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Attn: Muir Woods Transportation Projects
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco CA, 94123

October 2, 2013

The City of Mill Valley would like to communicate our concerns and the concerns of Mill Valley residents regarding the National Park Service's proposals for a range of possible operational and physical improvements to mitigate parking congestion in Muir Woods.

Guided by their Core Values of healthy natural environment with emphasis on conservation, open space, climate protection and sustainability, the Mill Valley City Council has established environmental conservation, traffic mitigation, and effective communication as key issues. The City of Mill Valley has a long-standing commitment when it comes to environmental protection and other sustainability related initiatives, and has a history of encouraging thoughtful transportation planning and multi-modal transportation options.

City officials are monitoring the project and would like to communicate with National Park Service representatives regarding our concerns and the concerns of our residents related to potential traffic and environmental impacts of the proposed options. We would also like to encourage National Park Service representatives to extend and enhance public communication efforts to ensure that the decision-making process includes all viewpoints.

We have received the attached comments from community members expressing concerns regarding the proposals. I urge you to consider these concerns in your design and review process. Further, please note that the City of Mill Valley greatly appreciates the beauty of Muir Woods and the greater natural environment of Mount Tamalpais and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We recognize the attractiveness of these national treasures and we understand the need to better address access, circulation, and parking facilities (and applaud a proactive approach to problem solving). We request that any programs or improvements do no damage or impact the very special nature and appearance of the Panoramic Highway and not increase traffic or congestion on the streets within Mill Valley or our immediate vicinity.

We would be happy to meet with National Park Service staff to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience. Kindly send your response to my assistant, Linn Walsh, at lwalsh@cityofmillvalley.org or (415) 388-4033.

Sincerely,


Jim McCann, City Manager
City of Mill Valley

Encl: Correspondence from residents
CC: City Council