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From: Michele Coxon [REDACTED]
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Subject: Calera Parkway opposition

I am a long time resident of Pacifica and am fervently opposed to the highway widening project proposed by Caltrans between Fassler Ave. and Fairway Park in Pacifica. As a member of the Pacifican's for Highway 1 Alternatives, many viable alternatives to the widening have been proposed, and rejected, by Caltrans without due process and complete investigation of how and why the alternatives would work to help with congestion along this corridor. The congestion occurs during peak school hours and only then during the school year. At best, it is a bit of a nuisance for some drivers but cannot ever be described as "congestion" worthy of the millions of dollars it will cost, the years of obstruction and pollution that will occur, the businesses that will be destroyed and the fact that there is enormous opposition to this project among the residents of Pacifica. If Caltrans spent nearly as much money just fixing our roads instead of insisting on building new ones that aren't needed, the highways system could function much more efficiently overall. This area is environmentally sensitive and is located very close to the ocean shore, the sewer treatment plant, and businesses that thrive on the scenic coast we now know and love. To turn all this into a highway the size of a football field with sound walls would destroy the nature of this coastal town and change it forever, accomplishing nothing for all that destruction.

Please deny funds for this project. Let's examine the alternatives in depth before jumping to more construction. Case in point: the current bridge re-build in Linda Mar is causing traffic jams on the weekend that back traffic up for many miles and will only get worse. It will keep people off the roadways traveling South and Half Moon Bay stands to suffer from the lack of tourists that may occur. If one small construction site can cause that much disturbance, just imagine a 1.3 mile stretch of highway that will last for years! This project does not have one single positive attribute to it but many negative consequences if allowed to go through.

Sincerely,

Michele Coxon