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James Hinkamp
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Dear Mr. Hinkamp

Now that the annual gridlock from our Pumpkin Festival has past, we await the strangulation of Christmas tree season and many other attractions to Half Moon Bay. Woe, is our simplistic transportation system!

Yes, other than water, transportation is the second most essential requirement of civilization. Commerce, public safety, medical emergencies, access to employment, shopping, culture and fundamental quality of life issues are all dependent on a reasonable system of transportation. While this issue is not solely in the domain of the City of Half Moon Bay, certainly their City Council is a significant participant. Yet we who live here, have business here, or would like to invite friends for a visit are held hostage by special interests who deny that that the road system laid out before the advent of automobiles and trucks should not be tampered with. The gridlock has progressed to most weekdays now. This crisis involves the whole of Highway 92 from Interstate 280 to and including much of Hwy. One.

Some say the cost would be exorbitant, yet we live in an area of the highest income, the highest tax rates in all of California. But what is the cost of prolonging this crisis? Some deplore the ecological damage of more modern roads and others make the false claim that good roads invite more development. Yet, when we look at Hwy. 280 we can not find any additional development in the 45 years that this world class highway has inspired. Simply, development is solely a function of land use policies and basic economics.

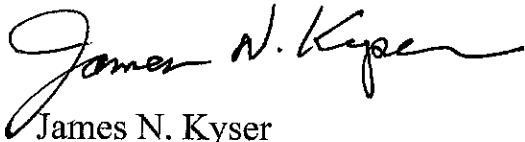
To the contrary, our poor road system results in many personal injuries, insurance costs, road rage, increased air pollution, strangulation of business and certainly a frustration to our quality of life such as the constant wailing of sirens as public safety vehicles try to respond to mishaps along the way.

The Coast of California belongs to all citizens. To deny access to the beaches on a hot day because you have to sit in traffic and get hotter yet needs to be addressed and accounted for. This situation applies not only to Hwy. 92 but to Hwy One.

While attempts to “band aid” some of the trouble spots have helped some, we go from one temporary solution to the next road block. The only meaningful solution is to enlarge the infrastructure alignment of the roads with safe access and exit to and from these main roads and also accommodate the burgeoning bicycle traffic.

Sure, some trees will be sacrificed, some property will need to be compensated for, but thousands and thousands will have a renewed joy of living, visiting and commuting to and from Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Kyser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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