

**Comments**

**Responses**

P21-3

**View Shed.** Parked cars along East Cliff Drive will significantly diminish the quality of the view shed. Pedestrians and cyclist along East Cliff Drive would prefer not to look at and engage with parked cars. Private property owners along East Cliff Drive would prefer not to look to parked cars. Each of us migrates to the coast to enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the water, to listen to the rhythm of the waves and wildlife and remove ourselves from the trappings and distractions of day-to-day life.

**P21-3**

See response to Comment P8-3 regarding the visual effects of the additional parking.

The addition of parked cars in this mix compromises the very reason we come to the coast and brings a number of pollutants i.e. the noise of car stereos, the exhaust and noise of running engines and the glare of headlights at night competing with of the natural light of the moon and stars.

**P21-4**

See response to Comment P8-4 and the need to accommodate the needs of various members of the public.

P21-4

**Quality of Life.** The quality of life along East Cliff Drive (from 32<sup>nd</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue) and in the surrounding neighborhood will not be enhanced with the addition of new parking spaces. In actuality, the spaces provide minimal benefit to those individuals coming into the area to enjoy the coast yet detract so much from the charm of the neighborhood. Visitors would benefit more if they came to realize that we treasure our coastline and prefer to walk and/or bike to that destination. Let's not show them we "Paved Pleasure Point and put in a parking lot."

Please let's work together and preserve the true nature of the Pleasure Point Neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours 

Sterling F. Lewis & Nadia Lewis  
 2-3435 E Cliff Dr,  
 Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

**Comments**

**Walter and Karen Loewenstern  
1156 East Cliff Drive  
Santa Cruz, CA**

May 26, 2006

Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz,  
701 Ocean Street, Room 400,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Attn: Claudia Slater

Subject: East Cliff Drive Bluff Protection Project  
Dear Ms Slater;

P22-1

We are in favor of the subject project even though it will not affect us directly. If the project is not approved many people may lose their valuable homes. In addition the County could be held liable for those losses for not approving the project. As tax payers we would not want to pay for such losses.

I understand that some people oppose the project. Are they willing to be personally liable for the losses that others suffer as a result of their opposition?

If you wish to discuss this with us we can be reached at 831-425-7224,

Sincerely,



PS. There is no mail delivery to 1156 East Cliff Drive. We get our mail at;  
Loewenstern  
c/o LOMAK Property Group  
820 Bay ave, #220  
Capitola, CA 95010

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**P22-1**

Thank you for your comment.

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**Public Comment Card**

Please use this comment card to submit your views regarding the project alternatives and potential environmental impacts of the East Cliff Drive Bluff Protection and Parkway Project.

**Name:** TERESA MALLEN  
**Mailing Address:** 3035 FLORAL DR  
**Street, state, ZIP:** SANTA CRUZ 95062  
**Affiliation (if any):**  
**Date:** JUNE 8 2006

**Comments:**

P23-1 | Please see ideas from Michael Reedy...  
I like them + concur!

Thanks

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701 Ocean Street, Room 400  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Attn: Claudia Slater  
(831) 454-5175

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**Responses**

**P23-1**

See responses below to Michael Reedy's comments (P-39-1 through P-39-5).

**Comments**

Jim Marshall  
 2-3439 East Cliff Drive  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95062

June 8, 2006

Claudia Slater, Santa Cruz Co. Planning Dept.  
 Paul Rodrigues, Santa Cruz Co. Redevelopment Dept.

RE: East Cliff Drive Bluff Protection and Parkway; EIS&EIR dated May 2006

Dear Reader,  
 I have been a 22 year resident in front of the proposed project, and have participated in the long process this has entailed, both as a homeowner and as an officer of the *Coastal Property Owners Association of Santa Cruz County* (fka East Cliff Drive Property Owners Association). I have read the revised draft and the technical appendices and wish to make the following comments:

P24-1

Firstly, I fully support the adoption of Alternative 1: Full Bluff Armoring. This being said, I also support Alternative 4: Groins and Notch Infilling. I feel that the hybridization of these two solutions offers the longest lifetime for the public right of way and at the same time makes the economic justification much more defensible. It is incontrovertible that seasonal beaches made possible by the restoration of the natural groins will offer an inestimable economic benefit to the project:

1. The beaches will offer enhanced bluff protection, increasing the lifespan of the structure.
2. The beaches will likely grow to be all-tide accessible during many months of the year.
3. The groins will provide new surf breaks, well suited for beginners, in the near-shore zone.

The groin concept has been validated in the study because they are not expected to impact the major surf breaks further offshore, nor will they be expected to affect beaches down-current due to initial sand nourishment. The study does not completely take into account the enormous public recreational and economic benefit of a larger usable beach and the creation of new surf breaks in a critically crowded area.

P24-2

My second comment regards the lack of detail for the inclusion of goat trails in the sculpted structure. The existing trails are essential to surfers safety and this has been brought up ad infinitum, yet I see no specification for their preservation in the proposed structure.

P24-3

In all the time I have resided here, I have only once seen or heard of anyone being harmed by the lack of a guardrail, and that one incidence was the aberration of a mentally sick person intending to harm herself. Contrast that miniscule benefit with the enormous detraction to the viewing pleasure of thousands of people on a daily basis, and I would hope that any railings be kept to the absolute minimum, and not continuous.

I congratulate all those involved in the tedious and regrettably sometimes contentious process of keeping safe public access to East Cliff Drive secure for the future.

Sincerely,



Jim Marshall

**Responses**

**P24-1**

While groins would likely increase beach width during summer, this benefit must be balanced against community concerns about unnecessary changes and maintaining the character of the neighborhood, funding limitations, and uncertainties about the possible permitting ramifications of groins. For these reasons, the RDA has elected not to propose a combination of bluff armoring and groins.

**P24-2**

The design of the proposed armoring follows the natural contours of the cliff, including areas of high relief, which attempt to mimic the natural features of existing site conditions.

**P24-3**

In response to previous agency and public comments, the RDA has revised the project design to minimize the visual effects of railings. The current design addresses this concern through use of landscaping, where sufficient space is available, and split rails, where safety allows. In areas where the pedestrian path would come close to the bluff edge, safety (metal) railings would be required.

## Comments

To: Claudia Slater, Planning Department  
Date: June 21, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

P25-1

We support the full stabilization of the East Cliff bluffs between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues. Over ten feet of top grass/soil and turf have eroded into the ocean in the past few years, near 35<sup>th</sup> along with other areas along the same stretch of road. One foot per year is inaccurate. Loss of road access is imminent.

The same measures (repairs) that were made between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Land Lane and at 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue bluff (where surfers ingress and egress) need to be implemented. These repairs included but were not limited to environment matching granite and drainage engineering. These two projects have saved the beach cove for public use and have provided access for surfers daily use. These projects have also provided safety for beach going families and surfing activities. It is now time to provide safe use for jedastraining bikers and the pondicappeth. Time is of the essence. If the intent of the County is to save the rock for public use and safety, then this project cannot be delayed any longer. (This project is at the same stage as it was 12 years ago!! while costs for repairs have more than doubled.) Signed:

- X Carol G. Mante - 23911 E. Cliff Drive
- X Rita E. O. Benbow - 2-3471 East Cliff Drive
- X Donna Panico - 412 Temple Dr. Aptos

## Responses

P25-1

Thank you for your comment. If approved, the bluff protection structure would be constructed in the same manner as the 2004 emergency repairs, including the sculpted and stained shotcrete surfacing to mimic the natural cliff face.

**Comments**

PAT AND JOYCE MILLIGAN

June 20, 2006

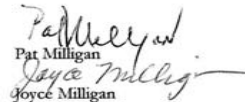
Planning Department  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Avenue, Room 100  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Attention: Claudia Slater

P26-1 | As residents of 2-2670 East Cliff Drive, we urge your approval of the Revised Draft EIR/ESR for the East Cliff Drive Bluff Protection and Parkway Project and its implementation as soon as possible.

We believe it offers a balanced approach to the various constituencies that use the road and the beach access, to residents as well as beach goers. It supports and continues the objectives of the recently completed emergency repairs, as well as ensuring public health by securing the threatened sewer and water mains.

Sincerely,

  
Pat Milligan  
Joyce Milligan

2-2670 EAST CLIFF DRIVE • SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA • 95062  
PHONE: (831) 476-5653 • BUSINESS (408) 298-3322

**Responses**

**P26-1**

Thank you for your comment.

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Name: *Jill Rosella Myers*  
Mailing Address: *580 - 35th Avenue*  
Street, state, ZIP: *Santa Cruz, CA 95062*  
Affiliation (if any): *Property Owner*  
Date: *June 8, 2006*

**Comments:**

*I really like the additional parking, additional stairway, and public Restrooms at the Park area at East Cliff & 32nd Avenue.*

*Really Like the more Natural looking wall treatment!*

*\* Thank You for Listening to the community input!*

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**P27-1**

Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Rob Myers  
Mailing Address: 580 35th Ave  
Street, state, ZIP: Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
Affiliation (if any): self  
Date: 6/8/2006

**Comments:**

P28-1 | Alternative #1 presents continuous soil nail wall construction pretty much the full length of the cliff. It would be good to provide "goat trails" for clambering surfers where existing clamber-ways are currently found.

P28-2 | More importantly, it will be important to leave dirt planting wells, to alleviate the unbroken "concrete fortress" appearance of extensive sea wall. Note that it will not be required to irrigate or maintain these wells; just allow native vegetation to get a hold in these wells, as the weeds do now. This will reduce the bleak appearance looking in from the sea, more closely matching the look of this existing recreational area. Thank for listening.

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**Responses**

**P28-1**

See response to Comment P7-3 above regarding "goat trails."

**P28-2**

See response to Comment P7-4 above regarding planting wells.



### Comments

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[seamerrill@aol.com](mailto:seamerrill@aol.com)

June 20, 2006

Ms. Claudia Slater  
 Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz  
 701 Ocean Street, Room 400  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Slater:

I write in support of the Proposed East Cliff Drive Bluff Protection and Parkway Project.

Although my principal residence is in Palo Alto, I have been a Santa Cruz County residence virtually since birth. My grandfather built a house on East Cliff Drive overlooking Schwann Lake in 1925 and I spent the first summer of my life there in 1928. As my father taught school in the Sacramento Valley, we went to Santa Cruz every June and stayed until September through my college years.

My wife and I purchased our current vacation home at 198 Fourteenth Avenue in 1983 and really feel a part of the Live Oak and East Cliff Drive community, although we have no vote there.

As a teenager I rode a bike from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Capitola along East Cliff Drive very regularly and would hope that it can be reconstructed so that path remains a viable bicycling and walking route, at least.

P29-1 | I support all the improvements in the proposed plan and urge its approval.

Very truly yours,



### Responses

**P29-1**

Thank you for your comment.

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**Public Comment Card**

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Name: METTE OKRANT  
Mailing Address: 500-38TH AVE, SANTA CRUZ, CA, 95062  
Street, state, ZIP:  
Affiliation (if any): 30 YEAR RESIDENT OF SANTA CRUZ CO.  
Date: JUNE 22, 2006

Comments:

P30-1

I DO NOT THINK THERE SHOULD BE ANY  
PUBLIC PARKING ON THE OCEAN SIDE OF  
EAST CLIFF DRIVE. THANK YOU

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**P30-1**

See response to Comment P-1-1 above regarding the rationale for the proposed parking.