



**AGENDA NO: Public Comment**

**MEETING DATE: April 19, 2023**

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE  
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**Janeen Burlingame**

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**From:** Colby Crotzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** PWAB  
**Cc:** gkolek@morrobayca.gov; jerwin@morrobayco.gov  
**Subject:** Del Mar Park maintenance  
**Attachments:** Del Mar Park Maintenance Needs.pdf

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Please see attached PDF letter. Feel free to contact me with any questions.  
Colby Concho Crotzer

## Del Mar Park Maintenance Needs

The tennis courts at Del Mar Park are in need of maintenance and some minor improvements in order to avoid the destruction of the facility.

Constructed using funding from a California State recreational bond at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars, the facility has not been well maintained over the years and is deteriorating at an accelerated rate.

The use of state funding came with the stipulation that the tennis courts can not be allowed to be converted to another use until the year 2035, so that the expenditure of public funds would not be squandered.

The instructions for maintenance of the playing surface requires annual treatment by raking and adding sand to prolong the life of the court and to make it playable. Our Recreation Manager Kirk Carmichael has experience in how to maintain this surface and all of the documents are in his office.

The court surface is made of plastic polymer, which deteriorates when subjected to ultraviolet sunlight. At present the surface is entirely exposed and moss, weeds and fungus has begun to grow up through the surface material.

Given the destructive high wind events this season, the potential for catastrophic damage to the carpet is real. Should a gust of wind lift and tear the material it would be prohibitively expensive for the city to replace it.

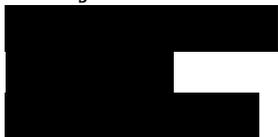
Some preventative attention to this facility will avoid this destruction and allow for the court to function in the way it was designed.

This surface was chosen because it is less stressful to the joints to play on a "soft" court, prolonging the ability to play the sport without the destructive stresses of play on a "hard" cement surface. It therefore avoids the injuries requiring knee and hip surgeries too common in the sport. Younger players should be able to avoid injury and enjoy the lifetime sport of tennis. This is of particular concern to many of the older tennis players who play in pain. Many have knees replaced or have had to retire from the sport.

Some additional issues include the fact that gaps in the fencing allow balls to leave the court to walk all the way around to search for the ball. Also the exit gate is permanently locked. A piece of plywood for practice would be a nice addition for solo drills.

We (38 fellow players signed a petition) request that this issue be agendaized for discussion at your next available meeting.

Colby Concho Crotzer,



**Janeen Burlingame**

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**From:** Judy Setting [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2023 3:26 PM  
**To:** PWAB  
**Cc:** Dana Swanson  
**Subject:** Northbound Traffic Flow at Main & Beach Streets  
**Attachments:** Main & Beach Traffic Flow.pdf

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Hello, please include my humble request with the April 19, 2023, PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA.

Thank you,

*Judy Lynn Setting*

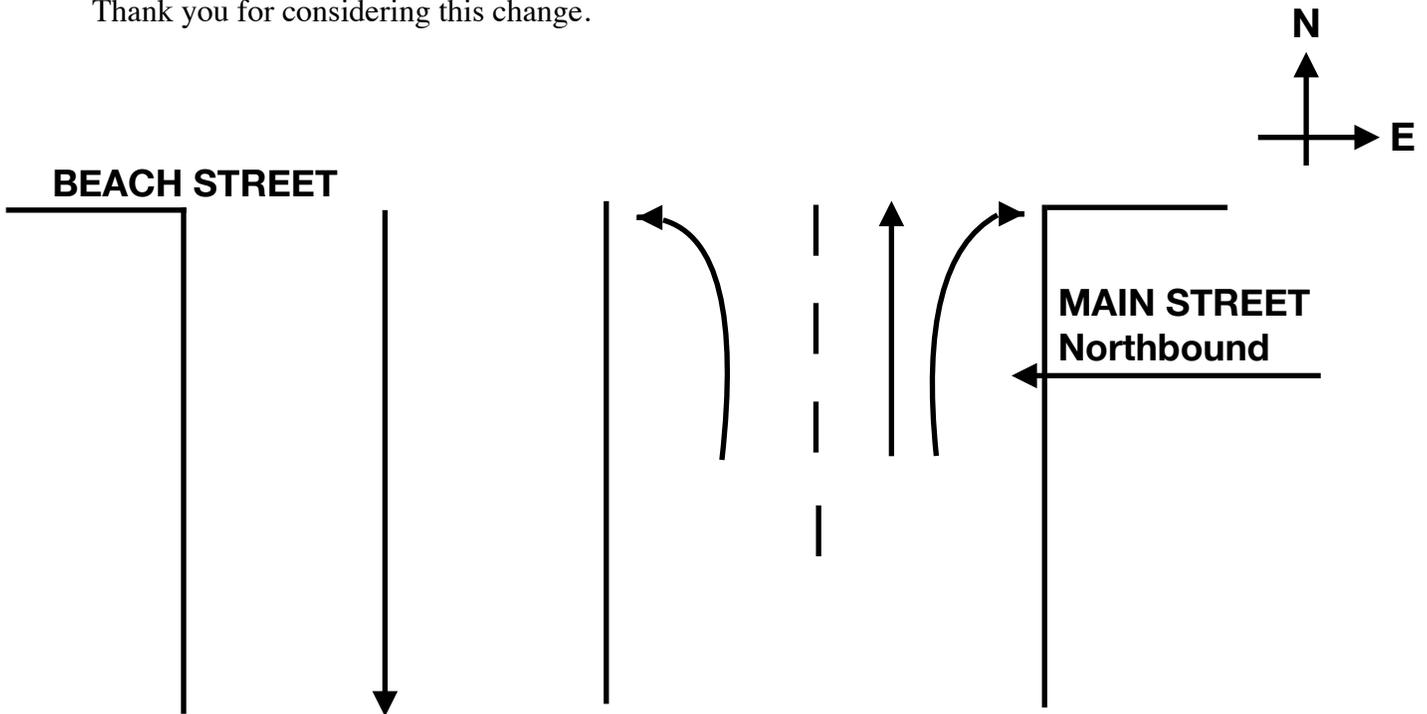
Correspondence from: JUDY LYNN SETTING  
To: CITY OF MORRO BAY PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
On: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Humble request and diagram to address inadequate traffic flow on northbound Main Street at the Beach Street intersection.

History: existing directional lines were established based on Morro Elementary school traffic. Morro Elementary ceases to accommodate 250 plus students and traffic going to the school is minimal. We have more traffic turning left to the waterfront than right to east Beach street. Therefore, it may be best to have the right lane share the straight through traffic flow.

Traffic flow can be enhanced by making the left lane, left turn only and the right lane, straight through or right turn.

Thank you for considering this change.





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**From:** Pamela Newman  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2023 11:30 AM  
**To:** Janeen Burlingame; Eric Riddiough  
**Subject:** FW: agenda item b-2

FYI

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**From:** betty winholtz [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** agenda item b-2

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Dear Board Members:

I urge you to not make a recommendation this evening regarding which tree species should be used for replacement. I believe more research needs to go into choosing to reduce future costs. The 4 replacements are recommended for other locations in the Park; therefore, doing further investigation does not inhibit the bus stop replacement. Better to delay planting than have to dig up a dead tree and pay for its replacement.

In summary, here is what I found online: both the *majestic beauty Indian hawthorn* and the *purple-leaf plum* are short lived trees, maybe 20 years. Also, both are considered shrubs to small trees, yet they are replacing trees of stature. The former is not good in direct light, which is what they will get in the Park.

Here are quotes regarding the *hawthorn*--Sincerely,Betty Winholtz

"versatile large shrub"

"This popular shrub in tree form has fragrant pink flower clusters in spring. Does best in filtered sun to light shade with amended well drained soil"

"*the hawthorn* is a large evergreen shrub to small tree with a vigorous growth rate and robust foliage and flower character."

"An evergreen shrub or small tree with a round form."

"It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out."

" may warrant special consideration-- disease."

Here are quotes regarding the *plum*--

"known to be susceptible to a large number of diseases including black knot, leaf spot, die back, leaf curl, powdery mildew, root rot and fireblight"

"It's best to plant this tree away from walkways and other sites in your yard that get a lot of foot traffic"

"The ASPCA's database of toxic plants lists plum trees as toxic to dogs, cats, and horses because of the cyanide content. Again, the main risk comes from the stem, leaves, and roots of the tree"

"Good drainage is required to keep your trees "happy." If your soil has high clay content, use our Coco-Fiber Potting Medium or add one-third peat to the soil at planting time"

"a shrub to a small tree"

"a medium-sized, ornamental, deciduous tree that is typically short-lived. The tree is upright and twiggy"

Personally, I have seen 3 purple-leaf plum trees struggle for years at the high school. When the remodel was done they were removed. My neighbor has two of these. When they were trimmed, one died straight away and the other is struggling. I have seen successful majestic beauty Indian hawthorn around town but as bushes. There may be one on Anchor Street that resembles a small tree.

Though *coastal live oak* was rejected, they are very slow growing and live long. There are other options on the City's master tree list. Look on pages 15-16 in the *City's Urban Forest Management Plan*.

<https://www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7702/Urban-Forest-Management-Plan-UFMP?bidId=>

Sincerely,  
Betty Winholtz



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**From:** Ashley Goldlist <asgoldlist@ucdavis.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:35 PM  
**To:** PWAB  
**Cc:** Devyn DiMascio  
**Subject:** MB-Cayucos connector project and equestrian use

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Good Evening,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment regarding the proposed MB-Cayucos connector project. As I will be unable to be present in person, I was hoping that I could send in an emailed question that the board could consider/ask about this project. The project itself is a good and necessary project that increases multiple modes of active transportation. I wanted to know how the equestrian use will fit in as there has been some issues in this area with dog and horse interactions. Is there a way to incorporate an additional active transportation use for equestrian use to ensure safety for Morro Bay equestrians, many that have lived several generations in the community?

The project did not mention equestrian considerations and I thought this could be incorporated into the path design at this early stage.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Pamela Newman  
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**To:** Eric Riddiough; Janeen Burlingame  
**Subject:** FW: agenda item b-3

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**Subject:** Re: agenda item b-3

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Dear Board Members:

Voting for a consolidated permit--

1. Gives away Morro Bay residents' right for a public hearing to be held in Morro Bay.
2. Eliminates the right to appeal. There is one hearing, not local, by commissioners who do not live here, and the decision is final.
3. Leaves enforcement to the CA Coastal Commission (CCC), long distance, which did not work with the WRF (sewer plant) when many violations were reported.
4. Undermines Cayucos' chances to have a local hearing on their part of the Connector Trail.

It's taken 12 years to get this far. There are numerous changes on the maps that are being made known for the first time tonight, yet we can't speak to them. We can only speak to whether or not there should be one hearing with no appeal (Coastal Act 5.2.1.5). Chapter 5 of the Coastal Act goes onto say that consolidated permits should be considered early in the process. This is the 11th hour. Residents' issues should be heard and decided locally. Only then can a recommendation be sent to the CCC. Otherwise, the CCC, due to their heavy workload, will only know what City and County staff tell them.

**Vote to take the time** to make this a fair hearing that addresses local concerns created by the change in route (private road, filling in ESH, cultural issues, etc). It is worth the time and is necessary for real due process.

Page 16 of the staff report reads like it is a requirement to submit a consolidated permit: "A consolidated permit application with the City of Morro Bay is required because two segments of the trail are within the City's boundaries" (staff report, page 1). **A consolidated hearing is not a requirement**; it is a favor to County staff.

Finally, there is this: the **plans submitted to you are not signed** by the engineer responsible for them. §6735 of the California Business and Professions Code says, in part, the following; "All civil engineering plans and specifications that are permitted or that are to be released for construction shall bear the signature and seal or stamp of the licensee and the date of signing and sealing or stamping." If the plans you are looking at aren't for real (signed), then can they be changed before their submittal to the CCC?

Please vote to not recommend consolidation.

Sincerely,  
Betty Winholtz