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**Subject:** My written comment for the record at the April 17, "24 MCOG meeting in Fort Bragg  
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Please put the following written statement into the meeting record of the MCOG gathering at Fort Bragg on April 17, 2024.

In addition, I plan on speaking during the public participation section of the meeting.

My name is Alan Stein.

As a resident of this area, I have used the Old Highway One road, now called Pt Carbrillo Drive, for 23 years.

Men who had fought in the Civil War built a stage coach route between the Navarro River and Caspar.

The current Caspar Camp Ground is the site of the old 19th Century stage coach resting area. A wooden bridge passed over Caspar Creek and climbed the cliff and the road continued through the town of Caspar. Should an earthquake take out the concrete Caspar Creek bridge, this old high water bridge route would be the logical emergency crossing point of the creek.

Cal Trans acquired this horse road and paved it. After the current highway 1 was constructed, the County of Mendocino got the road which was used to supply and build the Pt. Cabrillo Light House.

So, there is a historical argument to make sure a section of the road now next to a cliff that is losing ground every year above Caspar Beach is not abandoned.

Due to rising sea level, tsunamis ( two since 2008), and earth quakes, this cliff is at great risk of swallowing the old wagon road when it fails.

Cal Trans has received an application for a grant to plan what happens to this site.

I'd like to see this Board urge those who are evaluating the grant to approve it.

Engineers and planners would then evaluate whether it is wiser to choose an alternative emergency exit route from the beach to Highway One or to try to save the old road with for instance an in place poured bridge.

But planning must occur, for the storms and rain are relentless and many lives and much commerce is at stake.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Stein=