## Midpen Open Space sharing Highway 17
## wildlife and trail crossing options with the public Nov. 7

**Los Altos, CA—** The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is planning a wildlife and trail crossing along a stretch of Highway 17 near Los Gatos where frequent collisions occur between animals and vehicles. The project will provide safe passage for wildlife by linking critical habitats while also connecting protected public lands with recreational trails and making the highway safer for people. The public is invited to a community meeting to learn more about the project, review eight project alternatives and provide their feedback:

**Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00pm**
**Los Gatos Methodist Church**
**111 Church Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030** (map)

Those not able to attend can learn about the crossing alternatives and provide their comments on Midpen's website beginning November 8.

"Bay Area open spaces that wildlife depend on are surrounded by urban areas and highways. Allowing wildlife to safely move between these fragmented landscapes gives them access to the food, water, mates and habitat they need for long-term survival," said Project Manager and Midpen's Acting Natural Resource Manager Julie Andersen. "This area is just one of many critical locations for wildlife, and we hope this crossing project inspires others across the region, state and country to do the same."

The location was identified in Bay Area Critical Linkages, a 2013 scientific study conducted by the Conservation Lands Network. The project was also identified by the public as a priority in Midpen's vision plan. Measure AA, approved by voters in 2014, will contribute $14 million towards the project estimated to cost a total of $16-25 million. Midpen is leading the project and will collaborate with many partners, stakeholders and the public to complete the work, including Caltrans. For more information visit www.openspace.org/Hwy17.

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