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Subject: New Multi-Modal trail on East side of Hwy 1 in El Granada and Miramar
Date: Monday, January 16, 2023 5:20:02 PM

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Hello all,

I'm sure you might have been bombarded with emails from Coastside residents this week about the drainage problems on the new east side multi-modal trail that runs along Hwy 1 from Coronado Ave in El Granada to Miramar. I was on the trail on bike when the paving was completed and the first rains hit (before the recent storm). Several places on the trail were flooded, had gravel, and muddy.

I also want to bring to your attention to the sidewalk at Coronado that ends abruptly at the light. As there is no shoulder on Coronado for cyclists to get off safely from the trail, this possess a safety hazard for those wanting to turn onto Coronado. I almost got hit by a car that was turning onto Coronado - I had dismounted from my bike to get off the trail as the sidewalk cuts to the crosswalk leading up to the Coronado light and wanted to turn right onto Coronado. Ave. I'm not certain adding signs on the trail or on Hwy 1 would help very much since cars turning onto Coronado Ave from Hwy 1 don't stop and look unless the traffic light is Red. The safer way to do this would be to extend the sidewalk up to Ave Alhambra with curb cut out at Ave Alhambra.

Thank you for reading my email and hope to see some improvements regarding these issues.

Sincerely,
BHAVANA
(El Granada resident)

From: [Marina A Abalakina](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Significant Drainage Problems at the New Multimodal Trail in Half Moon Bay
Date: Monday, January 16, 2023 3:51:09 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to bring your attention to the significant drainage problems at the new Midcoast Multimodal trail on the east side of HWY1 in Half Moon Bay.

It appears that the original project did not include the necessary drainage measures. As a result, multiple portions of the trail (in El Granada, across from Coronado and Medio Aves. And others) are consistently under water and/or dirt, the existing culverts fail to divert runoff away from the trail, the stormwater created deep canals and even waterfalls along the trail; when this water crosses the trail, it covers the pavements with dirt, rocks and debris. The dirt on the trail is 4" deep in places, it is dangerous and some neighbors I know have already suffered minor injuries while biking on the trail..

I would like to emphasize that the current extreme weather is not the primary cause of these problems. They manifested themselves at the very beginning of the wet season when the rains were not at all severe and they will persist and affect this trail in any rain, in any drought year.

The DPW website for this project indicates that the work on the trail is actually done. I urge the Board to act fast and resolve these issues working with the Department of Public Works, CalTrans, the contracting company, Minerva, and all other involved parties. The trail cost us, the taxpayers, \$4000000 and we certainly deserve better than unsightly, dangerous and unusable trail. With unmanaged drainage it will become a maintenance headache, an injury litigation problem, it will spoil the experience of residents and visitors alike, and fall in disrepair in short order.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [Joe Totah](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Our Sherriff's Department
Date: Friday, January 13, 2023 8:40:00 AM

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Supervisors Corzo, Canepa, Muller, Pine and Slocum.

I was just listing to retired FBI Agent Nicole Parker in a news interview state "people don't change their behaviors" when referring to criminals who commit crimes. I would think the FBI knows best on this. I bring this up because I have two huge concerns the way the county has or may be trending when it comes to law enforcement policy:

1. Working with ICE
2. Having a Citizen Oversight Board

There is no doubt, there is no perfect solution, most especially on having or not having a citizen oversight board. As for working with ICE, keep in mind, you are putting your own citizens in harm's way but not working with ICE, including the family members or the ex-partners of such individuals. As special agent Parker stated, people don't change their behaviors. So there is no doubt most of these are going to commit another crime, including going after a former partner just as the thug who beheaded a young lady in San Carlos. He was not here legally, he has a rap sheet and should have been deported a long time ago. Is this what you call "they need to go back home to their families?"

Of course we have our own who do this heinous crimes, but we are stuck with them, who in their right mind would welcome another country's thugs to cause harm against our own citizens? I challenge each and every one of you to answer this question. Why would you put them first? Because you got a political campaign donation from a special interest group? I don't know if this is true, but I have to wonder who in their right mind would support law enforcement agencies not working with another agency. And yes, they need to be deported as I am not talking about an undocumented individual who is working in a restaurant and not causing trouble, I am talking about those who commit harm to county residents (what part of the beheading is not understood).

As for a citizen oversight committee, first of all good luck on hiring sheriff deputies nowadays without any oversight committee. I am sure there will be some hirings, but nowhere enough to what we need because of the politicization of law enforcement. I have talked to young adults who are seeking careers or career changes, when I bring up law enforcement, they want nothing to do with it. Now have a Sheriff oversight committee and forget it, no new recruit in the right mind would want to work under such conditions. It will be next to impossible to hire qualified candidates and the department will have to lower their hiring standards, let alone try to get anyone to sign up even for an interview. Our crime rate has already gone up because of some bad policies (not necessarily from the County BOS). The question is, do you want to continue to recruit law enforcement and do you want to protect our citizens? I would certainly hope you do and hope bold decision are made to send a strong message that San Mateo County is not a place to commit crimes.

Thank you,
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