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Comments: *

Would you PLEASE increase parking at Rancho San Antonio, where SO people want to go on weekends?

The situation has become completely absurd, with cars stacked up waiting for a space to open up, driving around in circles (often too fast given the stress level). People are parking all the way down Cristo Rey and throughout the surrounding residential areas, then walking into the park.

The trail system is so extensive that there is no issue with more people getting in. It is simply the parking, choking off access, that is the problem.

How hard could it be to convert that giant flat area just below the model airplane flying area?



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August 14, 2019

Re: RSA Parking Concerns

Dear Mr. Ende,

Thank you for your comment regarding the parking issues at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve (Preserve). The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) understands that access to the Preserve is a challenge and we appreciate your feedback.

Addressing parking issues at the Preserve has been and continues to be of priority for Midpen. We have explored a number of measures to reduce the demand on parking, improve parking lot efficiency, and enhance multimodal access. Midpen is able to lead some measures, and others will require the cooperation and partnership of other entities, including adjacent cities, County Parks, and/or local transportation agencies. These measures are categorized as short-term, medium-term, and long-term, and the Board of Directors approved moving forward with the [implementation of the short-term measures](#) over the course of the next two years. Midpen also launched a [Multimodal Access Study](#) for the Preserve, which the Board of Directors approved on June 26, 2019 (see also [Board Meeting Minutes](#)). This study will give us additional insights on the underlying parking challenges and new data about where people originate from and how they arrive to the Preserve to assist us in exploring additional strategies that further reduce parking demands.

The addition of onsite or offsite parking would be a long-term action that needs to consider any potential environmental impacts. In your email, you inquire about installing a parking lot at the flat area below the model airplane flying area. This proposal raises potential environmental impacts of concern related to the disturbance and loss of existing grassland and foraging habitat. Additionally, the proposal may affect the existing model airplane flying operation. The underlying property owner of this area is the County of Santa Clara. Midpen does not hold regulatory permitting authority and would be required to go through discretionary permit approvals with the County for such a project. As you can imagine, this type of project would be complex and controversial, and solicit interest from many stakeholders, both for and against such a project. Given these complexities and potential impacts of concern, Midpen is proceeding with a range of other solutions first to help address the parking demands. If these solutions are not sufficient, the Board would need to consider more significant actions, such as a new or expanded parking area for the Preserve.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with us. We are committed to exploring and implementing viable solutions to address the parking issues at the Preserve that are protective of the environment and uphold the open space values. We will first proceed with the short-term measures discussed above that can be implemented efficiently with current resources and existing partnerships.

Sincerely,

Pete Siemens
Board President