

LHC WG – more suggested docs

March 20, 2018 PNR Meeting #2

[20180320_PNR_R-18-25.pdf](#)

- Public Feedback Summary Table 2017
- Alternative 1, 2, and 3

May 9, 2018 Board Meeting #1

[20180509_RedBarnSitePlan_R-18-47.pdf](#)

- Public Feedback Summary Table 2017
- Public Feedback e-mails, comments, etc. 2018
- Alternative 1, 2, and 3

June 12, 2018 Community Meeting #2 / Board Meeting #2

- [20180612_RedBarnSitePlan_R-18-64.pdf](#)
- [20180612_a3_Commentsthrough20180612_Redacted.pdf](#)
- [20180612_RedBarnCommunityPresentation.pdf](#)

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:15pm - 3:15pm

weather: overcast, partly cloudy, breezy

Traffic Detail

vehicle type	direction	quantity
cars and trucks	eastbound	112
cars and trucks	westbound	140
motorcycles	eastbound	18
motorcycles	westbound	16
bicycles	eastbound	3
bicycles	westbound	12
Total vehicles		301

cars: 252

motorcycles: 34

bicycles: 15

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited

1. 2 cars passed a bicycle going eastbound
2. a motorcycle passed a car traveling westbound
3. a car passed another car going westbound
4. a car traveling **westbound** used the RB dirt turnout to implement a 3-point turn to reverse his direction and travel **eastbound** and was nearly hit by a car heading west
5. 2 more motorcycles passed a car heading west on the curve after the Red Barn
6. Five (5) Porsches racing over the speed limit (with less than a car's length distance between each)
7. A plein-air art teacher accompanied 3 students to paint the scenery.

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019

2:00pm - 3:00pm

weather: sunny, no breeze, 82 degrees

Traffic Detail

vehicle type	direction	quantity
cars and trucks	eastbound	168
cars and trucks	westbound	508
motorcycles	eastbound	17
motorcycles	westbound	27
bicycles	eastbound	2
bicycles	westbound	8
Total vehicles		730

cars: 676

motorcycles: 44

bicycles: 10

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited; speed limit is 35mph

1. a motorcycle passing a car traveling eastbound
2. a motorcycle passing a car traveling westbound
3. two motorcycles passing a car traveling eastbound
4. two motorcycles passing two cars traveling eastbound
5. a motorcycle passing a two cars traveling eastbound
6. two motorcycles passing a car traveling westbound
7. a motorcycle passing a two cars traveling westbound
8. a car passing another car going westbound
9. a car passing a bike going westbound
10. cars going westbound parking in pull out to enjoy the view
11. many vehicles tailgating
12. many vehicles speeding

incidents

1

7

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1

1

1

2

5

4

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study
 Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019
 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 weather: sunny, slight breeze, 71 degrees

Traffic Detail

vehicle type	direction	quantity
cars and trucks	eastbound	125
cars and trucks	westbound	160
motorcycles	eastbound	27
motorcycles	westbound	40
bicycles	eastbound	0
bicycles	westbound	9
Total vehicles		361

cars: 285

motorcycles: 67

bicycles: 9

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited; speed limit is 35mph

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| 1. a motorcycle passing a car traveling eastbound | 1 |
| 2. a motorcycle passing a car traveling westbound | 3 |
| 3. one motorcycle passing a two cars traveling eastbound | 1 |
| 4. two motorcycles passing two cars traveling eastbound | 1 |
| 5. two motorcycles passing a car traveling westbound | 1 |
| 6. a car passing a bike going westbound | 3 |
| 7. a pack of eleven motorcycles <i>speeding</i> | |
| 8. <i>many</i> vehicles speeding | |

incidents

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June 12, 2018

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Board of Directors and LHCOSP Planners
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022-1404

Re: Community Petition Signatures Opposing the Red Barn Access Area Drafts

MROSD Board Members and LHCOSP Planners:

In anticipation of tonight's MROSD Board Meeting in La Honda, this letter accompanies 266 additional opposition signatures from petitions circulated from May 16, 2018 through June 12, 2018.

In total, more that 900 signatures have been gathered from community members in less than one month. 532 of the signatures are from La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero, and Loma Mar residents whose total population is 1,898 (United States Census 2010). Opposition signatures are also from Woodside/Skyline area (100+ signatures), other Coastside communities, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and Santa Cruz County.

The community is very concerned about increased traffic to the area. Currently, California Highway Patrol officers are not **assigned** to specifically patrol traffic on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1. Similarly, the County Sheriff monitors this area for crime but not traffic. Both agencies do respond to incidents as requested. This is the exact stretch of road where MidPen wants to add a driveway with cars, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The following is traffic documentation on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1:

- CHP – for previous 5 years to date, provided 32 pages of collision records, as well as recorded traffic violations (drunk driving, excessive speeds, wrong side of road, etc.) which increased from 21 in 2013 to 37 in 2017.
- CalFire – responded to 84 traffic accidents from January 2016 to date.
- California Department of Transportation – from 2013 through 2016 reported 101 injuries and 7 fatalities.

How could MidPen ensure “safe public access” on a road fraught with accidents, fatalities, and other traffic incidents?

In our letter of June 5th, 2018, we provided information about the local communities and their concerns. We support the following alternative Red Barn access plans:

- Trails *from* the La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road *to* the Red Barn area are *already planned*
- Public access from a parking lot at the Driscoll Event Center would be safer, less intrusive, and more cost-effective
- *Permit-only parking* at and *docent-led* access to the Red Barn area could preserve the natural habitat and historic site

We strongly recommend that the Board of Directors consider this significant local opposition and work *with* the community to deliver on the Master Plan goals and objectives for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, which are:

- *Provide safe public access*
- *Protect the scenic views of and from the site*
- *Preserve the rural character of the Red Barn*

Sincerely,

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La Honda Residents

Barbara Hooper

June 12, 2018 - delivering additional Community Petition Signatures at MROSD LH Meeting

Re : Community Petition Signatures Opposing the Red Barn Access Area Drafts
MROSD Board Members and LHCOSP Planners:

Tonight I'm delivering:

- **266 additional opposition signatures** from our local community
- which brings the total **893 opposition signatures** gathered in less than one month;
- **526 of the signatures are from La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero, and Loma Mar** which is **28%** of the total population (1,898) of the communities (Woodside = 106)

We are very concerned about increased traffic to the area.

- Currently, CHP officers are **not assigned to specifically patrol traffic on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1.**
- Similarly, the **County Sheriff monitors this area for crime but not traffic.** Both agencies do respond to incidents as requested.
- This is the **exact stretch of road where MidPen wants to add a driveway** with cars, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The following is traffic documentation on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1:

- **CHP** – for previous 5 years to date, **provided 32 pages of collision records and recorded traffic violations** (drunk driving, excessive speeds, wrong side of road, etc.) which increased from **21 in 2013 to 37 in 2017.**
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How could MidPen ensure “safe public access” on a road fraught with accidents, fatalities, and other traffic incidents?

We support the following **three Red Barn access plans** including

- 1 **Already planned trails** from the La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road to the Red Barn area
- 2 safer, less intrusive Public access from a **parking lot at the Driscoll Event Center**
- 3 **Permit-only parking at and docent-led access** to the Red Barn area which would preserve the natural habitat and historic site

We strongly recommend that the Board of Directors consider this significant local opposition and work *with* the community to *deliver* on the Master Plan goals and objectives for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, which are:

- ***Provide safe public access***
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- ***Preserve the rural character of the Red Barn***

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June 5, 2018

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Re : Community Petition Signatures Opposing the Red Barn Access Area Drafts

MROSD Board Members and LHCOSP Planners:

Hundreds of community members are opposed to the Red Barn Access Area plans and have signed the attached "Red Barn Access" petitions which we wrote and circulated from May 16, 2018 through June 5, 2018.

Currently, 625 signatures have been gathered by volunteer community members in La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero, Half Moon Bay, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and other local areas. Petitions were also located at the La Honda Country Store, Alice's Restaurant, Skywood Trading Post, and San Gregorio Store. We are continuing to collect signatures and will present the total amount at the MROSD Board Meeting in La Honda on June 12, 2018. Please do not add people to any mailing list, as we specified "no mailing list" on each petition. We requested residence addresses **to show the local opposition**, as these *are* the people *most* impacted by the proposed development and increased traffic on Hwy. 84.

Issues of concern from the community include:

- Not consistent with MROSD's Coastside Protection mission to "protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character" of open space land.
- Lack of notification to and input from the local community most impacted.
- Existing traffic studies may not represent a thorough understanding of the significant risks to public safety and may not take into account the most recent public records of incidents/accidents from the California Highway Patrol, Sheriff, and fire department, as well as consideration of *unreported* traffic incidents/accidents and violations (passing, u-turns, excessive speeds, etc.) at and/or near the Red Barn site on Hwy. 84.
- Additional traffic to this site significantly increases the risk of automobile, motorcycle, and bicycle accidents.
- Increased risk of fire danger : car fires / collisions are a leading cause of roadside fires.
- Impact to sensitive species and wildlife habitat in proposed access area.

We support the **alternative access points** to view the Red Barn area which are *already planned* such as the trails from the La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road to the Red Barn area. MROSD could **preserve** the Red Barn historic site and natural habitat by providing limited **permit-only parking at and/or docent-led access** to the Red Barn area from the existing driveway rather than constructing the proposed hazardous driveway which leads into a blind curve and could potentially endanger the community and visitors to the area. Also, LHCOSP public access from a parking area at the Driscoll Event Center would be safer, less intrusive, and more cost-effective.

We urge the Board of Directors to consider this significant local opposition and to work *with* the community. ***Please uphold your Good Neighbor Policy and the mission of the Coastside Protection Program: "To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education."***

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Red Barn Access comments - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018

Barbara Hooper <barbthooper@gmail.com>

Tue, May 15, 2018 at 12:05 PM

To: Leslie Chan <lchan@openspace.org>, Jane Mark <jmark@openspace.org>, General Information <info@openspace.org>

Cc: Barbara Hooper <barbthooper@gmail.com>

Dear Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Representatives:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Redwood City. The following pdf document (3 pages) includes the feedback about the Red Barn Access proposal that I shared in my **2 minutes** during public comment, as well as other comments and documentation (Traffic Study and Red Barn Driveway Access) that I didn't have time to include.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns to MidPen and hope you will take them into consideration as you move forward with the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve access planning.

Regards,
Barbara Hooper
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La Honda, CA 94020
415-713-4857



Barbara Hooper public comment - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018 .pdf

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Barbara Hooper's public comment at MROSD Board Meeting – May 9, 2018

Thank you for the invitation to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9, 2018 in Redwood City. The following includes the feedback about the Red Barn Access proposal that I shared in my **2 minutes** during public comment, as well as other comments and documentation that I didn't have time to include.

- 1) As a San Mateo County resident, I am a strong advocate of MROSD and hike on the MidPen trails regularly.
- 2) However, I am **not** in favor of the Red Barn access proposal, and **here's why!**
 - a) First: It does not follow MidPen's mission and vision.
 - b) Second: It would increase traffic hazards on already dangerous Highway 84.
 - c) Third: Area would become a "tourist attraction" rather than a PRESERVE.
- 3) **FIRST – MidPen Mission & Vision**
 - a) MROSD commits to **preserving the rural character of the region**. An unsafe driveway located on Hwy 84 and 70+ parking spaces do NOT maintain and showcase the coast's rural character and agricultural heritage.
 - b) MidPen has not followed through with its promise to **collaborate with the community**. There are local objections (as noted in the board packet) but MROSD is still moving forward with the Red Barn access.
- 4) **SECOND - Traffic concerns**
 - a) I did a *traffic study* for ONE hour on Saturday, May 5th, from 2:15-3:15pm, at the pull-out on Highway 84 in front of the Red Barn.
 - b) **OBSERVATIONS** – 300+ vehicles – (see **Traffic Study**, page 2)
 - i) 252 cars & trucks, 34 motorcycles, 15 bicycles
 - ii) Although passing is *prohibited*, I observed the following risks and hazards:
 - (1) 6 cars/motorcycles passing other vehicles
 - (2) A car making a u-turn was almost hit by oncoming traffic
 - (3) FIVE (5) Porsches "racing" above the posted speed limit
 - c) **MidPen Traffic Study MAP doesn't represent accurate impact** - (see **Driveway Access**, page 3)
 - i) The potential for increased accidents with new ingress and regress of vehicular traffic into Highway 84 east and west bound is a recipe for disaster.
 - d) MidPen Board members and staff need to do personal *traffic studies* at **Red Barn pullout on Hwy 84**
 - i) To *see* and *experience* the traffic flow at "prime time" on weekends so they can better understand the **risks and hazards** that would **increase** as bikes, motorcycles, and cars intersect at more locations.
 - ii) Note: MidPen traffic studies have NOT taken into consideration illegal traffic violations that occur daily.
- 1) **THIRD - Preservation**
 - a) The definition of "preserve" is: maintain, conserve, protect, and care for.
 - b) I am requesting that MidPen **PRESERVE** the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and not turn the Red Barn into a "tourist attraction."

Traffic Study

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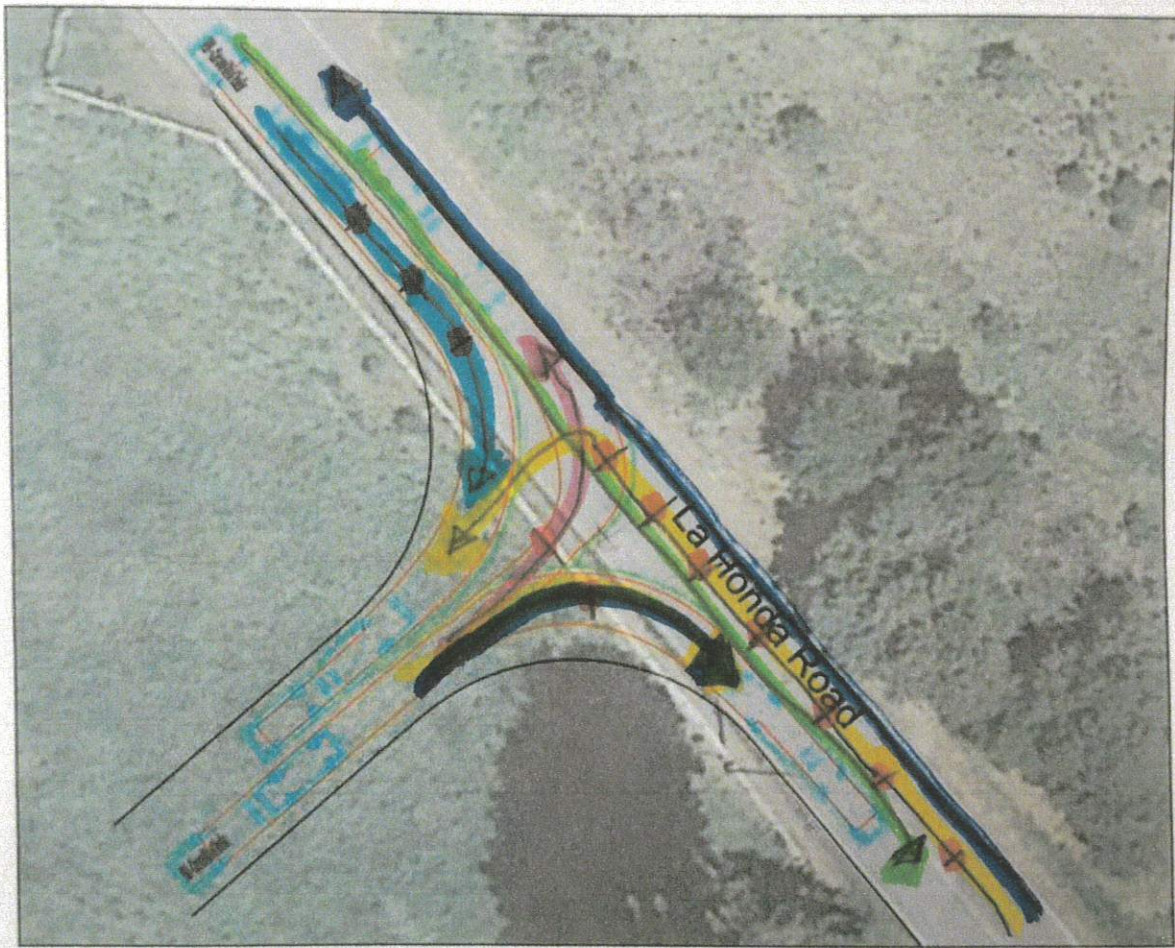
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Red Barn Driveway Access



Legend

Dark blue = eastbound traffic on Hwy 84

Yellow = eastbound traffic turning left into driveway

Green = westbound traffic on Hwy 84

Light blue = westbound traffic turning left into driveway

Pink = traffic turning left leaving Red Barn onto eastbound Hwy 84

Grey = traffic turning right leaving Red Barn onto westbound Hwy 84

red dots indicate cars waiting to turn and backing up traffic

Note: cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles may be entering and exiting the driveway.