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

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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.

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

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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

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:15pm - 3:15pm

weather: overcast, partly cloudy, breezy

Traffic Detail

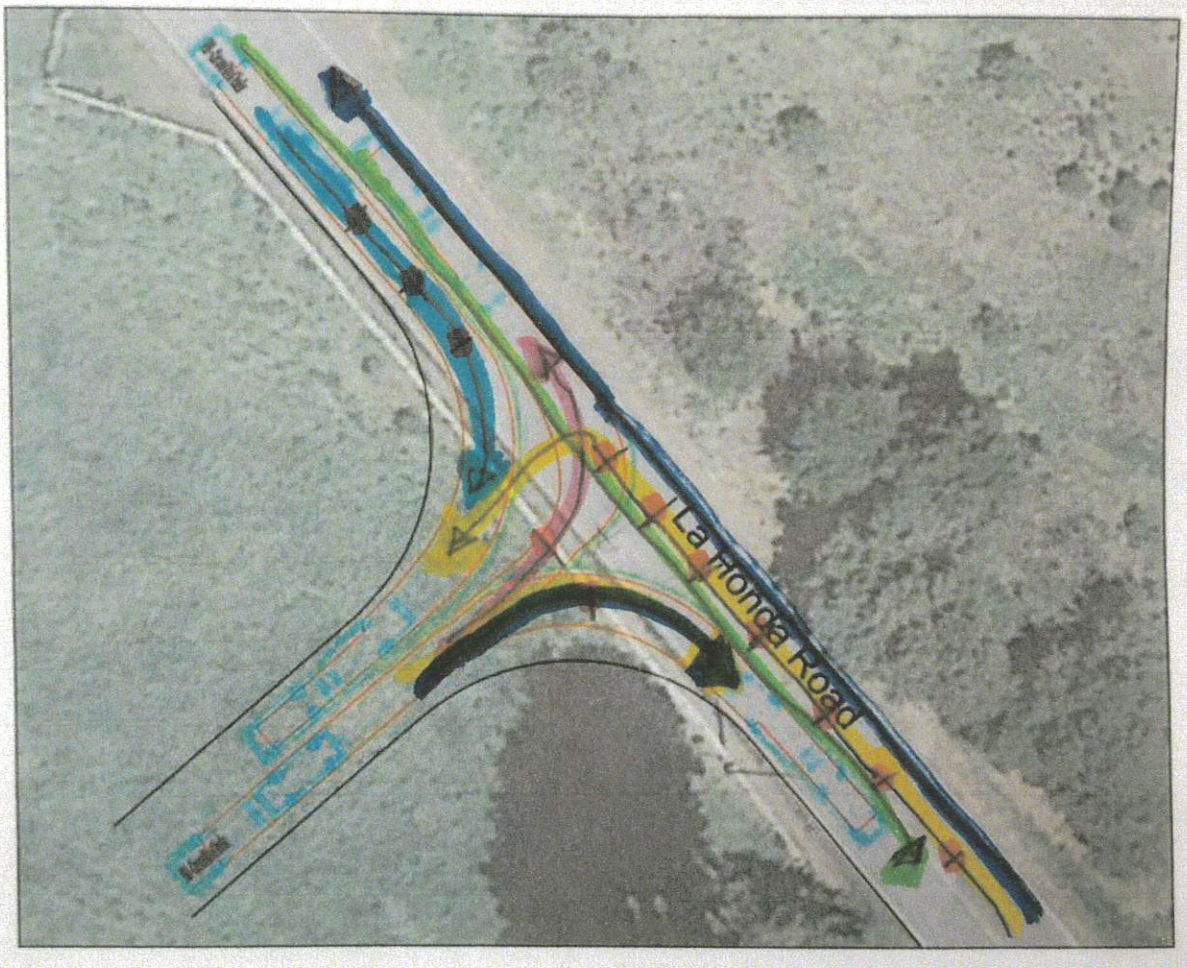
vehicle type	direction	quantity	
cars and trucks	eastbound	112	**cars: 252**
cars and trucks	westbound	140	
motorcycles	eastbound	18	**motorcycles: 34**
motorcycles	westbound	16	
bicycles	eastbound	3	**bicycles: 15**
bicycles	westbound	12	
Total vehicles		**301**	

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited

1. two (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. Two (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. An art teacher held a plein-air landscape painting class for 3 students.

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.