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Douglas, Garrison, Senior Planner
City of Half Moon Bay
501 Main St.
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Re: Pacific Coast Bicycle Connectivity North - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Douglas Garrison:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Pacific Coast Bicycle Connectivity North Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the March 2023 Draft MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project is to develop an 8-foot-wide asphalt trail to connect from the existing trail to the south and travel northward approximately 0.3 mile. The northern end of the trail will join the San Mateo County Coastal Trail, which is currently under construction by San Mateo County. The trail route will include a single span bridge over the Roosevelt Creek and raised boardwalks where the trail crosses riparian scrub areas. The project area is situated east of State Route (SR)-1 within Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW).

Project Plans

Please include striping and signing plans differentiating between two directions of travel and incorporate plans scaled for 34x22 inches for better readability. Please clarify if any American Disabilities Act (ADA) elements, such as curb ramps, would be constructed as part of the project. If so, provide details in the plan.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Half Moon Bay is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet ADA Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Any staging within Caltrans' ROW requires a ROW Use Agreement and a fair market lease rate must be paid for the use of the ROW. Any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

Please note that Caltrans is in the process of implementing an online, automated, and milestone-based Caltrans Encroachment Permit System (CEPS) to replace the current permit application submittal process with a fully electronic system, including online payments. The new system is expected to be available during 2022. To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUNSHENG LUO
Acting District Branch Chief
Local Development Review

c: State Clearinghouse