



February 16, 2018

Debra L. Hale
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Re: Support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County to pursue a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant for the State Route 1 Carmel Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Hale:

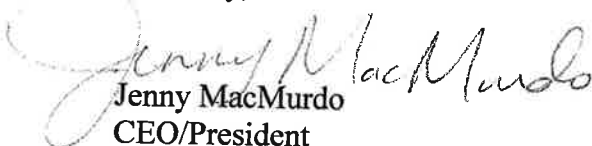
The Carmel Chamber of Commerce upon review by its Government Affairs Committee fully supports the Transportation Agency for Monterey County in pursuing a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant for the State Route 1 Carmel Corridor Study ("Study"). We believe this grant will benefit the region by providing a vision for the corridor's future and for identifying specific improvements needed for this congested corridor.

Our understanding is that State Route 1 Carmel Corridor Study will evaluate sustainable operational improvements such as roundabouts on Hwy 1 between State Route 68 (Holman Highway) and Carmel Valley Rd to mitigate impacts to the transportation system due to increased interregional tourism and visitor traffic. The Study would also include a "Safe Route to School" planning effort identifying projects and programs that may increase safe access to Carmel High School and Carmel Middle School.

This Study once completed should provide the data, analysis, and public deliberation needed for the Transportation Agency to make more informed decisions by identifying the capacity, operational feasibility, sustainability, and affordability of projects that can be implemented along the Highway 1 corridor in Carmel.

Therefore, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce supports the Transportation Agency's application for a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant and anticipates active involvement throughout the planning process.

Sincerely,


Jenny MacMurdo
CEO/President


Cynthia Buhl
Board Chair

