li> <li>• Cypress intersection</li> <li>• Walking to Pillar point bluffs, along Cypress and Airport – no sidewalks, fast traffic</li> <li>• Most issues cross-way traffic, rather than along Hwy 1, concern that new measures would slow traffic further.</li> <li>• Roundabouts - not sure if right location because of traffic patterns. Some in favor, majority opposed.</li> <li>• Max speed in Moss Beach 45 mph</li> <li>• Current traffic conditions are horrendous - concern about traffic getting worse as more people move to the area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about meeting format vs in-person meetings</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Carlos street is unworkable; proposal isn't acceptable on this street.</li> <li>• At last meeting Cypress Point project (reason for a lot of these projects); Cypress Point not being brought up at this meeting—why not? Cypress Point will create traffic impacts, create potential dangers, not being addressed specifically in this meeting. Should address impacts of Cypress Point in Moss Beach and interrelation to Connect the Coastside. Connect the Coastside should address the entire length of Carlos, not just between California and Etheldore; walkers, bikers, etc use that route primarily.</li> <li>• The expected increase and impact of Cypress Point on surrounding streets and on non-car users on those routes should be directly addressed by CTC. Section that CTC does talk about are disconnected from Cypress Point.</li> <li>• The traffic going down Carlos seems to be in the opposite direction from the proposed Southbound 1-way street. CTC changes won't adequately address impacts foreseen as a result of Cypress Point.</li> <li>• Even absent Cypress Point, Carlos should be better-addressed in CTC; there are existing issues, connectivity to 16<sup>th</sup> Street, location of bus stops, other issues that are not included. The portion of Carlos addressed in the plan isn't the portion that should be the focus.</li> <li>• None of the improvements listed in the plan to-date seems to have the potential to be beneficial on any of the aspects—bike, walking, dog-walking, etc—that need improvement.</li> <li>• End of Carlos @ 16<sup>th</sup> to be closed and converted to recreation? (Unclear) Should remain open.</li> <li>• There are a lot of developments and various improvements happening, and it seems that there's a lack of coordination across projects to address both potential impacts and potential projects to address them. Projects are being addressed too quickly, and too individually, without assessment of cumulative impacts. People don't feel like all of the impacts are being assessed together, and will create significant issues. More integration is needed.</li> <li>• Concerned with traffic on Hwy 1; traffic studies done in 2014? Too early, doesn't reflect current impacts of traffic, volumes of traffic. Particularly during COVID, more use of these streets, high volume, high impact. Traffic studies don't capture covid or pre-covid traffic volumes accurately. Should be a current traffic study.</li> <li>• Idea of traffic lights is inferior to roundabouts; Gray Whale Cove traffic light is particularly bad, will impact quality of life on a daily basis. Roundabouts are better.</li> <li>• Crossing at Montara Beach is dangerous, particularly with high traffic volumes; maybe a yield sign or something short of a traffic light, but improvements are needed. Cars are high speed, volumes are high.</li> <li>• "Temporary" lights never actually come out; short-term lights are a bad idea, because they become permanent—roundabouts are a better solution.</li> <li>• Moss Beach and Montara portions of CTC, and Cypress Point, are connected. Because the Cypress Point improvements alone can't meet traffic volume without CTC improvements.</li> </ul>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most people work over the hill, need more projects to help that traffic.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety for getting on Hwy 1 and crossing Hwy 1, but adding more crosswalks could be problematic.</li> <li>• Parallel Trail was in Measure A 16 years ago, but hasn't been built yet.</li> <li>• Is the Parallel Trail being routed up the hill from Carlos Street?</li> <li>• There are technical problems with putting roundabout at California &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> Street.</li> <li>• Roundabouts lead to congestion. In traffic roundabouts are filled with cars, and people can't get into the roundabout.</li> <li>• Want cars to be able to get on to highway 1 and pedestrians to cross highway 1.</li> <li>• Too many lights will bring traffic to a halt. Suggest starting with one light. Suggest either 16<sup>th</sup> or Cypress Street.</li> <li>• Slow traffic down in Moss Beach with a 40 mph speed limit on Highway, and leave the speed limit in Montara at 40 mph.</li> <li>• Participant likes roundabouts, say they work in Europe. Traffic lights will slow traffic down and create a choke point.</li> <li>• Most people would like to use public transit to commute to San Francisco but need a direct bus to a BART station (Daily City or Colma). The bus also needs to run frequently enough to work.</li> <li>• Need decent bus service from Montara to Half Moon Bay, the bus needs to be frequent enough.</li> </ul>
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**What else could the County do to improve transportation options in Moss Beach and Montara? What is missing from the plan for Moss Beach and Montara?**

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is missing from the plan is that lowering the speed limit is effective (45). It would make it a lot safer. Never been added back into the plan. Concern about development tied to this. Elephant in the room that needs to be addressed. Some options seem to encourage more traffic. Feels like the county is planning to urbanize the coast, like Santa Cruz. I hope that doesn't happen. Park and Ride in Moss Beach? Did not see it in the plan. Garbage along the road and trails.</li> <li>• Reducing speed limit is important. Not changing randomly along the corridor. If the county wants to reduce traffic, it needs a transportation plan that works. Bus requires waiting a long time and is not efficient. Real public transportation within the corridor.</li> <li>• Much better public transportation is needed. Get dropped off at beaches. As it is no one is going to do that.</li> <li>• Some people wanted to have a safe way to get across Hwy 1 at Moss Beach. Every year somebody gets killed there. Wanted something done to get across the Hwy. The money spent because they want a new development seems to be endless. Seems kind of "convenient" now that crossings are being discussed (because of development, money wasn't there before.)</li> <li>• Near Fitzgerald, someone died crossing the Hwy. Personal experience hit by a drunk driver. I imagine a lot of folks have similar experiences. Speed limit is way too high.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are these options appropriate for good/ bad weather?</li> <li>• Public transit northbound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve to visit Pacifica/ beaches</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tsunami/ emergency planning</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals far away-- how will this improve accessibility?</li> <li>• Airport Blvd will be expensive to control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pillar point bluffs for bike transit</li> <li>○ Need to go slowly, no cars</li> <li>○ Improvements to “wayfinding” to enable usage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Walking along the Bluffs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cell phone dead zone</li> <li>○ Emergency call boxes/ signal boxes?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cypress connection to HW1 @ Lighthouse (across the street) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is the plan? Roundabouts, stop light, etc?</li> <li>○ Carlos, next to Sierra St</li> <li>○ Concern for crossing safety, accessibility to Cypress Point</li> <li>○ Desire: “they should compliment each other” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Regarding Cypress Point project and HW1 improvements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavily focused around proposed development projects</li> <li>• Provide plans to alleviate traffic</li> <li>• Evacuation/safety plan (high priority)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport Road and slowing traffic there</li> <li>• Sidewalks on Airport Road – some sort of pedestrian trail that feels safe from vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Existing makeshift path that does not feel safe as is; close to vehicles</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stop signs (route to Farallone ES) – on 5<sup>th</sup> St option – there are (2+) locations that do not have stop signs at intersection. Need to resolve this if it’s a path for students. Will need to check specific locations (2/3 East, Le Conte, and Farallone)</li> <li>• Having bicycle lane on Highway 1 could add to traffic.</li> <li>• Different kinds of cyclists – one who might ride on Highway 1 v. student/leisure rider who would not</li> <li>• As a driver, question bicycling on Highway 1</li> <li>• Cycling route – south on Etheldore and come out on north end of Airport and only way to get to coastal trail is to cross the road and go to light at Princeton – or road near Mezzeluna restaurant (morning commute)</li> <li>• In evenings, can’t cross Highway because of traffic. On Highway 1 from Princeton to Etheldore for about 2 miles. Feels safer on Highway 1 because of wide shoulders that are marked. Not sure if bike lane would create a different impact because shoulders are already well marked.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County idea of paving sidewalks on Sierra Street with bike sharrows from Joe LaClair’s presentation to the MCC. This is a non-County maintained road and it’s all dust and potholes at the moment. To improve options for kids who walk to Farallone View on Hwy 1 it is important to put sidewalk for them so they are not walking on dirt and it is not safe.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short term solutions need to be developed at lower cost that provide most beneficial impacts.</li> <li>• What happened to the land management plan/policies for these areas – if communities were more self-sustaining through land management policy/practices, it could lower traffic, such as lot retiring, lot consolidation, etc. Need to</li> </ul>



	<p>prioritize developing land management plan - needed in concert with CTC, not after, including cost assessment for land management measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evacuation routes need to be assessed for roadway closures, including fire hazard, and what the rescue routes for emergency services will be and making sure rescue routes are considered and available.</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstructing question: What do residents want and think is best? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safe pathways not necessarily sidewalks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Sidewalks may be needed in some areas, but there should be a minimum to respect the character of the coastside</li> <li>□ Do not urbanize the coastside</li> <li>□ No digital feedback signs to maintain character of the community <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pedestrian underpasses would work in place of these signs</li> <li>2. Concerned about light pollution from road lights and digital feedback signs. Also concerned about being blinded by light while driving at night.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Missing resident perspective – Seems like plan prioritizes developers over current residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of thought in this planning process</li> <li>○ Large development gets approved before improvements for residents and visitors are planned</li> <li>○ Bigger problem on the Coast is that we are inviting development and progress without the right planning or concern about longterm effect on the coast</li> <li>○ Tonight’s topics were fairly innocuous --- small enough projects, but Planning needs to think more long term to protect character of the coast</li> <li>○ County priorities are not in sync with community, development and plans need more thought and carefulness for long term impacts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There are many things in the Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion lacked specifics</li> <li>○ Questions during presentation could have been answered with more detail</li> <li>○ Likes crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup> street</li> <li>○ Discussion on midpen at Carlos St. was not addressed today during discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ This is a big conversation and needs to happen</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion on some of the critical projects and concerns was lacking during presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What’s going to happen at Cypress? Plan does not address potentially huge traffic problem.</li> <li>○ Planners could have provided timelines, images showing what’s there and what’s missing and what is going in</li> <li>○ More time is needed for community to discuss/debate pros and cons of different elements with Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Traffic lights vs. roundabouts</li> <li>□ Community needs to discuss pros and cons of all these elements with the County</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bikeways – Not seeing anything in the plan about connecting the trail to Devil’s Slide area. Wide former highway that connects the two parking lots on either side of the</li> </ul>

	<p>tunnel but the only way to get there in by driving. Biking in this area can be really dangerous. Bike routes could be used on this area that I take on single track. Can be easily adapted to be used as a path. North side of Devil’s Slide, climbing the hill up from Pacifica is probably the most dangerous part of the route right now. Both are challenging areas. Basically, if I want to bike on the Devil’s Slide pathway and do not want to take single track, my only option is to ride along the highway. Gray Whale cove parking lot to tunnel cove entrance, the dip in either direction provides very little shoulder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ North on Montara bike pathways are the area of concern</li> <li>● COVID-19 has provided even more complexities to this plan. Transit options are very limited and now even more so with social distancing.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Very likely that things will deteriorate because there is no money to increase transit options. No money to add bus routes in the future.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ These meetings should take place at least six months from now so maybe there would be a better idea about what the future is going to look like</li> <li>□ Bus/Public Transit money has taken a big hit because there is virtually no ridership currently</li> <li>□ We are not ready to know how to modify transportation because of COVID-19</li> <li>□ One of the goals of Connect the Coast is to make sure the coast is accessible to people. The amount of buildout that is zoned in is not sustainable. Goal of this is to find a plan to make it sustainable but that is not represented in the current plan.</li> <li>□ Need to find a way to retire some lots that are too small, not buildable, try to change zoning on those.</li> <li>□ See what improvements can be done for transit but that is not in this plan</li> <li>□ A realistic plan is needed. The current Connect the Coastside plan does not seem like something we can sink our teeth into at this point.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Some of these recommendations about traffic just don’t make sense anymore</li> <li>○ Bike path on cypress point takes people up a steep hill – doesn’t work. Taking kids out on this trail can be really dangerous.</li> <li>○ We can’t do this in a vacuum. Take into account           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Planned Princeton</li> <li>□ Big Wave</li> <li>□ Cypress Point</li> <li>□ New hotel in HMB</li> <li>□ Potential impacts from Dunes Beach development</li> <li>□ Cannot have this discussion without including impacts of HMB and these proposed developments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Details of parallel trail @ Carlos street commercial section need examination       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carlos Street : problematic           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Too busy, especially for visitors (a lot going on, streets intersecting, pedestrian crossing, etc.)</li> <li>□ Don’t close off norther terminus of Carlos St.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Connect Carlos to 16<sup>th</sup> and put a roundabout in proposal               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Short term: Connect Carlos to 16<sup>th</sup> or even make it right turn only, but don't close it</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Suggestion: No one way segment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proposed between Vallemar and California</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Suggestion: No speed humps</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommendation to add roundabouts/one roundabout at each end of Moss Beach (one member)</li> <li>• Can there be short term solutions for safe crossing of Hwy 1 before the long term solutions are implemented?</li> <li>• Parallel trail : who will pay for it? What is the concrete or rough timeline?</li> <li>• Roundabouts:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Cost concern           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> cost upwards of \$5M</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is it viable?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Who will pay for it?</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Safety concern           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coastside residents are familiar with the area, but visitors may not be               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o May be difficult to navigate</li> <li>o Could cause collisions</li> <li>o Visitors tend to haphazardly decide when/where to park and turn on and off of Hwy1                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This could add confusion and danger to driving around this area</li> <li>o Could cause slowing or traffic issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parallel trail between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>: allow people access to the trail       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Could just prune hedges/simple short term solution?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For both Carlos St. and parallel trail, start less expensive short term solutions before long term projects are completed       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Terminus of Carlos St. (mentioned above)</li> <li>o Parallel trail           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pruning vegetation to allow access?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One commenter says that improvements may not actually increase walking in neighborhood due to weather. No one uses trail that extends to Miramar that goes over drainage/creek. But another commenter says that people do bike on trails a lot.</li> <li>• Carlos street closure at the north end (at Highway 1)- closure does not make sense. Need right turn only onto Highway 1 from Carlos Street.</li> <li>• Open Main St in Montara to Moss Beach. It dead ends now. Main Street can connect to Carlos Street with Bridge over creek.</li> <li>• Most Important to one commenter is Samtrans needs to overhaul bus route system. Little buses currently used for senior transport. Need to extend routes to neighborhoods, Hwy 1, Hwy 92. Less need for trails, signals and roundabouts (not that much traffic now).</li> </ul>

11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTC uses outdated traffic data. Why is HMB not part of the data? Evacuation routes need to be addressed in CTC. 3 million visitors, and new development (Cypress Pt. and Big Wave) add up to 2,000 daily trips.</li> <li>• Green Valley Trail missing</li> <li>• Congestion due to ped/bike/car traffic interactions...exacerbates traffic problems. Need to give folks safe ways to cross, reduce haphazard crossings.</li> <li>• Sierra St. connects to California and is unsafe for bicycles.</li> <li>• Data is 6 years old.</li> <li>• A lot has changed on the Coastside since Covid.</li> <li>• Need pedestrian under crossings of Highway 1 at busy places like Sam's</li> <li>• Love living on the Coastside, many visit, so there are no perfect solutions and we need to find compromise solutions.</li> <li>• CTC should be a community transportation plan. It's used to promote development. Plan should serve existing community and tourists.</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over or under passes – anything that doesn't slow the flow of traffic. Gray whale cove – accidents – underpass would be safer – and in Montara/Moss Beach too.</li> <li>• These are a really cool option – safe and can walk and see neighbors, sip coffee.</li> <li>• And would be safe!!</li> <li>• Any other ideas?? Carlos St. might be safer as a one way street and would be great to have bike/ped</li> <li>• Pacifica overpass/bridge would be great in MB or at Gray Whale Cove – concern is money...</li> <li>• School going down hill due to lack of resources – doesn't understand the one way street on Carlos – it's pretty wide so not sure why – would create challenges to get to PO – why? Is it being pushed to support Mid Pen project? Change neighborhood roads that are quaint and functional – concerned about that.</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evacuation plan</li> <li>• Trying to fix something that residents don't want to have fixed – not broken</li> <li>• Should be more sustainability on how coast is developed – fragile area with natural resources</li> <li>• Put improvements on developers rather than residents</li> <li>• Don't feel like they're dealing with current issues in Moss Beach</li> <li>• Plan focuses along Hwy 1 rather than side streets where daily living occurs</li> <li>• Find out what residents want.</li> <li>• Care more about people who live there – listen to them.</li> <li>• Bike and walking paths would help the most – will not help with daily traffic (shopping)</li> </ul>
14	<i>None</i>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California is called out as condition F, but that is not the experience of living there. Need a more inventive option than roundabouts and stop lights (for example, taking alternative routes that avoid traffic)</li> <li>• Another participant agrees about that the California experience is not an F right now, but California is getting worse, needs a future improvement.</li> <li>• The worst traffic problems are getting into Half Moon Bay or Pacifica.</li> <li>• Adding lanes to Highway 1 needs to be part of the solution.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lights should be coordinated or synchronized if they have to be put in.</li> <li>• Consider adding an on ramp or off ramp to Highway 1 at the airport end of Moss Beach.</li> <li>• The lights between Vallemar and Rockaway beach.</li> <li>• The intersection of Hwy 1 and Hwy 92 has backed up traffic.</li> <li>• The first light in Pacific is not geared towards traffic coming from the south.</li> <li>• Suggestion to look at Harris Ave &amp; Hwy 1 because it has unique interface, people can pull out and the lane is all theirs.</li> </ul>
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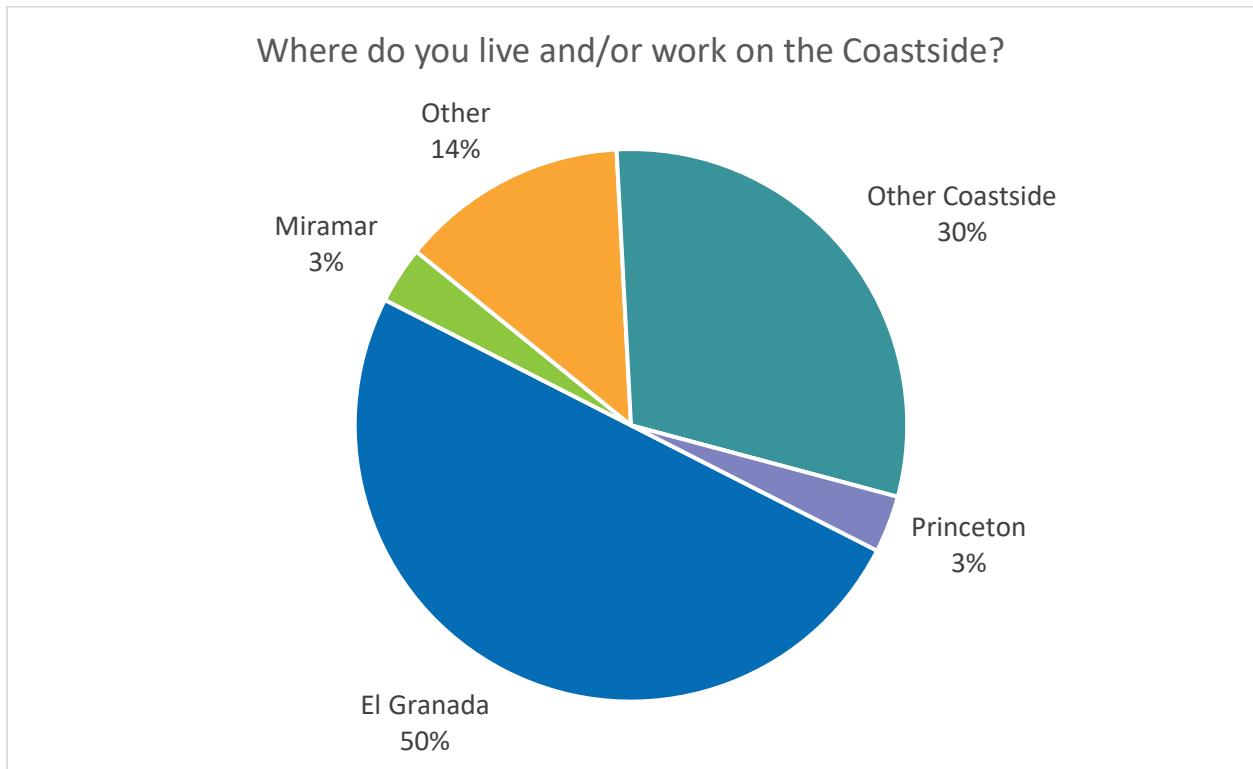
**What questions do you have or what would you like to know more about?**

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the funding sources? More specifics available on website so people can see it.</li> <li>• What other options have been explored to cover these things other than development?</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cypress Point may use Carlos, Sierra, Stetson, Kelmore, etc Moss Beach crossings at HW1</li> <li>• Focus is on bike/ ped improvements--needs to account for increased car traffic as well</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would proposed stop signs near Farallone View Elementary school increase traffic?</li> <li>• Proposed closure of Carlos Street going north? Public safety concerns. Significant impacts to traffic. Is the main purpose to accommodate affordable housing project (i.e. 71-unit affordable housing project). Not appropriate location and community does not have adequate infrastructure to support. Ideal location for affordable housing would have walkability, access to health care, access to jobs, etc. Services/amenities in the county are expensive. Access to grocery stores are limited.</li> <li>• Why is there a proposed park and ride at Etheldore Street and Highway 1?</li> <li>• Community wants to alleviate traffic not increase traffic with additional parking.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment of Parallel Trail – will it be shared v. separate and on what sections? Want clarity on this</li> </ul>
5	<i>None</i>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern that comments were not captured in notetaking, need email address for where comments can be sent in.</li> </ul>
7	<i>None</i>
8	<i>None</i>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the meantime, what short term solutions can be implemented?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How will projects/roundabouts be budgeted?</li> <li>• Details of parallel trail</li> <li>• Concerns about roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost</li> <li>○ Safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As density of the Midcoast increases, how will the county address traffic?</li> </ul>
10	<i>None</i>

11	<i>None</i>
12	<i>None</i>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will we learn more about evacuation?</li> <li>• A proper traffic study is needed (more recent than 2014)</li> <li>• What about the EIRs that need to be done?</li> <li>• Notable different post-COVID in traffic levels</li> <li>• Address previous resist density traffic studies point by point</li> <li>• Are parallel paths solving current issues?</li> <li>• Who will pay for improvements? Concern about residents being responsible.</li> <li>• How will kids travel to school?</li> <li>• Will transit be cost effective (time and money)?</li> <li>• What does “fair-share” mean?</li> </ul>
14	<i>None</i>
15	<i>None</i>

## Appendix 5 - June 25th Meeting Poll Data & Small Group Discussion Notes

### Poll Data



Answer	Votes
El Granada	15
Princeton	1
Miramar	1
Other Coastside	9
Other	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

### Small Group Discussion Notes

Which of the projects discussed today for Princeton, El Granada and Miramar are most important to you?  
 Which projects are most important to encourage you and others to walk, bike or take transit?

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great to see more improvements to facilitate travel by bike</li> <li>• Biggest challenge in EG is parents/kids go to school in HMB – too far to ride bikes – so improved transit would be key – buses fill up on the way to/from school – more service on school days and for visitors on weekends – make more frequent and easier to use</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about lack of separation between peds and bikes and cars – on coastal trail/multimodal trail – can be dangerous</li> <li>• Increase in traffic in 25 years has been difficult – can’t go anywhere on the weekend – very hard for residents – and concern about emergency situations as well</li> <li>• People will come – how to make improvements to handle it – is the scope of these projects enough to handle all the traffic – more or just different improvements – also problems on 92 – turning lanes, stop lights (e.g. at Frenchman’s Creek backs everything up – even for a few cars) – could it be on a timer so it doesn’t allow peds to cross as often during commute times.</li> <li>• Getting in/out of HMB is difficult during commute times/distances are great and make biking and walking difficult too</li> <li>• Likes proposed park and parking lots on Alhambra – how to control flow of traffic – get people across to the beach safely without backing up traffic is the challenge – don’t allow parking on HWY 1 if a parking lot is established to address safety/traffic flow</li> <li>• Crosswalks – no button on the one in Moss Beach – very dangerous</li> <li>• MCC is working with County to address the problems with the new cross walk installed by Cal Trans without community input.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big wave project (concern with being age and handicap friendly)</li> <li>• Age-friendly communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trails being accessible to people on 3-wheel bikes</li> <li>○ Trail width</li> <li>○ For California coastal trail and parallel trail (east side)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Safe pedestrian crossings, if they are used properly</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive fix at Surfer’s Beach would be great—even on weekdays traffic is bad, but safety is the big issue. Multiple accidents, fatalities due to traffic, visibility issues, particularly at dusk. Pedestrians aren’t visible; pedestrians cross at random points. Wouldn’t put in new cross-walk—would get rid of east-side parking, and concentrate it at the stoplight. And use space from Harbor District. Creating crossings w/out parking at those areas is counterproductive; but parking in those areas is also problematic because it removes valuable resources—parking in the right-of-way at existing stoplit intersections is best.</li> <li>• Concerns with some proposed projects; many coastside residents value character of coastside, any improvements must respect that character. Sidewalks proposed instead of pathways—this takes away rural feel, and adds an urban character, which isn’t preferable. Curb and gutter on Highway 1 also, and stop-lights detract from character. Similarly, bus shelters are good but the style of them needs to match the unique character of the coastside, rather than generic. Parallel trail is valuable; just not anything that advances urbanization or urban character. (Small percent of community is participating in process, not a robust account of community.</li> <li>• From Capistrano stoplight to Coronado stoplight (Hwy 1) people randomly cross the road, and a crosswalk won’t make them use it—not productive, opposed to any crosswalk there. The big empty El Granada Elementary School parking lot—which is closed now—is unused during the weekends. Why not</li> </ul>



	<p>use as a beach parking lot? 50+ cars, much capacity. No crosswalks for Surfers Beach. Opposed to overpasses because of aesthetic impacts; underpasses because of crime, etc—negative impacts. Maybe have a shuttle (“beach bus”) to take people to designated locations, Caltrans lots. Directly across from new fire dept and Wilkinson School—people have converted a space into an informal parking lot, dirt lot—this should be stopped. Illegal/informal use, because of closed lots during COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMPROVEMENTS, IN PLAN, THAT ARE ATTRACTIVE? Airport Boulevard: both sides of the road are loaded with cars—abandoned? Or residents’ overflow? Will be a barrier to bike lanes if there’s parking there. Bike lanes on HWY 1: if you clear parking on east side at surfers beach, will facilitate constructing a bike lane, depending on Class of bike lane. Would be good to have Parallel Trail for pedestrians only.</li> <li>• Bike parking at Princeton/Pillar Point: good idea for bike owners. If needed for connecting to bus, need to expand bus service. But if for bikers coming from elsewhere by bike, it’s good. Depends on purpose.</li> <li>• Coastal trail extension? On city streets through Princeton.... Assuming it’s close to the water, in favor of improvements.</li> <li>• Regarding pedestrian underpasses: some people are in favor of some models. Currently being built in places all around the world. If well-lit, brightly painted, natural light, with surveillance technology, can be monitored. Can be done safely. (Various opinions). Heavily used underpasses are effective; police themselves because of traffic. Underpasses only way to truly improve traffic, because it doesn’t interfere with vehicular flow. Underpasses remove need for stoplight; safe, no congestion. “Cadillac of crossings.”</li> <li>• Push cars over a bit but normal bike lanes on HWY 1 are not needed. Need a bit more room—but not widening of the highways. Formal bike lanes would probably require that; better effort is to use coastal trail &amp; parallel trail. Give people options of routes, without expanding HWY 1.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What projects can be implemented soon? Project time horizons are long, some 10 years or more. Do some crosswalks early. Transit revenues down. Is it realistic? Funding for bike paths? Zoning allows development that exceeds infrastructure. Identify projects that can be done in the near term. Pandemic has changed things, e.g, traffic patterns are traffic studies still relevant? Identify crosswalks as first priority.</li> <li>• Supports biking options, walking options for crossing Highway 1. We need to be asked what we don’t like about this plan. Don’t support more parking lots. Don’t want to end up like Santa Cruz or Pacifica. Parking lot in Etheldore could disrupt natural habitats in the area. Parking lots are for people who don’t live here, not residents. Good bus service is important, particularly for disadvantaged members.</li> <li>• More innovative environmentally friendly options to asphalt. Water permeable pavements. Coastal atmosphere needs to be protected. Urban area examples are grating.</li> <li>• A lot of tourists and visitors from the area already here, throwing trash, but there’s nowhere like Mirada Rd. where one can access the coast as closely, so additional Miramar parking is needed. Magellan is jammed, Mirada Rd. too.</li> <li>• Extending the bike paths would be wonderful.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the highway moving. Can't slow it down. Worried that roundabouts and signals will slow traffic too much. Not enough room to make roundabouts that allow faster traffic. May not be able to afford "smart" lights.</li> <li>• Increasing lanes is not the answer.</li> <li>• One roundabout would be a nice thing, make people safer. Need to slow traffic</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moss Beach commuter to HMB via Hwy 1.</li> <li>• CTC is okay - feels like "band aid fixes." Hopes for specific plan to coordinate from tunnels to South of HMB to Pescadero. CTC is important but feels short-sighted.</li> <li>• Closing Wienke Way heading south at California makes sense. Challenging intersection and could include pedestrian crossing there with push button/lights. Access to coastside market - an important destination.</li> <li>• Walk near Alhambra, Surfer's Beach. Complicated area. People are parking in neighborhoods with increase in trash (when parking was closed due to COVID-19). Need improved access to post office near there. Connection with the sanitation district / park, and formal parking area. Valencia down to Obispo (runs parallel to open space), near fire station. Traffic along Highway 1 and pedestrian crossings feel risky. Crossing should be coordinated with where the parking lot is.</li> <li>• Bikes between Princeton Harbor and HMB. No bike lanes. Dangerous route. Wayfinding - google/waze - signs are up high and out of date. Using technology to help with wayfinding.</li> <li>• Capistrano/Prospect - need better crosswalk paint and/or crosswalks. Higher visibility paint. PAINT. JUST PAINT.</li> <li>• Half Moon Bay Distillery - no painted crosswalks. Need crosswalks here and at every intersection in Princeton Harbor and along Princeton Avenue. Lots of traffic and no marked crosswalks.</li> <li>• Have to go on the north side of Princeton Avenue to cross the street on bike.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anything that would improve traffic flow from stop light at Princeton to El Granada Elem/Wilkinson school. Particularly commuting hours and weekends. Made worse by parking on Hwy 1 and randomly crossing Hwy 1 (could be improved by dedicated parking and crossing location). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Look at where people are already crossing to determine crosswalk location.</li> <li>○ Sam's Restaurant traffic congestion</li> <li>○ Need multiple crosswalks, people look for shortest route</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unlikely to walk to Halfmoon Bay (distance/weather)</li> <li>• Airport St east-side trail (if can be done without disturbing the wetlands). Bike trail because traffic is fast and dangerous.</li> <li>• Parallel trail for students walking/biking to school.</li> <li>• Sidewalks for students to get to school safely.</li> <li>• Putting trail through Princeton will be problematic as streets are not designed to accommodate a trail</li> <li>• Capistrano – islands in center, sidewalks, etc very tight roadway means a challenge to add a trail</li> <li>• Could continue trail that's on east side of Hwy 1 to Miramar/Montara. Would need ways to cross Hwy 1.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two types of users – some want directness, others want more scenic route</li> </ul> <p><i>How likely to make location trips with walking/biking/travel without a car?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depends on location (uphill/ downhill)</li> <li>Recreational walker – walking anyway, would appreciate safer routes, makes it more possible.</li> </ul>
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**What else could the County do to improve transportation options in Princeton, El Granada and Miramar?  
What is missing from the plan for these areas?**

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More bus service during school hours – need more buses for the kids – so crowded now – if not more parents would feel comfortable putting kids on bus</li> <li>More signage would be helpful to help folks find parking and trails – places to turnaround – would help tourists who don’t know where they are going – paint the pavement to direct people so they don’t change lanes at the last minute – improve safety</li> <li>Bike to school days – more to encourage folks to get off the road and bike – provide incentives – would help the daily commute for commuters if local traffic is more bike/ped/transit</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern about roundabouts causing traffic congestion</li> <li>Locations and effect unclear</li> <li>Roundabouts making commute more time consuming</li> <li>Roundabout addition around intersection and at north end of el Granada going into Princeton (suggestion)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Safe pedestrian crossings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By surfer’s beach</li> <li>Add one between El Granada stop light and end of surfers beach area?</li> <li>Need a technique to handle periodic bulk crossing from east side of the street that is safe</li> <li>How will pedestrian crossings affect traffic? How many will there be and where?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parking lot addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parallel street parking not a traffic concern</li> <li>May increase # of pedestrians needing to cross the highway at that location (all at once)</li> <li>Pedestrians will cross wherever they want, regardless of new crossings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic concern</li> </ul> </li> <li>People don’t use existing hwy 1 crossings, so why would they use the new ones?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pedestrian crossings and roundabouts won’t work with a one lane hwy (cause more traffic)</li> <li>More traffic study needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Around new development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One access stairway down to the beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Correlating beach access with where ped xings are might alleviate traffic</li> <li>○ Parking feeding into crossings leading to the beach (suggestion)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<i>See notes in question 1</i>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As we improve transportation infrastructure, traffic will increase.</li> <li>• Need lower speed limit</li> <li>• Need more of a focus on environmental resources and protection, not just building things. More attention paid to garbage problem, mainly a weekend visitor problem.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive plan across multiple organizations. Coastside sanitation - understanding the collaboration across the various organizations and how things will work together. Challenging to understand where to get voice and concerns heard with different entities and who manages what. Resources to understand who to go to speak with. Are there feedback sessions with multiple constituencies involved so the public can ask questions of multiple entities at one time?</li> <li>• SamTrans needs to be coordinated with coastside - can supply different types of buses (e.g., hybrid, electric, etc.) and coordinate with express buses to 280. Important and they should be part of the comprehensive plan. Short range and long-range plan, and the long-range plan should include HMB, 92, SamTrans, and other variables. Highway impacts everyone, including people going to school.</li> <li>• CTC Roundabout to put at crystal springs, 35/92, Miramar. It's an extensive plan, but trying to address whether we want it. Should we be planning right now during COVID times?</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilkinson School, Coronado and Santiago intersection: T shape, two bus stops, no crosswalk, only two stop signs (rather than three). Intersection is confusing and dangerous, especially for bus users. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coronado – uphill off of Hwy 1, difficult to interact with pedestrians, and traffic flow. Series of difficult intersections.</li> <li>○ Traffic funneling to Hwy 1 as well</li> <li>○ People will take left at El Granada and Princeton to use as a short cut to get onto Hwy 1</li> <li>○ Potentially parking structure will help take traffic off Coronado</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questioning multi-use parking lot at Carlos and Hwy 1 – concern about it being an unsafe location – why put parking lot here?</li> </ul>

**What questions do you have or what would you like to know more about?**

GROUP	NOTES
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail improvements/signage – how to preserve the area? Get people aware of erosion problems and wildlife – better beach access in some places to prevent</li> </ul>

	<p>people from scrambling down the bluffs – safety and to preserve the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lots – and will there be bathrooms? May need other facilities, safe place to cross, and bathrooms – needs to be coordinated to all come together</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age friendly communities: Will trails be age and disabled friendly? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wide enough</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How many roundabouts will be built on hwy 1? Where will they be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 proposed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How many crossings?</li> <li>• How will projects affect traffic? (not discussed in presentation)</li> <li>• Why not talk about all of the projects discussed in the general meeting? (around the highway)</li> </ul>
3	<i>See notes under question 1</i>
4	<i>None</i>
5	<i>None</i>
6	<i>None</i>

## Appendix 6 – July 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Meeting Group Discussion Notes & Poll Data

Attendees: 2 Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Staff, 7 youth, & 2 county staff (Katie Faulkner and Jackie Nunez)

Tuesday, July 7 2020 3:00-4:30pm on Zoom

### Introduce yourselves

- Name
- What's your connection to the Coast?
- What experience have you had working on transportation issues with YLI?
- What is one thing you look forward to learning today?

### Youth Responses:

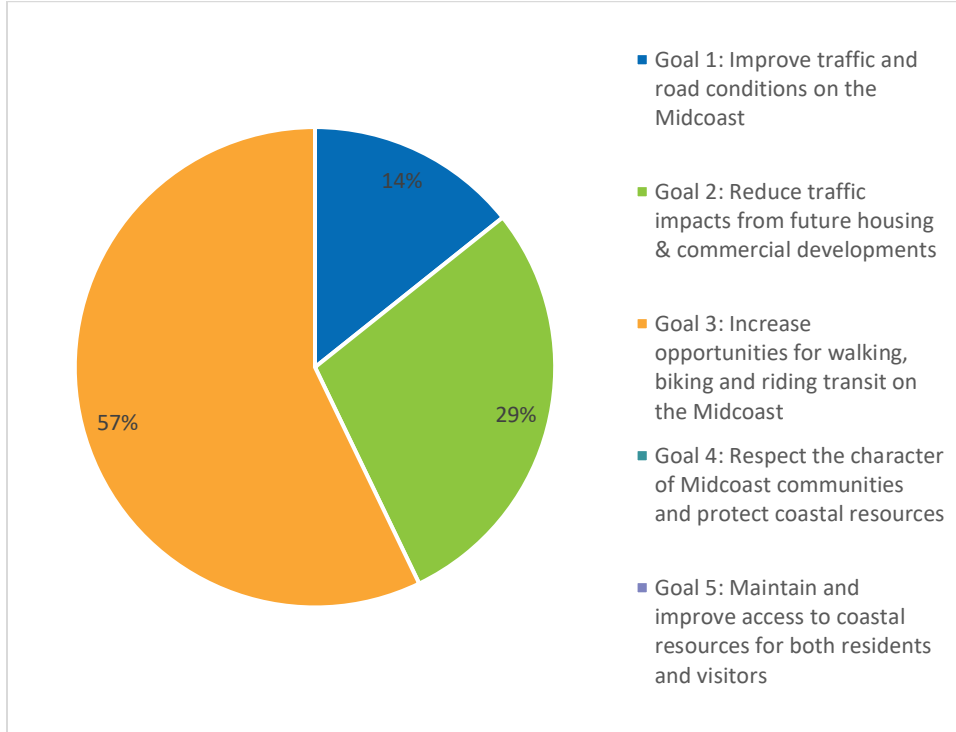
- Lived in El Granada & Moss Beach, participated in a road watch survey observing distracted drivers, and traffic observations
- Lives on the coast, does projects around transportation like surveys, interested in the behind the scenes work
- Lives on the coast, worked on road watch, learning more and about the behind the scenes
- Lives on coast, road watch, behind the scenes & how things like signs got placed where they are
- Lives in Moonridge and works in Princeton, involved with pilot project on ways to get around the Coastside, looking forward to learning about how to get around
- Going to school in Coast but doesn't live there, helped make the YLI survey, behind the scenes
- Lived on coast for most of life, road watch & the priorities of half moon bay, and behind the scenes

### When it comes to getting around on the Coast, what is working well? What is most challenging for you?

- Challenges:
  - Relying on other people for transit - Get parents to have the time to drive to a certain place
    - "Finding rides sometimes is harder"
  - Taking the bus is hard and aligning my schedule with the bus schedule to when my friends want to meet
  - Traffic
    - Traffic on Main street and getting into HMB from Moonridge
    - Traffic near Surfers beach is challenging, there is jaywalking which is dangerous and can lead to accident "my sister has been in an accident in Surfer's beach to due to the stop and go cars"
  - Lighting at night - it's very dim when crossing the street at night
  - Running/walking on Highway 1 is challenging, road conditions are poor, potholes +1
- Working well:
  - Walking +1
    - "Most of the places that I go to are close together in Half Moon Bay"

- Carpooling with friends +1
- The intersection before Hwy 92, no right turn on weekends, has been helpful with overflow traffic when heading east towards 92

**Focusing on the goals of the plan, which one is your highest priority?**



<b>Goal 1:</b> Improve traffic and road conditions on the Midcoast	1 participant	14%
<b>Goal 2:</b> Reduce traffic impacts from future housing & commercial developments	2 participants	29%
<b>Goal 3:</b> Increase opportunities for walking, biking and riding transit on the Midcoast	4 participants	57%
<b>Goal 4:</b> Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources	0 participants	0%
<b>Goal 5:</b> Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors	0 participants	0%

**Group Discussion Notes**

- 1. Which ideas from the plan are most important to help you get around more easily? Are there ideas you have that may not be in the plan?**
  - a. Biking & walking recommendations – doesn’t drive yet but walking and biking are an option.
  - b. Biking & walking. Making streets safer at night with lights and making it safer to walk day and night.
  - c. Driving - Jaywalking is a major factor and would like to have crosswalks or signal lights. Especially Montara & Moss Beach, which are dangerous areas to cross the highways.

- d. Public transit – main mode of transportation, and lots of people rely on public transit.
- e. Biking & walking – doesn't drive yet.
- f. Public transit – how he gets around and to school in usual times.
- g. Biking & walking – everyone's way of getting around town.

**2. What's your favorite place to go on the Coast and how do you get there? What ideas do you have to improve your transportation experience to get there?**

- a. The Princeton Beach and access to the coastal trail. Lives on the other side of Highway 1 in Moss Beach and has to drive to the beach & coastal trail because it is safer. Would like an easier way to cross Highway 1 and a sidewalk & bike lane on Highway 1 would make it easier to get there.
- b. The beach is most convenient and lives close, would not change anything. Walks or bikes to the beach. When tourist come parking could be improved.
- c. The beach. Poplar Beach (bus and walk) or the beach near Moon Ridge (walk). Might improve things to make the bus closer to a beach.
- d. Kelley Beach & walks there. It is a little dangerous, bike & ped lane is combined, but people park there so there is not much space to walk & bike. So more space to walk & bike along the road.
- e. Kelly Beach. Goes with a friend who lives close, there is a sidewalk, would not change.
- f. Coastal Trail. Hard to get there because has to go for a run along the highway to get there, would be better if there was an established walk/bike lane to make getting to the Coastal Trail easier.
- g. Poplar Beach. Skates there, mostly on the road, there are not many sidewalks. At the beach there is a sidewalk but it is narrow, and skaters/bikers/drivers all have to share the road and bump into each other.

**3. What is your vision for transportation on the coast?**

## What is your vision for transportation on the Coast?



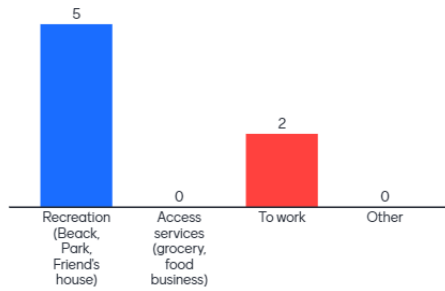


**Questions from the session:**

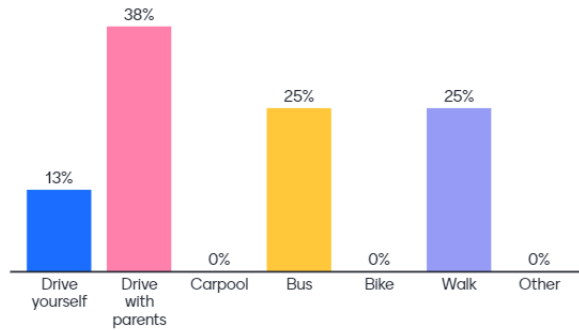
- When will the multimodal trail be finished?
- Is bicycle parking free?
- Who decides where the parking goes? Can the community make recommendations?

**Poll Results:**

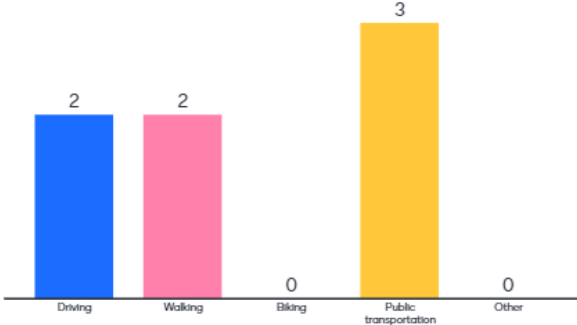
Other than school, what's the most frequent trip you take?



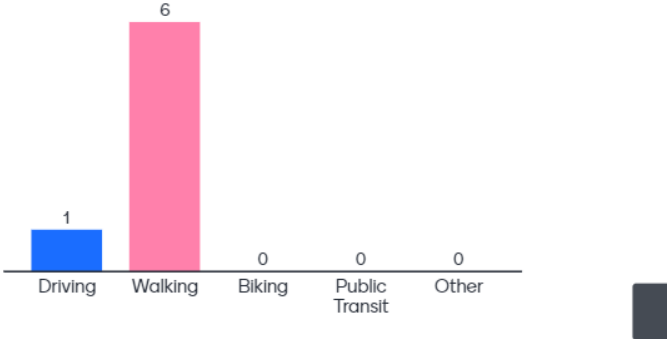
In usual times, how do you get to school?



Which mode do you most want to see improved?



Which mode do you most use to get to access the beaches?



## Appendix 7 - Summary of Comments on Connect the Coastside & Proposed Changes

The project team developed this summary by reviewing all comments received and assigning a primary category and subcategory to each comment. This section is organized by category and subcategory. Each subcategory is organized into the summary of comments (“What We Heard”) and proposed changes to the Draft Connect the Coastside Plan (“Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside”). Some comments were relevant to multiple categories and/or modes of travel and are therefore noted multiple times. The main categories are

- Active Transportation (Walking and Bicycling),
- Driving,
- Transit,
- Land Use,
- Planning Process,
- Data,
- Overarching Concerns or Considerations, and
- Errors and Clarifications.

### Active Transportation (Walking and Bicycling)

Many commenters stated that it can be difficult to walk and bike around the Midcoast and to Half Moon Bay, and most support improvements that will make it easier and safer to walk and bike. Commenters mentioned that walking and biking improvements would give people an alternative to driving to shop at stores, see friends and family, and visit beaches and trails.

#### Pedestrian Crossings

##### *What We Heard*

A large number of commenters mentioned that Highway 1 is difficult and unsafe to cross on foot or on bike in many locations along the Midcoast, and that they would like to a solution to this problem. A few commenters stated the need to cross Highway 92 near businesses and to connect future planned trails. Commenters supported a variety of solutions to make it easier and safer to get across highways, including implementing:

- Additional marked crosswalks with pedestrian activated beacons/lights
- Traffic signals with marked crosswalks
- Medians or median islands with marked crosswalks, so pedestrians can cross one direction of traffic at a time
- Roundabouts with crosswalks
- Lower speed limits and slowing car speeds
- Pedestrian underpasses
- Pedestrian overpasses or bridges

The greatest amount of support was for crossings with pedestrian activated beacons/lights.

While many commenters supported the idea of adding new crossings along Highway 1, not all supported the idea. Some were concerned that more Highway 1 crossings would slow down traffic, and that pedestrians would not use the crossings and would instead cross Highway 1 wherever convenient.

Commenters also mentioned several intersections outside of Highway 1 where crosswalks would make it easier and safer to walk around Midcoast neighborhoods. Commenters mentioned locations where they would like to see pedestrian crossings added or improved:

- Highway 1 at Gray Whale Cove
- Highway 1 & 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Montara
- Highway 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Montara
- Highway 1 & Carlos/16<sup>th</sup> Street
- Highway 1 & Wienke Way/California Avenue in Moss Beach
- Highway 1 & Virginia Avenue in Moss Beach
- Capistrano Road & Prospect Way in Princeton
- Every intersection in Princeton Harbor and along Princeton Avenue
- Highway 1 in El Granada by Surfer's Beach
- Highway 1 & Coronado Street in El Granada
- Highway 1 and between Miramar Road and Medio Road in Miramar
- Highway 92 near busy commercial areas with attractions on both sides

#### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Marked pedestrian crossings may or may not have an impact on traffic flow. The impact on delay will depend on overall pedestrian volumes and demand for crossings, the design of the marked crossings and what type of signal, beacon, or other features are in place, and how other projects and programs support shifting trips from vehicles to other modes. Connect the Coastside recommends adding marked pedestrian crossings due to safety concerns and stakeholder support.

The draft Connect the Coastside Plan (Plan) currently recommends marked pedestrian crossings with a beacon, or in conjunction with proposed intersection control, at nearly all of the locations listed above. The project team will update the Plan and relevant maps to address:

- Highway 1 and Virginia Avenue, where there is an existing marked crosswalk with signage but no flashing beacon.
- Crossing locations in Princeton Harbor and along Princeton Avenue based on Plan Princeton.
- Capistrano Road and Prospect Way based on Plan Princeton and the Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan.
- Highway 92 crossings (specific locations).
- Other locations as applicable based on Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan and 2020 State Highway and Protection Program projects.

The Plan does not recommend underpasses or overpasses due to the high costs for construction and maintenance costs, and right-of-way needed to make them ADA accessible (see #12 in [Response to Inquiries](#)). Previously, there was an above-grade crossing of Highway 1 in Moss Beach near the northern terminus of Carlos Street and the project team will evaluate whether this is a viable project to include in the Plan.

The project team will expand on future steps needed to develop specific crossing designs for each location to be more consistent with the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study, including seeking opportunities for additional pedestrian crossing infrastructure (such as median islands) when feasible, describing the roles of Caltrans, County Department of Public Works, County Planning and Building Department, and California Coastal Commission, as well as the proposed public process for developing detailed designs for implementation.

## Walkways

### *What We Heard*

A number of commenters requested improvements that make it easier and safer to walk around Midcoast neighborhoods. Commenters mentioned several challenges that make it difficult to walk around the Midcoast including:

- Roads that don't have a safe space for people to walk along.
- Speeding cars.
- Dark streets at night.
- Many existing sidewalks are discontinuous and not well connected.
- Uneven surfaces on roads and trails are difficult for older adults.
- Overgrown vegetation makes it difficult to walk along Highway 1 and some sidewalks.

Most commenters mentioned improvements that would provide more safe space for people to walk along neighborhood roads. Some commenters requested more sidewalks; however, several preferred pathways instead of sidewalks to preserve the rural character of the Midcoast. There was a request for traffic calming measures to make it safer to walk along the street, but others did not want digital feedback signs and requested a limited number of speed bumps to preserve the rural nature of the Midcoast.

Commenters suggested walkway improvements including:

- Highway 1 between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets in Montara: add a sidewalk in front of the Highway-fronting businesses.
- West side of Highway 1 in Montara: clear the vegetation to allow room to walk along the paved shoulders.
- Highway 1 from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Montara and Moss Beach: requests for near-term and long-term solutions to make it easier and safer for people to walk.
- Carlos Street in Moss Beach: support for pedestrian improvements like the parallel trail.
- Cypress Avenue to California Avenue along the west side of Highway 1: add a pathway or sidewalk next to the businesses, paint side street crosswalks.
- Airport Street: add a dedicated pedestrian trail or sidewalk.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Unpaved pathways do not always provide a smooth, even, and accessible surface necessary for those in wheelchairs, using strollers, or that have sight impairment. Unpaved paths can also be more challenging to maintain especially in inclement weather. Due to the lack of separation from the roadway, drivers often park on unpaved paths blocking pedestrian access. Unpaved paths will be recommended as short-term solutions and the plan will describe the need for brush clearance and maintenance.

Connect the Coastside will recommend sidewalks in higher traffic pedestrian areas, including along routes to school (such as to Farallone View Elementary School) and in business districts, and will specify the need for a community-engagement process at the time of specific project development. The project team will ensure the next draft plan is consistent with concurrent planning processes (e.g., Plan Princeton) and the maps on the Connect the Coastside factsheets. In addition to those, the project team will add recommendations for:

- Sidewalk on eastside of Highway 1 from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Montara.
- Paved trail on eastside of Highway 1 from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street (Montara-Moss Beach).
- Sidewalk on westside of Highway 1 from California Avenue to Cypress Avenue.
- Regular clearance of vegetation along Highway 1 to make more room for people walking.
- Marked pedestrian crossings of stop-controlled side streets intersecting with SR-1.
- Pedestrian accommodation on Airport Street.

## Safe Routes to School

### *What We Heard*

Commenters supported the idea of providing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and making it safer for families and kids to walk and bike, and several specifically mentioned supporting SRTS improvements to Farallone View Elementary School. Commenters highlighted the importance of the Multimodal Parallel Trail to SRTS, which will allow Midcoast students to walk and bike to school in Half Moon Bay, El Granada and Montara.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will add section(s) on Safe Routes to School, including background on the San Mateo County Office of Education's programs, show existing and proposed routes to school on Plan maps, and note which projects (such as stop signs and sidewalks on routes to school and improved transit) support walking and bicycling to school.

## Bikeways & Bike Parking

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters supported the idea of adding bike lanes and/or bike paths to make bicycling in the Midcoast easier and safer. Commenters mentioned several obstacles to biking including:

- Few bike lanes on the coast, and existing bike lanes are not well connected.
- Lack of lighting makes it difficult to bike at night (and some people need to bike at night).
- Lack of signage and markings for bike routes and lanes.
- Lack of bike parking.
- Some roadways with poor or rough conditions make it less safe for bicycling.

Generally, commenters stated a desire for more bicycle facilities, such as bike lanes and paths on the Midcoast and some requested bike amenities like lighting and signage. One commenter suggested more incentives to encourage people to bike instead of drive, which could help reduce daily commute traffic. Some suggested adding more bike parking and mentioned Princeton and Pillar Point. A few commenters stated that a bike lane on Highway 1 was not necessary if the shoulders were wide enough to accommodate bicyclists. One commenter suggested that adding bike lanes is not a traffic reduction

strategy, and specifically, adding them to Highway 92 might not attract many cyclists due to the steep terrain.

Specific locations commenters mentioned in need of bike lanes or paths included:

- Airport Street in Princeton
- Montara north to Pacifica
- Highway 1 at Surfer's Beach in El Granada
- Highway 1 throughout the Midcoast

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

The project team will reference sections of the Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to ensure consistency for bikeway recommendations. Connect the Coastsides (CTC), the draft ATP, and Plan Princeton all recommend a bikeway along Airport Street: the exact configuration will depend on a future community engagement effort, and design and environmental constraints. The project team will add language to CTC in Chapter 6 (implementation) describing necessary future community-based planning processes. CTC and the ATP both recommend Class II Bike Lanes on Highway 1 from Montara north to Tom Lantos Tunnel and in the area near Surfer's Beach in El Granada. In addition, the Parallel Trail (Class I Path) is recommended from Miramar to Montara.

Highway 92 is an important potential recreational route for bicyclists and its current configuration and lack of bicycle-related improvements poses a hazard to cyclists. Connect the Coastsides will recommend widened shoulders along Highway 92 to make it safer for cycling and to provide more room for vehicles to maneuver in the event of an emergency.

The project team will add bicycle parking locations, including at Pillar Point and Princeton to the map of proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and reference the ATP and its design guidelines. The project team will expand on Local Coastal Program Policy 2.52 and add a section on transportation demand management to describe existing San Mateo County programs and future opportunities, including incentives for bicycling.

## Trails (Parallel & Coastal Trails)

### *What We Heard*

Creating a continuous and easily accessible trail systems along the coast was mentioned in many comments. Commenters stated support and excitement for a parallel trail that connects the Midcoast communities and were interested in seeing improvements that complete the Coastal Trail in the Midcoast. Additionally, several commenters requested extending the trail system to the Tom Lantos tunnel and that the Green Valley Trail be added to the Plan.

Several commenters were concerned that putting bicyclists and pedestrians on the same trail could create problems and wanted to see some separation of these two modes. Commenters also highlighted that large gravel on trails can make them difficult to use and some requested wide trails. Another suggestion proposed adding signage to trails to educate people about erosion and wildlife.

A couple of commenters were concerned about how to fit the Parallel Trail along the commercial section of Carlos Street, and asked for careful consideration of this section with regards to the car traffic and the intersecting streets. Commenters also stated that providing safe street crossings along the

Parallel Trail would be important. Several commenters said that the Montara to Moss Beach Parallel Trail section is important to complete as soon as possible.

One theme was the need to create better connections to and between the existing segments of the Coastal Trail. One suggestion was to create one-way streets along the Coastal Trail route to protect pedestrians and bicyclists on the Coastal Trail. Another comment was concerned about the challenge of routing the Coastal Trail along Capistrano Road because of the limited space.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Although open space trails, such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail or more isolated segments of the Coastal Trail are unlikely to contribute to significant traffic reduction or circulation improvements, the project team will update the existing and planned trails descriptions in Connect the Coastside and add these to Plan maps. Implementation of recreational trails is led by the San Mateo County Parks Department and other partners.

Connect the Coastside's proposed paths and trails largely follow roads that have limited right-of-way available; therefore, they will need to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists. Pedestrians and bicyclists in most cases are allowed to use the road itself to travel; cyclists who are trying to travel at faster speeds will likely use the roadway over a path shared with slower pedestrians. The Multimodal Parallel Trail is an important project to stakeholders and has the potential to reduce the number for vehicle trips. Connect the Coastside will include a recommended alignment of the Parallel Trail with any necessary roadway reconfigurations noted; however, the exact design of trails and paths (including the Parallel Trail) will happen during future project design and implementation with community input. For the Plan's recommendation on Carlos Street's reconfiguration, please see the Roadway Design section. The project team will add language to the Plan referencing minimum trail design standards and community desire for wide trails with smoother surfaces.

The project team will add to wayfinding signage discussion and highlight trail wayfinding and opportunities for interpretive signage.

Connect the Coastside does not recommend one-way streets due to limited access from neighborhoods to Highway 1. [Case studies](#) have shown that speeds are higher on one-way streets and one-way street patterns can increase vehicle-miles traveled.

## Driving

### Traffic

#### *What We Heard*

Many commenters stressed traffic concerns about getting around the Midcoast on Highway 1 and Highway 92, and especially the weekend traffic. Commenters said that traffic can prevent residents from doing basic activities like going to the store or visiting a friend on the weekend. Commenters expressed concern about having a personal medical emergency or a community-wide emergency that requires a large-scale evacuation during a peak traffic period. Many commenters attributed the increase in traffic to people visiting the coast from other locations and said that visitor traffic had increased for all days of the week during COVID-19. Commenters were also concerned that potential and approved new development projects, such as Cypress Point and Big Wave, will increase the traffic on Highway 1 and along neighborhood side streets.



Stakeholders wanted to better understand how Connect the Coastside will improve traffic and asked to see more projects that will specifically reduce car traffic. While commenters stated that most of the walking, bicycling, and transit projects are helpful, many don't think these projects can solve the traffic issue alone. Commenters stated concerns that additional highway crossings would slow traffic and had questions about how to accommodate both pedestrians and car traffic.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will look for opportunities to better explain existing and projected future transportation conditions and better characterize what is contributing to both in the Midcoast. The project team will also include a diagram in the plan to clarify the regional travel demand model and software used to assess conditions.

Existing traffic conditions are challenging due to both local (within the project study area) and regional (those outside of the study area) trips taken by car. There are existing (Tables 7 and 8) and projected (Tables 15 and 16) traffic congestion issues at intersections that result in delay. Table 25 (on p.79) of the Plan shows the projected number of total local and through trips: the percentage of local traffic attributable to *new* development at certain locations is projected to be 18-20% of the total number of projected trips.

In earlier draft reports for Connect the Coastside, the project team proposed roadway widening and additional travel lanes to improve traffic flow; however, this was not supported by the community and would be challenging to implement due to environmental constraints (as described in [#16 Response to Inquiries](#)). Therefore, the Plan focuses on reducing the overall demand for vehicle trips in the Midcoast. Reducing vehicle trips requires that people who would normally drive for a trip to switch to another mode, and keeping those who already walk, bike, or take transit to continue doing so. Therefore, the Plan includes proposal that would:

- Improve walking and bicycling infrastructure to make it easier to shift away from vehicles, especially for short trips (typically less than 3 miles).
- Increase opportunities for visitors to take transit to/from the Midcoast and while on the Midcoast.
- Reduce the potential demand for future travel by limiting local development through lot retirement and lot merger programs.
- Improve traffic flow and predictability through intersection improvements.

## Roadway Design

### *What We Heard*

There were a number of comments on roadway design, mostly about specific locations. General comments included support for safer driving infrastructure and a desire to see roadway projects that respect and maintain the rural character of the Midcoast. Specific locations where commenters provided input on roadway design included:

- Highway 1 in Montara: Include a project to convert the highway bidirectional center turn lane into dedicated left turn lane into 8<sup>th</sup> Street and dedicated left turn acceleration lane out of 8<sup>th</sup> Street as proposed in 2012 Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study.

- Main Street: Extend Main Street in Montara to connect with Carlos Street in Moss Beach with a bridge over the creek.
- Carlos and 16th Street: Several commenters objected to closing off access to Carlos Street to and from Highway 1, but some commenters were supportive of connecting Carlos Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. One commenter noted that the Montara Water and Sanitary District recently replaced a sewer main in this location, so the costs of extending Carlos Street might need to include the relocation of the sewer main depending on the alignment of the extension.
- Carlos Street (commercial section): Several commenters do not want Carlos Street to become a one-way street in this section and objected to speed humps and digital feedback signs.
- Highway 1 in Moss Beach: One commenter suggested using a more rural edge treatment in this area instead of curb and gutters, and specifically to use tactile edge striping and colored bike lanes and medians to create a consistent cross section (as suggested in the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study). Another suggestion for this area was to close or minimize the unrestricted direct highway access between Vermont Ave and Lancaster Blvd in the west-side commercial district.
- Moss Beach and Seal Cove, west of Highway 1: A couple of commenters suggested turning the streets leading to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and the Moss Beach Distillery (Cypress Avenue, California Avenue, Virginia Avenue and Vermont Avenue) into one-way streets that allow for parking on one side and safe space for walking and biking on the other.
- Cypress Avenue in Moss Beach: One suggestion was to consider allowing only right turns onto Highway 1 and prohibiting left turns to help traffic flow. One suggested adding speed humps.
- Big Wave: One suggestion was to direct Big Wave traffic through Princeton to get to Highway 1 instead of Cypress Avenue.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

Connect the Coastsides presents conceptual project and roadway designs to address existing and projected future traffic and safety concerns. Detailed roadway design will be determined as part of future community processes for project implementation. The project team will:

- Ensure consistency with recommendations from the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility study regarding edge treatments on Highway 1 in Moss Beach and converting the center-turn lane at Highway 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Montara into a left turn lane into 8<sup>th</sup> Street and acceleration lane out of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Recommend a path with a guard rail separating the path from traffic along Highway 1 on the east side from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street as an interim solution towards implementing the Parallel Trail here.
- Continue to recommend that Carlos Street be realigned to connect to 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Suggest traffic calming on Carlos Street but remove the specific recommendation for speed humps and digital feedback signs; remove the recommendations for re-routing the bus and for a bus stop at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Carlos Street, and recommend reconfiguring the street to ensure consistent circulation patterns and to fit the Parallel Trail in the constrained corridor.

The intersection of Cypress Avenue and Highway 1 meets warrants for intersection control, which are important to improve safety. This is discussed further in the “Intersection Control” section.

As described above, Connect the Coastside does not recommend one-way streets generally due to limited access from neighborhoods to Highway 1.

## Roadway Widening

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters suggested adding lanes to Highways 1 and 92 to help alleviate traffic congestion, especially on the weekends. Others requested the Plan retain recommendations to not to widen any roadways and questioned whether Connect the Coastside's proposed Highway 92 widening to accommodate bicyclists and provide a passing lane near the quarry would be feasible due to environmental and right-of-way constraints. Stakeholders suggested the project team research these constraints and future operations of the quarry to confirm whether this recommendation is appropriate.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Early drafts of Connect the Coastside recommended widening Highway 1 in certain locations. These were not supported by the community and would be limited due to environmental constraints (see [Response to Inquiries #16](#)). The passing lanes on Highway 92 near the quarry were initially recommended in the Plan due to the slow speeds of trucks entering the highway. The project team has researched the future operations of the quarry and environmental constraints and recommends removing the passing lanes from Connect the Coastside. The Plan will recommend widening Highway 92 shoulders where feasible to better accommodate bicyclists and allow for passing room in the event of an emergency, as well as left-turn/acceleration lanes at entrances to certain businesses on Highway 92.

## Lighting

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters stated the need for roadway lighting to improve the safety especially for those walking and bicycling in the evening along Highway 1, Airport Street, and at highway intersections. However, commenters also addressed the need to minimize light pollution and keeping dark skies to maintain the Coastside character.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will add more contextual information about roadway and pedestrian-scale lighting as part of Chapter 6 Implementation, including reference to dark skies. The project team will add information about lighting districts and necessary coordination with Caltrans for any new Highway 1 lighting. The San Mateo County Department of Public Works oversees several [lighting districts](#) on the Midcoast. Lighting districts are considered a County-governed special district, governed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and operated by the County; more on these special districts, including when they were established is on the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) [website](#). There is an established petition process for requests of additional lighting where there is already a lighting district in place, including an assessment by the Department of Public Works.

## Parking

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters shared concerns about existing parking conditions, including:

- Increased pedestrian crossings of Highway 1 at random locations as people park along the highway and cross to the ocean.
- Drivers circling and weaving in neighborhoods looking for parking.
- Additional traffic congestion along Highway 1 as people look for parking.
- Many informal parking lots, causing increases in neighborhood traffic and litter.

Commenters were divided on whether adding new parking or formalizing existing parking would be beneficial. Some commenters said that providing parking for visitors would increase the numbers of visitors, leading to more traffic congestion and concerns. Others requested formal parking to serve visitors to reduce neighborhood impacts, including at:

- Miramar to serve the Magellan Trailhead and beach, as Magellan Avenue and Mirada Road experience significant parking and traffic congestion.
- El Granada near Surfer's Beach and Sam's Chowder House paired with pedestrian crossing(s) to reduce the number of people parking alongside Highway 1. Some also suggested making parking illegal along Highway 1 on this stretch if a parking lot was provided.
- Near access points to Quarry Park.

Several commenters supported the addition of "park and ride" lots to make taking the bus easier for those who live further away from bus stops. Others were against adding park and ride lots, especially in Moss Beach at Highway 1 and Etheldore south. At this location, stakeholders were concerned about additional pavement and its associated impacts on water quality and wildlife habitat and questioned whether parking would actually be used since it is about 1 mile away from downtown Moss Beach. A stakeholder commented that pervious surfaces should be used if new parking lots are constructed.

Several commenters suggested using existing private parking lots for others when not in use by the owners. For example, the parking at El Granada Elementary School for weekend visitors and Harbor District parking for the public outside of crab and salmon season.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The Local Coastal Program recommends formalized parking with clear signage for visitors and park and ride users. The Local Coastal Program includes several policies related to parking, including:

- 2.52(b) to provide public access parking that is not time restricted and signage indicating parking is available.
- 2.54 to encourage the use of transit by developing a park and ride facility near the intersection of Highways 1 and 92.
- 10.22(c) details specific criteria when developing or relocating new off-street parking facilities for shoreline access areas, such as preference for sites that are currently used for informal shoreline access parking.
- Table 10.6 which includes site specific recommendations for shoreline destinations, which specifies developing or expanding parking at locations including Montara State Beach, Point

Montara, at Vallemar Street and Juliana Avenue, Pillar Point Harbor, Princeton Beaches, and others.

The project team will remove the recommendation for the park and ride lot in Moss Beach at Highway 1 and Etheldore (south) and re-evaluate the viability and necessity of the other suggested parking locations currently in the draft Plan based on the above LCP policies, the [2015 Coastside Access Study](#), and parking inventory completed as part of Connect the Coastside. The project team will also look for opportunities for shared parking lots as a potential strategy to address park and ride and visitor parking needs. The project team will add an implementation action in Chapter 6 to seek funding for a community-based planning process to evaluate parking needs, potential locations, and to coordinate with SamTrans service if parking is intended for park and ride users. The project team will endeavor to collaborate with SamTrans to coordinate this effort with an exploration of the potential to increase commuter and visitor-serving transit service to and from the Midcoast. The project team will also add a recommendation to use green infrastructure as part of any proposed park and ride lot (see the County of San Mateo [Green Infrastructure Plan](#)), including potential retrofits of existing parking lots.

## Signage

### *What We Heard*

A few people commented on the benefits of proposed wayfinding signage to help residents and visitors alike, and suggested pointing out parking, trails, turnarounds, and painting the pavement with directional arrows. Another comment suggested working with technology companies like Waze to help with wayfinding in their applications.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Connect the Coastside will continue to recommend wayfinding signage and include more information on potential locations and types of signage to inform a future wayfinding design and assessment. The project team will include a section on programmatic and transportation demand management strategies, which will include opportunities to use technology to address transportation needs.

## Intersection Control (Signals, Roundabouts, Turns, Stop Signs)

### *What We Heard*

Many comments addressed the proposed locations and types of intersection improvements in the Plan and stated different opinions on when and what should be implemented (if anything), and the benefits and drawbacks of different options.

Many comments on the need for intersection improvements shared a concern about safety, including:

- Safety for people walking and bicycling to cross the highway.
- High speed turns and long wait times to get on and off Highway 1 from side streets.
- Students walking and bicycling to school at intersections without stop signs.

Specific locations that were mentioned included:

- Intersections of Le Conte Avenue, Farallone Avenue, and East Avenue at Fifth Street
- Highway 1 & 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Carlos Street
- Highway 1 & Vallemar Street

- Highway 1 & California Avenue
- Highway 1 & Cypress Avenue
- Intersections near Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
- Airport Street near Pillar Ridge
- Highway 1 & the airport
- El Granada & Obispo Road
- Highway 1 & northern end of El Granada to enter Princeton
- Highway 1 & Frenchmans Creek Road (Half Moon Bay)
- Highway 92 & Crystal Springs

Some stakeholders shared their concerns and preference of one solution over another, especially with regard to roundabouts and traffic signals. Many commenters said that traffic signals would cause additional gridlock, traffic congestion, and increased traffic on neighborhood streets (the “Waze effect”) and cited poor signal timing as a potential contributor. Others felt roundabouts would create more impacts by requiring drivers to slow down during times of low traffic congestion, and that roundabouts might make it harder to get onto the highway during heavy traffic times because of fewer breaks in Highway 1 traffic. Some said they preferred roundabouts over traffic signals but were concerned about feasibility due to their high costs and preferred the shortest-term solution even if that meant a traffic signal. Others questioned whether intersection controls were needed at all to address concerns and requested acceleration lanes as a solution. Some commented that they felt roundabouts better fit Midcoast character compared to traffic signals.

#### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team recognizes many stakeholders’ desire for roundabouts and the potential benefits of roundabouts, including reduction in certain types and severity of crashes, improved traffic flow, reduced long-term operational costs, safe pedestrian crossings, and a solution more congruent with Midcoast character than traffic signals. There are also potential tradeoffs in implementing roundabouts due to topography, environmental constraints, necessary right-of-way costs, and higher overall project costs.

Connect the Coastside is a long-range transportation plan intended to meet Midcoast stakeholders’ long-term vision and meet both existing and projected future transportation needs. The project team has received feedback from stakeholders that it is critical to provide short-term solutions to meet today’s needs, in addition to visionary projects. The analysis in Connect the Coastside is a first step to inform solutions. The preliminary analysis in the Plan (see Signal Warrant Analysis in the Plan’s Appendix C) found that the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Highway 1 meets a peak hour signal warrant under *existing* conditions, whereas California Avenue and Highway 1 is projected to meet a peak hour signal warrant in the *future*. In order to implement any type of intersection control (signal, roundabout, stop sign) on Caltrans’ right-of-way, a project sponsor will have to complete an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) to fully understand the tradeoffs among the options. Signals may need to be installed given the *current* conditions and needs at intersections along Highway 1, pending the outcomes of ICEs and development projects that trigger that specific need. However, installation of a traffic signal does not and will not preclude the County and its partners from continuing to evaluate roundabouts as an intervention, especially for the long-term vision of the Coastside.

## Speed (Traffic Calming)

### *What We Heard*

There were many comments about speeding drivers creating unsafe travel conditions, especially for those walking and bicycling. Commenters reported speeding on Highway 1 in Moss Beach and Montara, Cypress Avenue, Airport Street, Carlos Street, and Obispo Road. Several commenters stated that there has been an increase in unsafe driving and speeding during periods of shelter-in-place when there are fewer cars on the road.

Suggestions to address speeding included:

- Lowering the speed limit on Highway 1, specifically near downtown Montara and Moss Beach.
- Speed humps or other traffic calming measures on Cypress Avenue, Airport Street, and Obispo Road.
- Additional traffic enforcement and more signage to alert drivers to slow down.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The California Vehicle Code (Division 11, Chapter 7) dictates speed laws in California. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) can lower the speed limit on highways under certain conditions. Connect the Coastside will include a recommendation that Caltrans engage in the appropriate studies to determine whether the speed limit on Highway 1 can be lowered, especially near downtown Montara and Moss Beach.

Connect the Coastside includes recommendations to improve walking and bicycling on Cypress Avenue, Airport Street, and Obispo Road; these recommendations can also help reduce speeding. The San Mateo County Department of Public Works has a [residential speed control program](#), which aims to curb excessive speeding in residential neighborhoods on County-maintained roadways. The project team will include a link to this program in the Plan and describe how residents can participate. The project team will also include descriptions of programs that can reduce speeding, such as traffic enforcement and safe driving campaigns. The Roadway Design section above also describes recommendations to address unsafe speeds.

## Transit

Commenters highlighted the importance of transit to get around and to and from the Midcoast, especially for students, those who do not own automobiles, and older adults. The comments contained many suggestions for how to make transit better and a more viable option for those who don't currently use it.

## Bus Stops

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters stated a need for improved amenities at bus stops, including shelters, benches, signs, trash cans, lighting, and more information in Spanish. Many requested benches and shelters that are unique to the Midcoast's character, specifically in Montara at Main Street near Highway 1, Pillar Ridge Manufactured Home Park, and at Moon Ridge Apartments (south of Half Moon Bay). A few people suggested additional bus stops on Highway 92, in Linda Mar (Pacifica), and at Poplar Beach (Half Moon Bay).

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

The project team will update the transit service section to match updated routes and timetable schedules. The next draft Plan will include a discussion about the importance of well-designed bus stop amenities and accommodating disabled people. The project team will share comments about Half Moon Bay and Pacifica with respective jurisdiction staff.

## Bus Route & Frequency

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters stated the need for more frequent buses and additional connections to destinations. Suggestions included:

- A local shuttle that goes up and down the coast to destinations (like beaches) so people can park once and take a shuttle throughout the Midcoast.
- Express bus service from the Midcoast to the Daly City or Colma BART stations and Caltrain in San Mateo.
- More frequent bus service that runs at least every 20 minutes along the Midcoast, especially from Montara to Half Moon Bay.
- More reliable bus service, especially for students traveling to Half Moon Bay or to schools on the bayside.
- More evening and weekend bus service.
- Return of route 294 which ran from the Midcoast to San Mateo.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

The project team will add the suggestions above to Connect the Coastsides and will remove the recommendation to re-route SamTrans buses on Carlos Street and the added stop at 16<sup>th</sup> St.

## School Buses

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters cited the importance of transit for students, as school traffic was mentioned as a contributor to traffic congestion. Commenters stated that many students rely on SamTrans to get to school. Several highlighted the need to reinstate funding for school buses, providing additional SamTrans bus service during school hours, and ensuring bus service is safe for students.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

The project team will work with the San Mateo County Office of Education to clarify costs associated with providing school buses and add recommendations for SamTrans to increase frequent bus service during school hours.



## Land Use

### Policies (Lot Merger, Lot Retirement, other)

#### *What We Heard*

Those who commented on land use were supportive of policies that limit development in the Midcoast. Some questioned why the lot merger program had not already been implemented, asked how the Witt and Abernathy court decisions affected the program, and asked for a cost assessment for implementation. Other suggestions included:

- Request for more detail on the lot merger and lot retirement policies, including expanding lot retirement beyond subdivisions, tying lot retirement to commercial development, requiring that lot retirement and the new subdivision occur within the same Midcoast community, implementing the lot retirement and merger programs at the same time, and making the lot retirement and merger programs mandatory.
- New policies such as using mitigation fees to buy development rights on unbuilt residential parcels, a conservation lot purchase program, and avoiding development in environmentally sensitive areas.

#### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The draft Plan identifies the implementation of a lot merger program as a priority action to be completed soon after the adoption of Connect the Coastside, and this recommendation will be retained in the next update. The project team will update the Plan to provide more detailed information on the proposed lot merger and lot retirement programs. The project team will also update the Plan to recommend that the voluntary period for the lot merger program be shortened to one (1) year. No other changes to the lot merger and lot retirement programs and no new land use policies are being considered for the next update of the plan.

## Development

#### *What We Heard*

Many commented about the connection between proposed new development on the Midcoast (such as the potential Cypress Point project in Moss Beach) and recommendations in Connect the Coastside. Commenters described concerns about recommendations in the plan being driven by new development and overall density changes. A few commenters highlighted the importance of developing affordable housing on the Midcoast.

#### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Connect the Coastside is a long-range transportation plan intended to address traffic from future development generally and provide a wider range of mobility options, and is not tied to specific development projects. Proposed new development may be required to conduct project transportation analysis based on the County's Traffic Impact Analysis guidelines and may propose or be required to implement mitigations for impacts; those mitigations could help implement Connect the Coastside but do not necessarily have to align. The project team will include more information about the development process as part of the background in the Plan. Connect the Coastside's constrained non-residential and residential development forecasts take into account the projects that were under review from 2013 to 2015.

## Planning Process

Many commenters asked clarifying questions about the planning process for Connect the Coastside, including requests for more background on the Plan's development, community engagement, phasing infrastructure projects, cost estimates, funding strategies, and implementation.

## Plan Development

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters questioned whether the Plan meets the requirements of the Local Coastal Program Policy 2.53 and commented that the Plan needs additional policy recommendations beyond what is currently included to comply. Others requested clarity on the Plan's development process and scope of the Plan. Another suggestion was to include a commitment to review and update the plan every 5 years.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The next draft will include an infographic with a timeline and the various products developed as part of this planning effort.

The project team will expand the discussion in Section 1.3 about the Local Coastal Program (LCP), policies relevant to Connect the Coastside, including Policy 2.53:

*Develop a comprehensive transportation management plan to address the cumulative traffic impacts of residential development, including single-family, two-family, multi-family, and second dwelling units, on roads and highways in the entire Midcoast, including the City of Half Moon Bay. The plan shall be based on the results of an analysis that identifies the total cumulative traffic impact of projected new development at LCP buildout and shall propose specific LCP policies designed to offset the demand for all new vehicle trips generated by new residential development on Highway 1, Highway 92, and relevant local streets, during commuter peak periods and peak recreation periods; and policies for new residential development to mitigate for residential development's significant adverse cumulative impacts on public access to the beaches of the Midcoast region of San Mateo County. The plan shall thoroughly evaluate the feasibility of developing an in-lieu fee traffic mitigation program, the expansion of public transit, including buses and shuttles, and development of a mandatory lot merger program.*

The project team will also update Chapter 6 - Plan Implementation to include a discussion on the potential for future amendments of the Local Coastal Program based on Connect the Coastside's recommended projects and programs. Connect the Coastside will provide direction for amending the LCP in the future, but it will not recommend specific LCP policies, as any amendments to the LCP will require a separate process. The project team will include a recommendation in the Plan to report to the Midcoast Community Council and Board of Supervisors every 5 years on plan implementation and make adjustments as directed.

## Community Engagement

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters stated concern about the County's decision to continue Connect the Coastside planning and engagement work due to COVID-19, citing concerns about the lack of in-person engagement. Some appreciated the May and June virtual meetings and their structure, stating that breakout sessions worked well to provide feedback, whereas others would have preferred a large group

discussion. Several commenters noted that the conversations were not as rich or as in-depth as they could have been because breakout room facilitators and notetakers did not have content expertise. Commenters suggested:

- Future meetings with public comment period and large group discussions that allows for back and forth conversations with staff and other stakeholders.
- Joint community engagement sessions with other agencies, such as sanitation, so stakeholders gain a deeper understanding of agency roles, responsibilities, and have to attend fewer meetings.
- Including a timeline of previous community engagement efforts in the Plan with a description of outcomes and decisions from those efforts.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will add a section to the Plan that describes the community engagement process to develop Connect the Coastside with a timeline, including recommendations for future project-level implementation engagement. The next phase of outreach for the Plan includes workshops with the Midcoast Community Council and Planning Commission, where the public will be able to provide comment in a large-group forum.

## Phasing

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters identified the need to include more specific timelines and a phased implementation approach to infrastructure projects in the Plan; some said they do not want to wait 20 years to see important safety improvements come to fruition. Several commenters highlighted the need to be opportunistic in the Plan's implementation approach, taking into account new development and grant opportunities. Suggestions included:

- Prioritize implementation of land use policies and programs.
- Include a timeline for implementation that shows which projects can be completed in the short, medium, and long-term.
- Identify interim solutions for long-term infrastructure projects.
- Prioritize projects based on ease of implementation so improvements can happen sooner rather than later.
- Include metrics to evaluate how well a project is meeting its intended objectives and mechanisms to halt or reverse choices as needed.
- Highlight the next steps needed to implement the Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee and clarify the requirement for a nexus study.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Chapter 6 of Connect the Coastside includes a list of Project Implementation Priorities (Table 29) that identifies the likely short, medium, and long-term projects. This list will be updated based on the changes to the overall proposed project list, estimated ease of project implementation, and community priorities. The project team will add discussion about a phased implementation approach, including potential short-term interventions to address safety concerns.

Most of the recommended projects in Connect the Coastside are not under County control and will require collaboration with and approval from Caltrans for implementation. Chapter 6 currently includes discussions of the partners required and potential next steps for implementation, and both discussions will be expanded and updated to provide more detail. The County is already looking for opportunities to implement projects, such as through the 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

Development impact fees, like the proposed Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee, are a way of collecting a proportional share of funds from new development to offset transportation impacts due to that new development. In order to implement the Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee as described, the County will need to document the “nexus” or linkage between the fees being charged to new development, the benefits to mitigate impacts, and cost allocation. These legal requirements are in California Government Code section 66000-66025 and commonly called the “Mitigation Fee Act” or “AB 1600 requirements.” The project team will provide more background on next steps in Chapter 6, including to seek funding to conduct the nexus study.

## Costs & Funding

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters stated that the Plan’s proposed project cost estimates are too high to realize implementation and highlighted a need for balance between recommended project type and cost. Several commenters asked for clarity about who will be responsible for paying for implementation, and if the Plan proposed taxing residents. Some commenters requested the Plan match proposed projects to funding sources and implementation mechanisms at the local level such as Measures K and W.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The Plan does not include a proposal to tax residents; it does include a proposal to study and establish a Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee, which would apply to *new* development. The County, along with its partners (like Caltrans), will need to actively seek grant funding and/or allocate existing funding sources to implement the Plan’s projects. Several projects, especially complex ones like the Parallel Trail, will need to undergo separate community engagement, planning, design, and engineering to achieve implementation; more detailed cost estimates will be produced during these future phases. Some projects may be funded and/or implemented with new development. The project team will expand the discussion of funding sources in Table 23: Potential Funding Sources for Project Categories to further clarify which projects could match each source; Measures K and W will be added to this table with discussion.

## Coordination

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters highlighted the importance of coordination with other agencies for Plan implementation and the need for Connect the Coastside to match other planning efforts. Comments included:

- Ensure the Plan takes into account concurrent planning efforts including Plan Princeton and the Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan.
- Clarify the potential impacts of new development and how they will be coordinated with Connect the Coastside.

- Expand the discussion of potential partners, including the role of the California Coastal Commission.
- Coordinate with special districts to identify things like sewer lines that may be within a project area.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

The project team will expand the discussion of other concurrent planning efforts (like Plan Princeton and the Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan) throughout the Plan to better show consistency in recommended projects, planning context and relationship among plans, and if the recommended projects in Connect the Coastsides come from another source. Since Connect the Coastsides is a long-range planning document, discussion about current new or proposed developments will not be included unless relevant to clarify what is incorporated into the development forecast. The project team will expand on the role of the California Coastal Commission in the implementation chapter. The implementation chapter will be updated to discuss the need to coordinate with special districts in the planning area when planning and implementing a project.

## Planning Area

### *What We Heard*

A few people asked for the Plan to include the cities of Half Moon Bay and Pacifica.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastsides*

Connect the Coastsides' study area includes the City of Half Moon Bay, whose future forecasted development informed the traffic analysis, which then informed the proposed projects in Connect the Coastsides. Development forecasts do not include the City of Pacifica. The County of San Mateo does not have jurisdiction over Pacifica or Half Moon Bay, and therefore does not include specific recommendations for either city. The project team is working closely with Half Moon Bay to share data and information from the respective planning processes. The project team will share relevant comments with each jurisdiction.

## Data

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters asked questions about the transportation and land use data used in Connect the Coastsides, including where data came from, how it was used to develop the recommendations, and opportunities to update the data. Some expressed concern that COVID-19 has changed travel patterns and travel demand, and the future of transportation is unpredictable and cannot be accurately forecast in Connect the Coastsides. There were also differing opinions about whether to use the constrained (2040) buildout forecast or maximum buildout forecast for the analysis. Some people feel that 2040 is too short of a timeframe whereas others said that the maximum buildout forecast is unrealistic. Some commented that the Local Coastal Program Policy 2.53 requires that the maximum buildout forecast be used.

Comments regarding traffic analysis suggested the following:

- Clarifying the source data and discussing how it is used in the traffic analysis to develop existing and forecasted delay.

- Updating the source data for the traffic analysis to 2019, pre-COVID levels.
- Consolidating data tables in the plan to show level of service and delay index calculations for existing, constrained (2040) buildout, and maximum buildout forecast.
- Clarifying the impacts of local versus visitor-related traffic.
- Showing how individual projects' impact on delay.

Comments regarding development forecasts suggested the following:

- Using consistent terminology and better explaining the constrained development forecast (2040) and maximum building forecast.
- Clarifying the assumptions for the development forecasts and whether they take into account sewer and water capacity.
- Updating the development forecasts so they take into account Half Moon Bay's recent forecasts and updating the data and maps to address rural lands that have been recently acquired and will no longer be developed.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will:

- Include additional infographics, text, references, and footnotes to clarify assumptions for both the traffic analysis and development forecasts.
- Consolidate tables to better show the variations in delay and level of service under each scenario.
- Update maps to show rural lands that have been acquired and can no longer be developed.
- Conduct global edits to the Plan for consistent terminology for development forecasts.

Recent traffic counts conducted in 2017 and 2019 at several locations along Highway 1 do not indicate differences in traffic volumes that would necessitate substantive changes to the traffic projections in the Plan or that additional traffic analysis would change the conclusions and recommendations in the Plan. The Plan includes weekend traffic counts, which is a good indicator of additional visitor-related traffic. The project team will look for opportunities to include additional qualitative or quantitative data to make a distinction between visitor and local trips.

The 2014 analysis of the maximum buildout projection, together with projected traffic, showed that meeting current LCP level of service standards would require widening Highway 1 in all possible Midcoast locations. This solution was not supported by the public, as noted in the [2015 Evaluation of Recommended Alternative to Address Potential Future Transportation Deficiencies Report](#). In addition, it was impossible to predict what year maximum buildout would occur, if ever. It was also impossible to properly analyze traffic under maximum buildout because the only available traffic model (C/CAG/VTA model) is designed to project traffic to 2040 only. For these reasons, the community requested that a more realistic development forecast be prepared and that the impacts of projected growth on mobility be analyzed. This "constrained" development forecast incorporated "in the pipeline" projects, such as Big Wave and included conservative development assumptions (for example, 148 units for the north Moss Beach affordable housing site). Since the constrained development forecast was prepared, County staff has monitored issued development permits in the Midcoast and observed that development is tracking well under the constrained forecast projections. For these reasons, the project team does not

believe that re-doing the buildout forecast or traffic analysis will yield a different outcome. The project team is meeting with City of Half Moon Bay staff to address different development forecasts and will address any differences as part of the Plan update.

## Overarching Concerns or Considerations

### Planning Goals

#### *What We Heard*

In general, community members in attendance at the May and June 2020 virtual meetings supported the goals of the Plan, particularly Goal 3: Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic and Goal 4: Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources. Several participants noted that many of the goals are connected. For example, the existing character of the Midcoast paired with spread out destinations makes it challenging to use transportation modes other than driving. One stakeholder suggested revising Objective 2.1 to evaluate the likely residential development potential and Objective 2.4 to evaluate the implementation of a mandatory lot retirement program.



<b>Goal 1</b>	Improve existing traffic and roadway conditions on the Midcoast.
<b>Goal 2</b>	Lessen the cumulative traffic impacts from future development on the Midcoast.
<b>Goal 3</b>	Increase opportunities for walking, biking, and riding transit on the Midcoast to provide an alternative to motor vehicles and reduce roadway traffic.
<b>Goal 4</b>	Respect the character of Midcoast communities and protect coastal resources.
<b>Goal 5</b>	Maintain and improve access to coastal resources for both residents and visitors.

#### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

Connect the Coastside addresses impacts of forecasted residential and non-residential development due to their collective impact on traffic conditions in the Midcoast. The project team will add more to the Plan about Local Coastal Program Policy 2.52 and its connection to Connect the Coastside, such as employing transportation demand management strategies as a requirement for new development that

triggers these requirements, consistent with the County's transportation demand management ordinance. The Plan will note that any changes to the ordinance will be implemented within the plan area. The project team will look for opportunities to clarify impacts due to forecasted residential development. As described above, the lot retirement program will not be recommended to be mandatory. In addition to the above, additional changes to goals are described in the Environmental Sustainability and Accessibility sections below.

## Environmental Sustainability

### *What We Heard*

Several commenters stated a need to incorporate more about the environment and sustainability in the Plan, as it is an important piece of Coastside character. Suggestions included: adding a section on the history of the Coastside that acknowledges natural resources, conservation, and wildlife; discussing environmentally friendly and sustainable building materials; and addressing litter and maintenance.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will update the:

- Plan's introduction to better describe the history, existing setting and natural resources of the Midcoast .
- Goals of Connect the Coastside to explicitly incorporate environmental sustainability.
- Plan's implementation chapter to recommend incorporation of green infrastructure into proposed projects and add references to the Green Infrastructure Plan.
- Plan's implementation chapter will reference LCP policies protecting sensitive habitats and wildlife and scenic resources.

## Emergency Response and Evacuation

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters shared concerns about emergencies, such as fires and tsunamis and a need for the Plan to address evacuation for residents and visitors alike. Suggestions included adding more on the County's approach to emergency evacuations, additional projects to address brush and tree clearance along Highway 1, and analyzing the impact of the Plan's proposed projects on ability to evacuate.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will update the Plan to:

- Add more information about the County's approach to emergency response, planning and evacuation.
- Recommend vegetation clearance along Highway 1, which will also create additional space for walking and biking.
- Incorporate data on emergency response if available.



## Visitors

### *What We Heard*

A few commenters requested that Connect the Coastside describe how the Plan makes the Coastside more accessible to those living outside of the Midcoast and preserves access to coastal resources.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will add more information about the California Coastal Commission and its role in ensuring the coast is accessible to Californians, and contextual information about visitors to the coast.

## Accessibility

### *What We Heard*

Many commenters highlighted the need to create a more accessible coastside, with facilities and programs that take people of different ages and abilities into consideration. Both youth and seniors mentioned that they face particular transportation challenges. For example, many rely on other modes of travel besides a car to get around. Suggestions included:

- Incorporating and addressing programs like on-demand transit service for older adults and youth.
- Ensuring proposed infrastructure projects are designed with accessibility in mind, such as bikeways and trails wide enough to accommodate three-wheeled bicycles and accessible bus stops.
- Adding language to the Plan about creating an age-friendly Midcoast.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will revise Goal 3 and its objectives to include creating an age-friendly Midcoast and add a section in the implementation chapter that references design guidance for accessibility.

## Errors and Clarifications

### *What We Heard*

Several people found errors in the January 2020 Public Working Draft of Connect the Coastside and provided suggestions including updating:

- Project descriptions and maps for consistency; for example, the Pillar Point Bluff Trail has been resurfaced and is no longer packed dirt.
- Project source descriptions and correcting places where the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study is erroneously referenced.
- SamTrans routes and service time frequencies.

### *Proposed Changes to Connect the Coastside*

The project team will incorporate the edits cited above.