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Mr. Craig Tackabery  
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Dear Craig,

At its September meeting, the Stinson Beach Village Association agreed to write you—or the appropriate official—with thanks for the consistently high level of maintenance that your crews provide to Panoramic Highway. Many Stinson residents commute “over the hill” to jobs and schools, and quite a few commute in the opposite direction. The storm cleanups have been prompt, and the general condition of the road is quite good. We appreciate your agency’s efforts!

You will recall meeting with Terry Bryant, then our Traffic Committee Chair, in late spring this year to discuss a pathway alongside a section of State Route 1 from the 4-way stop to Calle del Arroyo. Your initial reaction was that the project appears to have merit, that it will be expensive, and that no County funds are in the offing, at least until the sidewalk from the Civic Center SMART station is complete. You suggested further that we revisit the topic later this summer. Supervisor Steve Kinsey was apprised of all this. Also, Beth Thomas from Caltrans did a site visit with her then-boss, Lee Taubenek.

The question is: what is next? Will it be useful for me to schedule an appointment with you, in your office, to discuss options for going forward? We have no expectations that this will be a fast procedure, but after yet another summer of children, dogs, bicycles, strollers, skateboarders, and whatnot sometimes sharing the roadway with vehicles that are often just slowing down to 25 mph, it’s clear that the need for this pathway is necessary to ensure public safety.

I will follow this with a call.

Best regards,

Lawrence M. Crutcher, Coordinator  
Stinson Beach Village Association Board of Directors