2.50 Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails

a. Require, if funds are available, that CalTrans provide adjacent or separate facilities for bicycle and pedestrian trails in accordance with the policies of the Recreation and Visitor-Serving Facilities and Shoreline Access Components and the San Mateo County Bikeways Plan (CCAG). When the tunnel is completed behind Devil’s Slide, assure that CalTrans provides for a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail and connections consistent with Policy 10.38 and in accordance with the coastal development permit for the tunnel project.

b. Consistent with San Mateo County Coastal Development Permit No. PLN 2003-00428, upon the completion of all access improvements associated with the tunnel behind Devil’s Slide, if there is no plan for an alternative transition of responsibility for managing the relinquished portion of Highway 1 that is slated to become part of the California Coastal Trail (CCT), the County will accept CalTrans’ relinquishment of the abandoned portion as a non-motorized trail and shall open and operate the trail and facilities 365 days a year and in accordance with the operations plan developed by the County and CalTrans in consultation with the Devil’s Slide Access Task Force. This CCT facility shall be incorporated into the San Mateo County Parks System and remain within that system until such time as responsibility for operation and maintenance of the access is transferred to an alternative permanent custodian. In the event of a catastrophic failure of this public trail which renders all or part of it, in the judgment of the agency or organization which then has operational responsibility for it, unusable, un-repairable or un-maintainable, and such agency or organization further determines that repairs to restore the access to the pre-failure condition would not be feasible, that agency or organization shall not be required to return the access to its pre-failure condition. The agencies or organizations that own the land and have operational responsibility for the trail shall immediately apply for a separate coastal development permit to modify the nature, extent, and operational parameters of the coastal access in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act, and the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program.

c. The County will work with CalTrans, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Coastal Commission, State Parks, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and other public agencies to ensure that a CCT trail alignment is developed and will continue from the southern terminus of the Devil’s Slide Highway 1 relinquishment and link to other trail systems.

d. Require, at a minimum, and consistent with AB 1396, that CalTrans protect and make available adequate right-of-way to allow the future development of bicycle and pedestrian trails in accordance with the policies of the Recreation and Visitor-Servicing Facilities and Shoreline Access Com-
ponents and the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bike Route Plan (CCAG) and the California Coastal Trail (CCT) Plan.

e. Through coordination with CalTrans, promote the development of a continuous Midcoast pedestrian/bicycle/multi-purpose path (or a system of single mode paths) parallel to Highway 1 as part of the overall CCT system.

f. Through coordination with CalTrans, promote the most appropriate, safe, feasible crossings, either at-grade, above- or below-ground pedestrian crossings at Midcoast locations along Highway 1, including those shown as “Proposed Safe Crossing” in the Midcoast Recreational Needs Assessment – Map 3.

g. Unless a suitable off-highway alternative already exists or is being provided, as part of any new or improved roadway project other than repair and maintenance of existing facilities and consistent with AB 1396, require that CalTrans incorporate the following provisions (the size and scope of which will be commensurate with the size and scope of the proposed roadway project):

(1) A link within the vicinity of the project area necessary to facilitate a continuous Midcoast pedestrian/bicycle/multi-purpose path (or a system of single mode paths) parallel to Highway 1; or

(2) The most appropriate, safe, feasible crossings, either at-grade, above- or below-ground pedestrian crossings at Midcoast locations along Highway 1, including those shown as “Proposed Safe Crossing” in the Midcoast Recreational Needs Assessment – Map 3; or

(3) Completion of any CCT segment gap that is in the vicinity of the new or improved roadway project; or

(4) Provide funding necessary to complete any of the above actions; or

(5) Any combination of the above.

h. Ensure that no roadway repair or maintenance project blocks or damages any existing or formally planned public trail segment or, if such an impact is not avoidable, that an equal or better trail connection is provided in conjunction with that repair and maintenance project either directly by CalTrans or through CalTrans’ funding to a third party.