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## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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TOM BURNS, AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR

January 252001

Agenda: February 6, 2001

Board of Directors  
County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency  
701 Ocean Street  
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### **Funding of Projects From New Bond Proceeds**

Dear Members of the Board:

On October 17, 2000 your Board authorized actions needed to proceed with the sale of additional bonds to fund new redevelopment projects. At that time, the Board authorized up to \$35 million of tax exempt bonds for capital projects and \$10 million of taxable bonds for housing projects. Since that time, the sale has been completed, with proceeds of \$23.75 million for capital projects and \$8.37 for housing projects. Staff indicated at the time of your Board's October action we would report back at this time with recommendations for new projects to fund from these bond proceeds.

#### **Capital Projects**

The October report indicated that over \$53.6 million of capital projects have been completed over the past twelve years from bond proceeds, with an additional \$10.5 million of funded projects in the planning stage. In preparation for this new round of project funding, Agency staff this past summer held a series of five community-wide meetings to discuss issues and priorities for future projects and activities. Those meetings were extremely well-attended, with over 500 meeting attendees and an additional 100 participants through letters, e-mails and phone calls. A summary of the wide range of issues raised through that process is provided as Attachment 3.

Staff has reviewed those comments, the County's Capital Improvement Plan and the Agency's Redevelopment Plan to develop recommendations for the next round of capital projects to fund. In addition, the proposed projects have been reviewed with the Public Works and Parks Departments.

As in the past, the list attempts to balance key groups of projects, including: the need to upgrade major roadways; improve pedestrian connections to schools and commercial and recreation centers; provide improvements to coastal access; and expand opportunities for

community recreation. As well, there has been an attempt to balance projects between the Soquel and Live Oak communities. The recommended list of projects is included as Attachment 1.

### **Affordable Housing Projects**

The October report indicated that \$19.5 million of RDA housing funds have been allocated to date for affordable housing projects and programs. To date, these funds have attracted in excess of \$60 million of outside private, state and federal funds and have completed projects containing over 700 units.

Unlike capital projects, where projects are identified in advance and scheduled for future years, housing projects generally are developed in response to immediate opportunities, in the form of available land, new funding sources or troublesome existing housing projects. As a result, housing bond proceeds have generally been appropriated to the Agency's Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, with specific projects and programs to be defined over the course of time.

Affordable housing projects in the planning stage include: Pajaro Lane Apartments and Townhouse Project, RV Park Improvement Projects, McGregor Project, and the County-owned Seascape Site. Additionally, we are exploring a number of projects related to special needs housing with HRA, HSA and Santa Cruz Community Counseling. Lastly, we are currently reviewing major changes to the First Time Homebuyer Program and evaluating options for expanding the Agency's Housing Rehabilitation Program, currently focused on mobile home units, to include multi-family and single family housing.

### **Recommendation**

Funding of this round of projects for the Live Oak and Soquel communities brings us one step closer to completing the redevelopment efforts for this area. It is anticipated that two additional bond funding rounds will be possible before the Agency's bonding authority expires for this area in 2007.

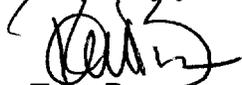
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board, as the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Agency, take the following actions:

1. Approve the attached list of projects to be funded from the 2000 Capital Projects bond proceeds and direct these projects to be included within the proposed 2001-02 Agency budget and multi-year work program (Attachment 1);
2. Approve the attached AUD 60 to allocate funds for one project, slated for construction this fiscal year, in current year appropriations (Attachment 2); and

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3. Direct the Housing Project bond proceeds be deposited to the Agency's Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, to be allocated to projects as part of the annual budget process.

Very truly yours,



Tom Burns

Redevelopment Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello

Redevelopment Agency Director

Attachments

cc. RDA

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ATTACHMENT 2

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Director  
duly seconded by Director  
the following resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Redevelopment Agency is a recipient of funds from Capital Bond Proceeds Reserves for Soquel Drive Bridge Replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a recipient of funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 which are either in excess of those anticipated or are not specifically set forth in the current fiscal year budget of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 29 130(c), such funds may be made available for specific appropriation by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Directors;

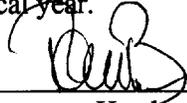
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller accept funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 as follows:

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Revenue Subobject Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	611100	2500	Capital Projects	\$800,000

and that such **funds** be and are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Expenditure Subobject Number</u>	<u>PRJ/UCD Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
021	611173	9842	Soquel Dr Bridge Replacement	\$800,000

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** I hereby **certify** that the fiscal provisions have been researched and that the Revenue(s) (have been) (will be) received within the current fiscal year.

By   
Department Head

Date 1/18/01

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

 Recommended to Board

           Not Recommended to Board

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Redevelopment Agency, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by the following vote (requires four-fifths vote for approval):

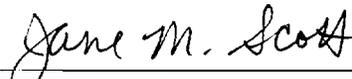
- AYES: DIRECTORS
- NOES: DIRECTORS
- ABSENT: DIRECTORS

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Chairperson of the Board

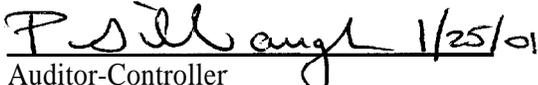
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Agency Counsel

# 61100-2500  
APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING DETAIL:

 1/25/01  
Auditor-Controller

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October 16, 2000

To All Participants in RDA Summer Community Workshops:

While the summer may be becoming a faded memory, we here at the Redevelopment Agency haven't forgotten about the five community workshops that took place this past summer. Participation in the workshops -whether through personal participation in one or more meetings, sending us letters or e-mails, or phoning in comments — was overwhelming. Over 500 people attended the workshops, and over 100 additional comments were received. Clearly, there's a lot of interest in what's going on in the area.

We indicated at the meetings that we would attempt to summarize the comments received and send that summary to everyone who signed up at the meetings or left us addresses in letters or e-mails. With the volume of comments received, that task was more daunting than anticipated. Nonetheless, we have completed a summary compilation of comments and are forwarding it with this letter. As indicated at the meetings, we are not attempting at this time to respond to the comments received.

It's probably worth taking a moment to mention how we went about preparing the summary. We didn't include every question asked, but focused on those questions/comments that were directed to a particular issue rather than simply wanting to know the status of a project. We also tried to simplify comments, focusing on the main points raised. My apology in advance if we didn't do justice in summarizing your comment; please remember that we did hear you clearly, even if the summary loses something in its brevity. Even with that editing, the comment summary spans 15 pages.

Overall, we generally heard lots of support for the projects completed to date and encouragement to do more of the same in the years to come. You will note in going through the comments, however, that while there was general support for some projects, there is considerable disagreement from people commenting on many topics. Needless to say, this makes the task of sorting through and prioritizing projects more difficult.

So, what do we do with these ideas now? All will be shared with the Board of Supervisors in the next several months. Some comments, directed more at the activities of other County departments — mostly, Planning, Public Works and Parks — will be forwarded to them for their attention. Those most relevant to our redevelopment

activities will be used to focus our future efforts. We will be looking at your project ideas closely to see how they fit into an overall framework and prioritization. While not all of the ideas will materialize because of lack of community consensus, lack of political support or inadequate funding, many will ultimately become real. If you don't see your idea materialize in the next few years, however, don't fret; we will be prioritizing projects from these ideas for the next decade or so. Recommendations for the first group of newly-funded projects will likely be brought to the Agency's Board of Directors in early 2001.

Lastly, don't feel like you need to wait until your next community meeting invitation to share additional thoughts or wonder what is happening with your suggestions. We regularly receive e-mails and letters regarding specific projects or new ideas. Don't hesitate to contact us at the address above or at our e-mail address -- [rda@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:rda@co.santa-cruz.ca.us). Thanks again for taking the time to share your thoughts and caring about our community.

Sincerely,  
  
Tom Burns  
RDA Administrator

attachment

## Summary of Comments Received Related to July/August Redevelopment General Community Meetings

(Meeting, phone, e-mail, and letter comments as of 8/31/00)

### **COMMERCIAL ISSUES**

#### **Proposed Home Depot at 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue / Soquel Drive**

- ▶ Many expressed concerns about the possible impacts of a Home Depot at Soquel Drive / 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ traffic
  - ▶ Not right location
  - ▶ Affects on Soquel Village?

#### **41<sup>st</sup> Avenue / Soquel Drive Area (K Mart Corner)**

- ▶ Southeast corner of Soquel/41st should serve as gateway to village
- ▶ Look at other uses: housing, teen center
- Against Walgreens in area
- ▶ Against redevelopment of Safeway area on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Improvements/beautification needed in 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Soquel Drive area
- ▶ Address day worker issue in K-mart shopping center

#### **Live Oak Areas**

- ▶ Status of various pending commercial projects
- ▶ Looking forward to meetings on Four Commercial Intersections
- ▶ Proposed Wendy's Project:
  - ▶ Strong opposition expressed at meeting
  - ▶ With 3 schools on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it is not a good idea
  - ▶ Good job on getting Wendy's & new business (Chanticleer) coming in
  - ▶ Wendy's will be big improvement over current conditions
- ▶ Encourage more pedestrian friendly commercial development
- ▶ Revitalize / beautify East Cliff Village: support outdoor patio at coffee shop
- ▶ Improve Farmer's Market at East Cliff Village
- ▶ Revitalize / beautify Blue Bird Inn
- ▶ Improve 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Portola Drive (7-11, Corner Pocket)
- ▶ Kong's Market on 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue is an eyesore
- ▶ Ledyard operations have expanded; adjacent neighborhoods experiencing noise
- ▶ Control towing "racket" at shopping centers
- ▶ Like the improvements on Portola Drive, but need more (several comments):
  - ▶ Make cosmetic improvements to buildings & businesses
  - ▶ Get rid of the dive bars and Frenchy's
  - Attract more offices to Pleasure Point business area
  - ▶ What is planned for old Opal Cliffs Market?

### **Redevelopment's role in attracting / supporting businesses**

- ▶ Redevelopment Agency should explore business incubator possibilities
- ▶ Attract some high-tech, less retail
- ▶ Be pro-active to bring businesses to Live Oak so people don't have to commute
- ▶ Offer awards for nicest-looking and most improved businesses

## **HOUSING**

### **Affordable Housing**

- ▶ Need to promote/provide more affordable housing county-wide
- ▶ Affordable housing should be for:
  - Santa Cruz County residents who work in Santa Cruz County
    - ▶ people with needed jobs in our community - like teachers
    - ▶ our kids
    - ▶ not for Silicon Valley "commuter polluters"
- ▶ **Support** Community Housing Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
- ▶ Create a few lots on O'Neill Ranch for Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Need higher density housing
  - Need to keep housing densities low
- ▶ Preserve mobile home parks as source of affordable housing
- ▶ Need to track expiring HUD contracts - affects seniors' rents
- Concern about status of County's housing element
- ▶ Personal interest in affordable housing programs (several comments)
- ▶ Affordable housing is not an issue - there is enough already

### **General Housing Needs**

- ▶ Encourage building housing of all types
  - Build middle class housing as near transit and/or places of employment
- ▶ Building permit process is impediment to people improving/adding on to homes
- ▶ Build more housing everywhere: especially affordable apartments
- ▶ Legalize mother-in-law units
- ▶ Against housing expansion into new areas; for protection of agriculture
- ▶ Against dense housing
- ▶ More people per unit also means more cars
- ▶ Save historic house & district: 38" to Larch Lane
- ▶ For historic preservation

### **Design Issues**

- ▶ Adopt sustainable design principles and building practices
- ▶ Need to improve architectural design review
- ▶ Establish architecture themes for the Live Oak area for new development
- ▶ Retain as much local small town feel as possible
- ▶ Require all new construction to have solar panels
- ▶ There is zero curb appeal when backs of buildings are turned to streets
- ▶ Houses should reflect neighborhood character:

- ▶ “Monster” houses not appropriate
- ▶ Concerned about the height of houses: impacts neighbors’ privacy
- ▶ Want planning standards for lot & house size & number of floors
- ▶ New homes should not encroach on 100 ft buffer to Corcoran Lagoon
- ▶ Against large modular housing in mobile homes
- ▶ Beautify & upgrade Mobile Home Parks

## **PARK, OPEN SPACE AND BEACH ISSUES**

### **Parks/Recreation**

- ▶ For more skate parks generally, and especially for beginners (5-12 years old)
- ▶ For parks and open space, more quiet, non-children orientated parks
- ▶ For more community gardens
- ▶ For a dog park, especially needed for people who work odd hours
- ▶ For joint use/development of recreation facilities between RDA and other entities
- ▶ Include space for bookmobile to park & operate in new park facilities
- ▶ Need more neighborhood community meeting space
- ▶ What is the plan for community center at the Farm? Several comments & questions regarding timing, uses, parking, traffic impacts & future community meetings
- ▶ Need for more after school recreation & meeting facilities for groups
- ▶ What about future of Heart of Soquel Mobile Home Park?
- ▶ What is the status of river walk plan for Soquel Creek in the village?
- ▶ For a Teen Center in Soquel - at Home Depot site
- ▶ For park between 41<sup>st</sup> & Cotton Lane
- ▶ Portable toilet & garbage at Corcoran Lagoon looks bad
- ▶ Private road along Corcoran could be a parkway
- ▶ What is plan for Felt Street park?
- ▶ Winkle Farm Park issues
  - ▶ Park is not safe: there are problems with drugs, sex, loud music in park
  - ▶ Increase park security
    - Not a neighborhood park: too many non-neighbors using park
  - ▶ Noise from early arrivals at 5 a.m. of out of area soccer teams
  - ▶ Parks Department needs to follow promises made or close park
- ▶ Redevelopment should purchase lot at Thurber/Soquel for park with skateboard park, recreation center and playing fields
- ▶ Need vision for Youth Centers in area
  - ▶ Develop strategic plan or feasibility Study
  - ▶ Engage the community in process
  - ▶ Center teen activities at high schools & middle schools
- ▶ Develop pathway(s) around Schwan Lake (several comments)
  - ▶ Elim. private encroachments in Schwan Lake Drive county right-of-way
  - ▶ Link path along Schwan Lake all the way to Simpkins Family Swim Center
  - ▶ Put pedestrian bridge across lake
  - ▶ Parking concerns if uses expanded

- ▶ Against any development of **Schwan Lake**
- ▶ Against putting path in county right-of-way- also habitat considerations
- ▶ **Buy** lot across from Coastview Drive for park & walkway to schools & parks
- ▶ Make Coffee Lane Park more kid-friendly- connect to other side of gulch
- ▶ Put in bathroom at Floral Park

### **Beach issues**

- ▶ Need enforcement of leash laws; safe & attractive beach access & fire rings
- ▶ Make beach from Moran to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue a dog beach
- ▶ Legalize dogs off leash on county beaches early mornings and evenings
- ▶ Protect beach between 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues & Corcoran Lagoon (purchase beach from private owners); improve ugly toilet & provide beach supervision
- ▶ Improve beach access at 26<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues
- ▶ Open gate that prevents coastal access from Sunny Cove to Twin Lakes Beach
- ▶ Opposed to opening access through private property near Sunny Cove Beach
- ▶ Build “amphitheater” shaped stairway at Pleasure Point Park to improve access

### **Open Space & Environmental Protection**

- ▶ Preserve open space in general
  - ▶ on McGregor
  - ▶ property at East Cliff Drive on curve in Pleasure Point Area
  - ▶ Save Nicks lot (2-2811 East Cliff Drive)
  - ▶ Save lot between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Larch Lane
  - ▶ Preserve Corcoran Lagoon & Moran Lake in park-like setting
  - ▶ Preserve open space around Moran Lake
- ▶ **Protect:** Eucalyptus groves, Monarch Habitats, flyway & raptor habitats, heritage trees
- ▶ Clean up lagoons / lakes to provide healthy ecosystem for fish & animals
- ▶ Protect lagoons & riparians as wild life habitats
- ▶ Protect the bird habitat & riparian environment at 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach

## **AESTHETIC ISSUES**

### **Street Trees**

- ▶ For tree preservation in projects; design improvement to protect trees
- ▶ Keep planting trees
- ▶ Put in non-allergenic trees in new road projects
- ▶ Diversify street tree species
- ▶ Plant larger, more stately street trees, not “lollipop” street trees
- ▶ Against palm trees
- ▶ Use more native trees
- ▶ Remove “weed trees” that obstruct view corridor on upper Lake Avenue
- ▶ Pine trees on East Cliff Drive between 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues are a traffic hazard for people trying to get in or out of driveways
- ▶ Against trees in the street in Soquel Village - impediment to traffic
- ▶ Use of shallow rooted trees causes problems - invasive roots

### Beautification

- Design with nature (Think **Carmel**, not Dana Point)
- ▶ Retain small beach town character
- ▶ Secure coastal special community designation for Pleasure Point
- ▶ Preserve East Cliff Drive country aesthetic qualities from 17<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues
- ▶ Don't make 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue start looking like 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- ▶ Raise walkways at street crossings
- ▶ Like textured crosswalks
- ▶ Don't like landscaped medians in the middle of the street
- Like the idea of medians - they beautify
- ▶ Against landscape **bulbouts** because of parking problems
- ▶ Support undergrounding of overhead utilities in general and specifically at:
  - ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ Lake Avenue / 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - coastal areas
  - ▶ power lines sparking/arching on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue: underground them more on Pottola Drive project
- ▶ Support more pleasing street lights; less light pollution from street lights
- ▶ Less pesticide/herbicide use on public (and private) land
- For establishing/protecting view corridors

### General Clean-up

- ▶ Get rid of all the dilapidated junk in the area
- ▶ Hold landlords responsible for keeping their buildings in good repair
- ▶ Soquel Drive in Soquel needs general clean-up: debris, unkept lawns, etc.
- ▶ Make the City of **Capitola** maintain the cement wall on the Live Oak side at **Axford Road** (plant ivy, etc. to hide the graffiti)
- ▶ What can be done about the boarded up building at Sunny Cove?
- ▶ Chanticleer Avenue & **Capitola Road** corner looks like a dump
- ▶ Graffiti a problem in Soquel
- ▶ There is graffiti on KSCO radio towers
- ▶ Graffiti should be punished, not only repaired
- ▶ County should maintain or cut down eucalyptus trees - they are a fire and falling hazard & restrict growth of oaks, etc.

## **GETTING AROUND BY CAR, FOOT AND BIKE**

### **General Comments**

- ▶ Against speed bumps (several comments)
  - ▶ Speed bumps induce road rage
  - ▶ Speed bumps only divert problem of 'speedsters' to other roads
- ▶ **Support** for speed bumps (several comments)
- ▶ Home owners should not have to pay for speed bumps
- ▶ For other **methods** of Traffic Calming,-such as narrowed roads, planters
- ▶ Against Traffic Calming altogether
- ▶ Reducing visibility to slow traffic is unsafe
- ▶ There should be more police enforcement of traffic speeds
- ▶ Slow **traffic** down any way possible
- ▶ Widening roads won't solve problem - we must change the way we drive
- ▶ Concerned about blockage of street parking with un-maintained plantings
- ▶ Improve road pavement (on many streets)
- ▶ Include paving shoulders (for drainage) when streets are re-paved, specifically 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue & generally
- ▶ Take back public right-of-ways where private homeowners have encroached
- ▶ Post "No Parking" of vehicles over 20' in length
- ▶ Make streets one-way in order to fit improvements in when streets are narrow
- ▶ street improvements on smaller residential streets need longer curb returns

### **Highways & Overpasses**

- ▶ Widen Hwy 1
- Widen Hwy 17
- ▶ Need east-west access across Santa Cruz from Santa Cruz Gardens
- ▶ East-west connections beside Hwy 1 are needed
- ▶ Need Hwy 1 overpass on Rodeo Gulch to connect Rodeo Gulch greenbelt
- ▶ Live Oak is framed by 2 freeway exits with lots of streets cut off by Hwy 1, making it hard to get from lower to upper Live Oak without a car
- ▶ Support new Hwy 1 overpass between Soquel Ave. and 41<sup>st</sup> (several comments)
  - ▶ Locate at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ For cars and/or bikes/pedestrians
- ▶ Need ped. bridge over Hwy 1 between Park Avenue and **Seacliff** overpasses

### **Transportation Issues: General Soquel Area**

- ▶ 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ Extend to Old San Jose Road
  - ▶ against extending 41 st
  - ▶ Improve timing of lights along 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue (In City of Capitola)
  - Traffic back-ups on Soquel Drive & 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Hwy 1 could be lessened by adding extra right turn lane in front of San Lorenzo Lumber
  - ▶ dangerous to make left turn out of San Lorenzo Lumber onto 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- ▶ **Soquel Drive:**
  - ▶ Treat Soquel Drive as major thoroughfare & alternative to Hwy 1

- ▶ Time lights better on Soquel Drive to move traffic at a steady speed
- ▶ 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue & Soquel Drive intersection is badly timed
- ▶ Signal light at Soquel Drive & Robertson Road would be a band-aid solution only
- ▶ Replace stop signs with lights at Wharf Road, Mattison/Dover Drive, & Prather or Winkle
- ▶ Cross traffic constantly runs red lights at Thurber Lane; buses at stop reduce visibility
- ▶ Speeding between Main Street & Park Avenue, makes it difficult to get on and off side streets; could be reduced with increased enforcement
- ▶ Make Soquel Drive crosswalks more visible in Village
- ▶ Porter Street / Soquel Drive intersection crosswalk lights don't give pedestrians enough time
- ▶ Concerned about pedestrian safety at Post Office crosswalk
- ▶ For Sidewalks on Soquel Drive
- ▶ Porter Street & Soquel San Jose Road: Improvements needed; high traffic volumes - Silicon Valley commute traffic is very fast; impossible to exit driveways; left hand turns difficult; noise problems

#### **Transportation Issues: Soquel Village**

- ▶ Access impossible at certain times
- ▶ Traffic too fast through village; not a village anymore; use signs at village entrances to slow traffic; reduce speed limits; Strictly enforce 25 mph speed limit in Soquel Village
- ▶ Go back to old traffic lanes with 4-way signal, no special left turn lanes & longer pedestrian lights in Soquel Village
- ▶ Ramp behind Sunrise Coffee Shop, Mings, Hairy Chair & JJ's is dangerous with 2-way traffic
- ▶ West Walnut Street: traffic congestion, cut-through traffic; needs improvements/traffic calming; 3-way stop sign at top of West Walnut, sidewalks, streetlights, islands in the middle of West Walnut ; keep one-way
- ▶ East Walnut Street: has heavy traffic; needs improvements/traffic calming ; needs speed bumps
- ▶ Soquel Wharf Road: supports traffic calming (speed bumps) ; keep one-way ; remove iris from center of bridge (obstructs view) ; need bike lanes
- ▶ Soquel Wharf Road & Robertson Road: back-up at West Walnut stop sign turning onto Robertson; intersection needs improvements
- ▶ Robertson Road: unsafe for pedestrians (high school students use), especially at night; night lighting, bike lanes & sidewalks needed ; needs repair, maintenance
- ▶ Main Street: dangerous to walk towards Cherryvale Avenue; extend sidewalks by Cherryvale Avenue; speeding a problem; put in islands or speed bumps; dilapidated campers park for months with owners living in them; change parking to 4 hours; barricade needed
- ▶ Main Street & Soquel Drive: supports left turn lane & signal

- ▶ **Hardin Way:** concerned about speeding, pedestrian safety & parking; install sidewalks
- ▶ **Fairway Drive/Entrance Drive:** Speeding & pedestrian safety a problem; supports traffic calming & pedestrian foot path ; concern about kids' safety ; re-install barrier on Entrance Drive
- ▶ **Wilder Drive:** Needs repair, maintenance
- ▶ **Capitola Avenue:** Needs improvements, sidewalks
- ▶ **Orchard Street:** Parking problems
- ▶ **Cunnison Lane:** Concerned about safety with kids from soccer, childcare center; supports speed bumps
- ▶ **Hilltop neighborhoods:** Glare from streetlights on Tan Heights is disturbing
- ▶ **Bridge Street:** Pedestrian bridge area is used as pick-up for school kids & parking area, with cars turning around in driveways; develop more spots to pick up kids in order to spread traffic around; block off street to cars after 3 houses; create parking at end of street or on Main Street; skateboard noise annoying

### **Transportation Issues: Upper Live Oak**

- ▶ **'Santa Cruz Gardens: Need 2<sup>nd</sup>** access (several comments); not only during emergency, but at all times
- ▶ **Cut Winkle Avenue** through to Santa Cruz Gardens
- ▶ **If unable to open another access,** put speed bumps on Thurber Lane & surrounding streets entering Thurber Lane
- ▶ **Thurber Lane:** needs repair, maintenance & sidewalks; needs speed control; against speed bumps on Thurber Lane or in neighborhood
- ▶ **Commercial vehicles & RVs** are parking on street for longer than 72 hours; prevent people from working around 72 hour rule
- ▶ **Streets above flea market (Stanley, Winkle, etc.):** Parking & traffic issues from Villa San Carlos & flea market (several comments); Create more parking for flea market, not neighborhoods; Speed bumps needed for entire area above Soquel Drive & flea market, including Twin Hills Drive and Sequoia Drive; Put sidewalks on Howe & Stanley;
- ▶ **Winkle Avenue:** Put in sidewalks, for safety & beautification; why is Winkle Drive closed off?; clean up lower area near towing yard (with the tow trucks); get rid of storage/wreckage yard or have them keep their junk inside the fence
- ▶ **Bowman Court cul-de-sac:** Storage of car causes problem; public street with 72 hour limit for trucks
- ▶ **Mattison Lane at Soquel Drive:** Traffic congestion from Good Shepard School
- ▶ **Mattison Lane:** Rename north of Hwy 1 "North Mattison Lane" or "Mattison Lane North"

### Transportation Issues: Central Live Oak

- ▶ -Coffee Lane/Gross Road area (several comments): has road & drainage problems; cut-through traffic & speeding are problems; condition of Gross Road deteriorating
- ▶ 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Remove barrier to allow traffic from Soquel Avenue to flow to Capitola Mall, avoiding 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- ▶ Keep 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue barrier in place (several comments)
- ▶ Paul Minnie Avenue: Speeding a problem (several comments); Install speed bumps & enforce speed limit; need traffic calming & sidewalks, especially to serve school kids & rehabilitation center at Bostwick
- ▶ Mattison Lane & Maciel Avenue: Need widening, sidewalks & speed bumps
- ▶ Soquel Frontage Road: Need sidewalks
- ▶ Soquel Avenue: need traffic improvements from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Hwy 1, including sidewalks, plantings, landscaping and clean-up; Cork Oak tree is important landmark
- ▶ Rodriguez Street: Speed & cut-through traffic between Chanticleer & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues (several comments); need traffic calming & sidewalks
- ▶ Brommer Street: Improvements needed (several comments); ban or limit size/weight of big overloaded trucks on Brommer Street; against linking Broadway with Brommer; crosswalk needed at El Dorado Avenue; need to control overflow boat parking from Harbor onto Brommer Street
- ▶ Lower Chanticleer Avenue: Need traffic calming & sidewalks
- ▶ Capitola Road (several comments): Add more medians with trees; make 3 lanes; improve pedestrian & bicyclist safety; underground utilities as part of Capitola Road project ; install stoplight at Capitola Road & Jose Avenue ; poor visibility turning from Hidden Terrace Court; continue Harbor View Terrace landscaping along Capitola Road
- ▶ Dougmar cul-de-sac: Want road paving
- ▶ Sylvania Avenue: Parking issues
- ▶ Webster Street: drainage problems (1200 block); need sidewalks too
- ▶ Melton Street: needs speed bumps or traffic calming
- ▶ Live Oak Avenue: Speeding on route to state park; need speed bumps
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Do not make one-way

### Transportation Issues: Coastal Live Oak

- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is dangerous (many comments) and needs improvements (many comments)
  - ▶ Especially dangerous around Twin Lakes Park area
  - ▶ There is heavy traffic, including large semi-trucks & trucks with large boats in tow; route heavy trucks elsewhere
  - ▶ Used by high speed emergency vehicles
  - ▶ Speeding is a problem
  - ▶ Narrow road & poor visibility, especially at curve near Rodriguez
  - ▶ Poor pedestrian and bicyclist safety; used by Harbor High School

- ▶ students, strollers; put in sidewalks, trees & bike lanes on full length
- ▶ Left turns from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (both directions) onto **Capitola Road** are hazardous
- ▶ Add sidewalk from 7<sup>th</sup>/**Brommer** intersection to Upper Harbor
- ▶ **Eaton/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**: Semi trucks destroy landscaping, trees, power lines while turning after missing intersection ; improve (enlarge & placement) **signage** to freeways
- ▶ **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues**: Speeding & beach traffic on **narrow** roads; suggest speed bumps
- ▶ What is the status and timing of Twin Lakes Beachfront project? (several comments)
  - ▶ For beautifying, creating promenade & bike lane from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Harbor
  - ▶ Consider making Lake Avenue & East Cliff Drive all one-way or all **two-way**
  - ▶ Concerned about parking if uses expanded
  - ▶ Use entire county right-of-way at Twin Lakes for road, bike lane, parking
- ▶ **Lake Avenue / 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**: Install sidewalks & improve safety, especially bicyclist safety at Eaton & Lake
- ▶ **6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**: needs repaving and drainage improvements from Bonnie Street to Twin Lakes Beach; prevent wrong way **traffic** (with tire puncture) on one one-way block between Alpine Street & Twin Lakes Beach
- ▶ **14<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Merrill**: Unsafe conditions exist; speeding on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue; old speed bumps have settled & drivers swerve to avoid bumps; put in sidewalks
- ▶ **24<sup>th</sup> Avenue**: **Traffic & parking** problems, especially by Driftwood Healthcare Center

### **Transportation Issues: Pleasure Point**

- What is the status of Lower 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue project?
  - ▶ Complaint regarding delay project
  - ▶ Improvements should be designed to reflect Pleasure Point's rural character and natural setting
  - ▶ Need sidewalks ; Kids access to schools currently unsafe
  - Need drainage improvements
  - Increased traffic, especially since East Cliff Drive became one-way & too many parked cars; does not have permit parking, so more cars park there
  - Make wider & safer
  - ▶ Turning west (left) onto Portola Drive from 30<sup>th</sup> is dangerous
- ▶ Upper 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Speeding - noisy & dangerous to pedestrians ; needs improvement between **Capitola Road** & Brommer Street; needs quieter railroad crossing
- ▶ Placer Street: needs repaving with drainage improvements and a finished curb
- ▶ Fresno Street: needs drainage improvements; speed bumps
- ▶ **26<sup>th</sup> Avenue**: Buses, parked cars, water puddles & narrow. space. make it unsafe to walk; need sidewalks (several comments) at least one side so families can

- walk to school & beach; need bike lanes; need Traffic Calming
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Pottola Drive: left turn from 26<sup>th</sup> very **difficult**; crosswalk is dangerous for kids; cars don't stop for pedestrians; install signal or stop sign
  - ▶ 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue: has a larger right-of-way, so install sidewalks there instead of on 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ Condos should contain their parking on-site: there are condo parking problems on 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Warren Street
  - ▶ Corcoran Avenue:-. **needs** improvements
    - ▶ Cars parked on west side of Corcoran force southbound traffic into middle of the street. Move street center line to the east.
    - ▶ Need bus stop at Corcoran & Portola Drive that allows bus to pull off Portola & not obstruct line of sight for people coming out of Corcoran
  - Create safe access (sidewalks) to Del Mar & Shoreline schools and library on Portola Drive, Alice Street, Jamie Lane and Corcoran Avenue; used by many children
    - ▶ Now have to use 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (walking) route (takes 3x longer) for safety
    - ▶ On Alice Street, sidewalks may not be solution, school kids only there short while
  - ▶ Portola Drive: put sidewalks from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues (several comments)
  - ▶ Portola Drive & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Both support for and against stoplight
  - ▶ Portola Drive & 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue: intersection needs improvement: island does not improve safety or traffic flow and is ugly; stop sign would make turning onto/out of 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue safer and make it safer for pedestrians to cross
  - ▶ Opal Cliff Drive: Put sidewalks & bike lanes from 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Capitola
  - ▶ Make some streets - 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, etc. - one-way because of on-street parking & narrowness of streets
  - ▶ Hawes Drive & 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Boat & van parking right at the corner make intersection dangerous; put stop sign on Hawes Drive at 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - ▶ 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Install (crushed granite) sidewalks, curb & gutter
  - ▶ 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Put sidewalks in to East Cliff ; **difficult** to walk near railroad tracks because sidewalk switches from one side of the street to the other
  - ▶ Chesterfield Drive: Water drains under East Cliff Drive to flood it
  - ▶ Sunny Cove Drive: Install curbs, gutters & pathways to improve drainage, better regulate parking, improve safety and slow erosion (several comments)
  - ▶ East Cliff Drive: Make pedestrian-friendly; put sidewalks & bike lanes from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Pleasure Point ; cars drive too fast on East Cliff; put speed bump or stop sign at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach parking lot
  - ▶ Speeding & traffic on Prospect Street & East Cliff Drive (Prospect Street - 13th Avenue area) make it dangerous to walk/bike (several comments)
  - ▶ Need 4-way stop at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Prospect Avenue to slow traffic
  - ▶ Improve visibility turning onto East Cliff Drive from 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and Prospect
    - ▶ Consider 3-way stop at Prospect & East Cliff Drive
    - ▶ need no left turn sign at 12<sup>th</sup> and East Cliff Drive
  - ▶ **Need** pedestrian flashing light for crossings at 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue on East Cliff Drive to improve safety; cars come too fast around corner

## **EAST CLIFF DRIVE CLIFF STABILIZATION AND PARKWAY**

- ▶ When will project start?
- ▶ What are effects of cladding on surf/beach?
- ▶ Does armoring stop erosion?
- ▶ Concern about overall vision of County for shoreline management
- ▶ Redevelopment goal should be to protect public access
- ▶ Choices are 1) public access for limited years at reasonable expense
- ▶ 2) do nothing & lose access; it will cost more to relocate sewer
- ▶ Surfers Environmental Alliance (SEA) vision is of a parkway, with access for emergency vehicles & immediate residents, that erodes naturally
- ▶ SEA agrees that armoring would probably not affect surf/beach, but believes too much of coast is armored
- ▶ **Seawall** won't ultimately prevent erosion
- ▶ **Seawall** that only buys 50 years or so is okay
- ▶ Concerned about East Cliff Drive transportation / erosion control issues
- ▶ Stabilization of East Cliff Drive from 30<sup>th</sup> to 41 Avenue definitely needs to happen
- ▶ Protect the infrastructure (utilities) on and under East Cliff Drive
- ▶ For sidewalks, bike lane, planting, etc.
- ▶ The longer we wait to save the cliff - the greater the cost
- ▶ Leave East Cliff natural & community orientated from 30<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- ▶ **Seawall** will not work; removal of rip-rap will eliminate beach
- ▶ Make no special efforts to accommodate skateboarding on East Cliff Drive
- ▶ Incorporate skateboard feature in **seawall**
- ▶ Create surf escape area at beach below Larch Lane **seawall** (ladder, stairway).
- ▶ What about changing direction of traffic on East Cliff between 30<sup>th</sup> / 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues?
- ▶ Do not like barricades on East Cliff
- ▶ Suggested Alternatives
  - ▶ Do full environmental review of the proposed East Cliff stabilization project
  - ▶ Explore other options to **seawall**, armoring, moving utilities
  - ▶ Alternate options include: cutting down on vehicle traffic; use stairs to protect existing cliff
  - ▶ Use used tires or nylon nets strung between pylons to build a barrier reef instead of **seawall**
  - ▶ Explore the construction of "groins" as a way to reintroduce beach to the area
  - ▶ Rip-rap with backfill is okay solution
  - ▶ Research which techniques already used best withstood the effects of time & erosion & choose one that compliments natural contour & is technologically advanced
  - ▶ Use rip-rap on top of the **purisma** layer & stacked in gullies to minimize the concrete needed to even out irregularities instead of trucking it away

## **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

### **Railroad Right-of-Way**

- What are long-term plans for railroad right of way?
- Put in a commuter train; use RDA funds for small rail; use railway link to ease traffic
- Put trolley on tracks for cross town trips with room for bikes & beach equipment for trips to North or South Coast
- Use for dedicated **bikeway/pathway** through-county
- People use tracks to get to Simpkins Family Swim Center - not safe now
- There is a problem with loitering on tracks
- There is a lack of maintenance along tracks

### **Alternate Transportation**

- Support improved public transportation/explore alternatives (electric, etc.)
  - support commute fee to pay for alternate transportation
  - alleviate traffic congestion by increasing travel options
  - create incentives for people to use public transportation and bikes for commuting, etc.
- Use parking fees for remote parking lots with shuttle bus to beach areas
- Support & promote Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) as option to buses
- Use smaller buses because of emissions impacts
- Seek consensus to re-develop some existing streets into “park corridors” for non-automobile transit only
- Turn every 5<sup>th</sup> street into a walking parkway corridor

### **Other Pathway Connections and Walking Issues**

- For trails, pathways & bikeways (several comments)
- Create pathways
  - through new houses on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue & condos off 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to park
  - between end of Floral Street & Otter Cove to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - from 34th Avenue to 30th Avenue, end of Floral through trailer parks
  - from 30th Avenue to beach at Moran & through to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - through conference grounds to Portola Drive from 26th Avenue
  - For safety along Old San Jose Rd and Hilltop Road
  - for access to/through Anna Jean Cummings Park via pedestrian / bike path (off-road)
  - for Mission / Thurber pedestrian connections
  - Encourage county residents to comment on Arana Gulch plans
  - Create Arana Gulch pathway
  - Against development (bike path, bridges, etc.) in Arana Gulch - keep the open space
- Add underpass for pedestrians/bicyclist pathway along creek as part of new Soquel Drive Bridge at Soquel Creek
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge on Bridge Street
- Fairway Drive needs walking path

- ▶ Develop Heart of Soquel Mobile Home Park as parking & pedestrian creek access
- ▶ For wider sidewalks
- ▶ Use decomposed granite or stabilized earth for pathways through natural settings: Moran Lake, Corcoran Lagoon, up Corcoran & Rodeo Gulch
- ▶ design pedestrian improvements to reflect natural beauty of area

### **Bicycle issues**

- ▶ Want/Need more bike lanes, especially: bike connections to parks, beaches, and natural resources; **bikeway** along Soquel side of Hwy 1 (as in Monterey); Rodeo Gulch bike path
- ▶ Want/need improved bicyclist safety everywhere: especially Harbor Bridge, Lake Avenue turn-off; roadways around schools for kids to ride bikes safely; bike lanes separated from roadway

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

### **Meetings / Community Involvement**

- General praise for Redevelopment's projects (many comments)
- ▶ Wants to contribute/comment or learn what's happening (several comments)
- ▶ Make complete list of community issues for overall community reaction
- Utilize "free public announcements" over the radio station to advertise meetings
- ▶ Hang banners across the roads to advertise community meetings
- ▶ Amount of public input on Redevelopment projects needs to be improved
- ▶ Need to do more to keep public informed about Redevelopment projects
- Ask kids what they want & need in their community
- ▶ Involve youth in the planning process & so that they invest in their community
- ▶ Mission for Live Oak should- be to use principles of sustainable design
- ▶ Everyone should speak to their neighbors about what's going on

### **Notification of new developments**

- ▶ Hold Planning Commission meetings out in the community
- ▶ Planning needs to do more to inform community about pending projects
- ▶ Notify all residents in Live Oak area when planning is discussed

### Miscellaneous Comments

- ▶ Support for Live Oak Resource Center
- ▶ For up-creek diversion to reduce Soquel Creek flooding
- ▶ For community volunteer program for park clean-up, etc.
- ▶ Need better bus service along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- ▶ Complaint re: interference from radio station on telephone lines in Portola/24th Avenue area
- ▶ Noise concerns; for banning leaf blowers
- ▶ For parade, event in Live Oak
- ▶ For stronger code enforcement: no enforcement creates more blight
- ▶ Water supply concerns: More water storage needed; future water planning needed; secure water before committing to new development; why street tree planting when there is a water shortage?; for desalinization plant rather than re-routing Soquel Creek for water; all need to work together to engage on water issue
- ▶ Supports "Beacon" Schools
- ▶ Move fire station & post office out of the flood zone in Soquel Village to O'Neill Ranch on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue extension
- ▶ Live Oak schools lack funds to upgrade playgrounds to ADA standards as required by law; use Redevelopment (matching) funding at schools that are designated parks in General Plan & RDA plan
- ▶ Support ordinance eliminating weekly vacation rentals, especially in coastal neighborhoods; interest in removing unsightly 'vacation rental' signs in residential neighborhoods
- ▶ Wants More law enforcement in Santa Cruz Gardens