

April 22, 2017

Pacifica City Council, Re: Item 8

Dear Council members:

Elections are supposed to have consequences. Did we engage in a series of Council elections in 2014 and 2016 only to pass the buck to the electorate on matters the Council is supposed to decide? We have representative democracy. Most Council candidates made known their position on widening Highway 1. Candidates who opposed the widening were elected. We knew what we were doing when we elected anti-widening candidates. (Some candidates were publicly coy about their position. Perhaps they made their position known in private interviews with business groups, but we did not elect overtly pro-widening candidates.)

Years ago, I urged Council to put the widening on the ballot, to no avail. Time for that has passed. **It's time for Council to settle this matter, once and for all.** Don't pass the buck. Instead, vote to tell Caltrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority that we've moved on to other solutions for alleviating the occasional traffic delays on Highway 1.

Happy Earth Day!

Bill Collins

P.S. If you support the widening, please tell us how motorists will get to work when lanes would be closed during years of construction.