

Public Comment -- 7/10/24 PC Mtg., CDP 7-24

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Planning Commission & CDD Staff,

I have not reviewed the full details of this project yet but I want to remind the PC that the greater Caltrans Main Street ADA project that was previously approved but ultimately cancelled by Caltrans, was appealed due to inconsistencies with the Coastal General Plan due to a lack of safe pedestrian access at Noyo Point Road. The Coastal Commission staff agreed that the project needed to do more and there was a requirement to design something at that intersection with Main Street because of applicable CGP policies and for equity reasons related to the small Pomo neighborhood accessed at that intersection. This proposal does not appear to address that same intersection that needed special treatment so you might want to consider making sure the underlying equity and access issues are addressed this time. I will acknowledge that this is a different project and it may be sufficient to create the sidewalk connection to Noyo Point Road and the protected crossing at Cypress Street (since this sidewalk segment was omitted from that earlier proposal). Regardless, please consider these potential issues and make sure we adequately address all CGP policies.

That said, I am excited by the project because it will provide a much-needed accessible connection to the Coastal Trail that doesn't currently exist for the South Coastal Trail entrance and connect the Pomo neighborhood to the City's other pedestrian facilities at the Cypress Street protected crossing. It will be great that people don't have to travel in the roadway any longer along the west side of Main Street.

Regards,

--Jacob