Exhibit O
Comment Letters

The Redevelopment Agency of Monterey County
The Monterey-Salinas Bus Maintenance and Administrative Facility and Whispering Oaks Business Park
PLN090071

Appeal PLN110231
Board of Supervisors
June 14, 2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Marcella, Christie A. x5841
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 9:21 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone; Spencer, Craig x5233; Ford, John H. x6049; Torres, Karina x5383; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Novo, Mike x5192; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Ford, John H. x6049; McKee, Charles J; Bauman, Lew
Subject: FW: Industrial Park/Bus Maintenance Center -- NO!

For the Whispering Oaks appeal.

Best,
Christie A. Marcella
Senior Board Clerk
Monterey County Clerk of the Board
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
831.755.5841

From: Melinda Takeuchi [mailto:takeuchi@stanford.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 9:13 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Industrial Park/Bus Maintenance Center -- NO!

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

We travel to Fort Ord at least once a week to use these trail and spend time and money locally while there. This is a wonderful resource and the current MST plan would ruin more that the trail connections but also destroy local habitat. They have other options!!!

Lets protect this area and honor previous commitments and visions for trail connections that we currently use; and, attracts many from outside the area as well, to this wonderful resource.

We speak not only for ourselves; but for the Western States Draft and Driving Association membership, out of Hollister, California.

Melinda and Norishige Takeuchi

06/03/2011
County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors
Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board
168 West Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas CA 93901

RE: Monterey-Salinas Transit Maintenance Facility Letter of Support

May 9, 2011

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The City of Del Rey Oaks is a member of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) and recognizes the important role that public transit plays in supporting our local economy, environment, and quality of life in the region. While demand for public transit services continues to increase, Monterey-Salinas Transit currently lacks appropriately sized facilities to maintain and operate its existing fleet of vehicles. In order to effectively respond to the greenhouse gas and vehicle emissions reduction targets for our region as required under SB 375 and AB 32, MST will need to expand its fleet to meet increased demand throughout the Monterey Bay Region.

Recognizing the need to grow, and in order to achieve efficiencies in operation, the MST Board seeks to consolidate its transit bus operations, maintenance, and administration functions within a single facility at the Whispering Oaks parcel on the former Ft. Ord as part of a joint development project with the Redevelopment Agency of Monterey County. The site is ideally located adjacent to Intergarrison Road, which is planned to be the primary major east-west multi-modal traffic corridor between the Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula.

To date, MST has invested $4.7 million dollars in planned development on this site that is consistent with the Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan, Monterey County General Plan, and applicable zoning ordinances. The development plan implements measures that go above and beyond the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and County General Plan for replacement/replanting of oak trees removed from the site by exceeding the 1:1 replacement requirement. The Project conforms to and promotes the Base Reuse Plan and County General Plan and will help to correct the current job/housing imbalance on the Base. It represents a significant investment of resources and jobs that will only benefit the residents of the communities within Monterey County.

Further delays to the approval of this project will result in increased costs and decreased efficiency to Monterey-Salinas Transit which will have a negative impact on the services they provide to the communities in our region.

The City of Del Rey Oaks encourages the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed Monterey-Salinas Transit/Redevelopment Agency development plan.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eckel
Mayor
Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Tony Wells
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:45 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Novo, Mike x5192; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383; Ford, John H. x6049; Spencer, Craig x5233
Subject: FW: Say NO to MST bus yard in Fort Ord!

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From: Karen Benzel [mailto:KarenBenzelPR@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:21 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Say NO to MST bus yard in Fort Ord!

Dear Board Members,

As a user of the space MST plans to build a bus yard in, I want to say that this is a terrible thing to do to the public who uses the trails at old Fort Ord. Surely they can find another spot that doesn’t require destroying a forest of oaks and historic trails.

I am other lovers of open space and natural lands will be fighting this and our only hope is that you, the Board of Supervisors, force them to change their plans. Sincerely,

Karen Benzel & Dan Brumlik
PO Box 5334
Carmel, CA 93921
McDougall, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 12:56 PM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Novo, Mike x5192; Ford, John H. x6049; Spencer, Craig x5233; Rothamel, Linda M. x5240; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Torres, Karina x5383
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From: micah keeley [mailto:micahkeeley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 12:43 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail

Please uphold the unanimous decision of the Monterey County Planning Commission to keep the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

This is our future. This is our history. This is our responsibility. Protect our local environment.

It would be a travesty to decimate this historical trailway

Sincerely
Micah Keeley
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-----Original Message-----
From: Markey, Kristi A. x7576
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 11:16 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: FW: To David Potter, Chairman of the Board of the Monterey Supervisors

Please circulate to the BOS. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: john hutcherson [mailto:johnhutcherson@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 6:22 PM
To: Markey, Kristi A. x7576
Subject: To David Potter, Chairman of the Board of the Monterey Supervisors

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing about my beloved Port Ord. I have spent more time, days and mileage there on foot than anyone living. Just today, I took advantage of my position as partial owner of this land to explore the site of, God forbid, Monterey Downs. To juxtapose a full-fledged race track (Del Mar for example) on this tranquility is horrible to imagine; loudspeakers and crowds yelling,1100 horse stalls, just don't fit. Landmark oak trees and thousands of younger trees will be destroyed and missed by only me. You can visualize this literally by using Google Earth of Del Mar race track and seeing what you can (but should not) do and you cannot reverse bad decisions once made. You cannot improve on nature with development. Wonderful parks are made of land like this. Let the many enjoy this forever, not the wealthy few.

If you have not experienced this wonder you cannot, justifiably, destroy it. Let me show you.

John Hutcherson
480 San Bernabe Dr
Monterey, CA, 93940
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 9:00 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Knaster, Alana x5322; Novo, Mike x5192; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Spencer, Craig x5233; Ford, John H. x6049; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: MST Transit Plaza
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From: chris hartzell [mailto:c.hartzell@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 10:14 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Re: MST Transit Plaza

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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-Chris Hartzell
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 8:59 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Novo, Mike x5192; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Spencer, Craig x5233; Ford, John H. x6049; Rothamel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: Save the Oaks!

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From: David Camner [mailto:dcamner9@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 7:25 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Save the Oaks!

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McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P.  759-6642  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 2:36 PM  
To: 100-BoS Everyone  
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Novo, Mike x5192; Knaster, Alana x5322; Spencer, Craig x5233; Ford, John H. x6049; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383  
Subject: FW: You are invited to view "Sandra Gray's photo" Whispering Oaks Correspondence  
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From: Sandra Gray [mailto:sandrag394@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 1:09 PM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
Subject: You are invited to view "Sandra Gray's photo"

Message from Sandra Gray:
They say that 1 picture is worth a thousand words. Please enjoy this virtual hike through the proposed area for the MST new transit center which would replace part of the beautiful recreational Sgt Allan MacDonald Calvary Trail. After viewing, ask yourself if you want this to be destroyed. Notice the beautiful wild flowers. How long would it take for saplings to replace all this old growth? Where will the wild life go?

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06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: municipal@leadershipdirectories.com
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 7:36 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Municipal Yellow Book - Updates Request

Good morning! Please check over the following listing to ensure its accuracy for inclusion in the Summer 2011 Edition of the Municipal Yellow Book, a semi-annual directory of city governments, county governments, and municipal authorities.

If there aren't any edits necessary, please send a short e-mail to municipal@leadershipdirectories.com including your name and the six-digit Tearsheet ID at the top left of the first page (we will assume we didn't reach you otherwise).

Please e-mail or fax your corrections by Friday, May 20th. We go to print shortly thereafter.

To reply by fax: Click on the link at the bottom of this e-mail, print out the listing, write your edits legibly, and fax all relevant pages of the listing to (202) 628-3430.

To reply electronically: Use the link at the bottom of this e-mail to make any edits or additions to the listing. When you are finished, click the submit button at the bottom of the page and confirm you submission (a two-click process). Once you click the “Confirm” button your edits will be automatically submitted via e-mail.

Thanks again for your continued help with these updates. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about your listing or the Municipal Yellow Book itself. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Alex Connizzo
Content Manager, Municipal Yellow Book
(202) 347-7757 ext. 4110
municipal@leadershipdirectories.com

Click Here to update the tearsheet via online.

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: jkaras@sonic.net
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 7:18 AM
To: mst@mst.org
Cc: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Proposed plan for MST maintenance facility

Greetings: As a lifelong resident of Monterey—and bus rider on and off for 40 years—I ask MST to withdraw its current plan for development on Ft. Ord lands. The Planning Commission has twice rejected the plan, based on solid testimony that the location would not serve the interests of the community at large and NOT best develop and protect the lands that have been put in stewardship by city and county officials. Instead, the facility could and should be relocated to an area near the Marina airport. It may cost more, but it is truly the best outcome for the MST operations and the residents.

I was upset to read that the MST manager said that the trees would be replaced and more planted. Cutting down mature trees is of no concern? These are living trees, not little mounds of earth that can be moved around. I am grateful for the green practices put in place by MST. I trust that the Board of Supervisors will eventually hear the arguments made pro or con, if MST continues with its current plan. It isn’t too late to reconsider and look at the more viable and environmentally sound options. In the long run, they usually are the more cost-efficient ones, I suspect. When one considers that our region encompasses Salinas and the Monterey area cities—and there will be light-rail connections and other transit links, the airport site is a better one for all. If not that one, then another may be available that also serves the requirements of the facility and MST.

Thank you for considering my comments. 60 Boronda Lane, Monterey, CA
Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and the only recreational trail—the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail—that links a state park, Fort Ord Dunes, to a de facto wilderness area—the BLM overseen Fort Ord backcountry. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

The history of land use planning on the old Fort Ord is riddled with mistaken early decisions that may have seemed logical or were well intentioned at the time, but had dubious results. You probably can think of a few yourself. Some of these have been retroactively corrected as when the Army and city of Seaside exchanged land recently. If the Army was unable to predict its own future land use needs and had to make changes, it is no surprise now, given entirely changed circumstances with the economy, etc., that it is appropriate for Monterey County to rethink the planned MST development that will unnecessarily destroy some four thousand live oaks and make nearly impossible a reasonable coast to backcountry trail in Monterey County.

Although there may be costs involved in choosing an alternative site, there are offsetting savings in not having to clear cut trees and fauna or replanting and there is no substitute for the loss of existing biological diversity that will prevail with site destruction. Although it is a mitigation, you CANNOT rebuild a diverse existing habitat by replanting "trees. A landscape, even if contiguous, will take a generation or more to recover. Meanwhile, many sites, such as the Marina Airport, have preexisting infrastructure, adding to the savings. Much of the completed building plans and EIR study will be equally applicable at a new site, allaying the need to recreate the wheel.

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Very truly yours,
Cameron Binkley
213 Sicily Road
Seaside, Ca 93955
From: Nickie Zavinsky [nickiezee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 11:00 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Transit Facilities

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Very truly yours,

Nickie Zavinsky
To whom it may concern,

I support MST and public transit.

I affirm the Planning Commission's unanimous refusals to rezone open space for MST Facility and Whispering Oaks Business Park.

I affirm the Planning Commission's unanimous refusals to permit clear cutting of 4400 trees.

I urge MST to accept these refusals and find an alternative site.

I support the Greenway and Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail connecting the beach and BLM trails.

We must recognize the trails and open space of former Fort Ord as an important regional resource.

I am part of a community of thousands of rec enthusiasts who use and maintain trails at former Fort Ord.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Jackson

Sent from my iPad
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Michael Rieser [carmelbird@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 4:12 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

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Very truly yours,
Michael Rieser
Avid bird-watcher
McDougall, Melissa x5146

From: Susan Stirling [susan@stirlingdesign.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 1:31 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Please consider that this can never be undone....

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Susan Stirling

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From: Elizabeth Murray [emurray@elizabethmurray.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 12:54 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: opposition to the MST plan

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I walked the entire project and I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat. This is a beautiful environment of mature 4400 oak trees!!! It is also a vital recreational trail, for walkers, mountain bikers and horseback riding on the historic Sgt. Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote NO to MST and request them to find a more appropriate, unwooded site. There are many with blighted decapitated buildings that need to be removed and will only improve the site not deter from it. The land is all sand dunes and the removal of the oak wood land will turn it back to erosion and destroy beauty, habitat and history for Ft. Ord. Please stand with the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission, they are correct in not approving this building project.

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This is a mature habitat of oak trees, a biologically diverse woodland, contrary to what decision makers may have been told. Oak trees need to be in groves with mature understory to create a habitat to survive and thrive on the sand dunes. Most transplanted oak saplings will not survive- on their own with out proper habitat being established first and having them planted in groves. Even an equal number planted is not mitigation for beauty, air quality and beauty.

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I invite you to take a walk and have photographs to share with you of the habitat. I can see this area can get cleaned up of poison oak and make into more lovely walking trails like Garland Park in Carmel Valley, a jewel of the area.

Very truly yours,
From: Elizabeth Murray [emurray@elizabethmurray.com]
Date: Saturday, May 07, 2011 1:26 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; mst@mst.org; Kay Cline
Subject: Save 4400 oaks move mst to built area
From: Melinda Travis [melindaetravis@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 12:49 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Bus Maintenance Center

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

As a homeowner and resident, I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-five-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Very truly yours,
Suzanne Muller
From: Aurora Bliss [onetoadofyellow@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 12:07 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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Very truly yours,

Aurora Reordan-Hartzell
3015 Sherman Rd.
PB, CA 93953

06/03/2011
From: Dermott F Corr [dfcorr@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 11:20 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Proposed Transit Facility

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Dermott Corr
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Loren Stirling [loren@stirlingdesign.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 10:57 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: I object to bus maintenance center

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Loren Stirling

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06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: josh1728@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 10:51 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: proposed transit facility

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Very truly yours,

Josh Davidson
Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my opposition to the planned MST bus maintenance center. I urge you to vote to affirm the County Planning Commission’s denial. The planned site violates the County’s oak woodland conservation guidelines. MST asserts that it's the equestrian's opposing. But I'm not a horse rider, but a hiker and someone who believes the County does the right thing in preserving oak woodlands and not allowing projects that destroy oak habitat. Why not move the proposed MST centertot the Marina Airport?

Thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Natasha Fraley
301 Crocker Ave.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
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Cooper Scollan
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Diana Wilson [dianammorris@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 9:21 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Fort Ord

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Diana Wilson

06/03/2011
From: Rocky Lewycky [rlewycky@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 9:20 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: trees are the answer

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Rocky Lewycky
505.310.5342
www.rocksart.com
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Michael Geneau [michaelgeneau@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 7:20 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Whispering Oaks Transit Facility

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Much Appreciation,
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06/03/2011
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Susan Hawthorne
1752 St. Helena St.
Seaside, CA 93955
suejhawthorne@gmail.com
Dear MST Directors:

I request that MST withdraw its appeal of the Planning Commission's unanimous denials and find a more appropriate place for the transit facilities.

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Jenny and Todd Chaffey

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Me [surfbird04@me.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 2:54 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Please protect our live oak habitat

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Sarah Lane
Monterey Co resident
And I VOTE.
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: hummingdeer [hummingdeer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 2:42 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

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06/03/2011
McDougall, Melissa x5146

From: Caroline Rodgers [caro414@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 10:06 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Transit facilities plan

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Jennifer Anderson [jka@cruzio.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:41 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Monterey Salinas Transit Center at Fort Ord

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Very truly yours,

Jennifer Anderson

290 Sims Road
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

06/03/2011
From: Todd [tr75773@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:17 PM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
Subject: Protect Precious Woodlands  

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Todd Paulson

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Harry Councell [cdhma@garlic.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 4:53 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Put MST Elsewhere!

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Let's protect this area and honor previous commitments and visions for trail connections that we currently use; and, attracts many from outside the area as well, to this wonderful resource. We speak not only for ourselves; but for the Western States Draft and Driving Association membership, out of Hollister, California.

Harry Councell
President, Western States Draft and Driving Association
Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

While MST provides a good service for which all can be thankful, it is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while blight goes undeveloped and satisfactory sites for placement exist elsewhere.

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I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Sincerely Yours,

Larry Parrish

06/03/2011
From: Caroline Ravan [cheermom7263@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 10:33 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Stop the destruction of Fort Ord oak trees

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on park on a coast-live-oak habitat and the Sgt. Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail that my family and I regularly enjoy.

Please uphold the "Monterey County Voluntary Oak Woodland Stewardship Guidelines" that was approved by the the Board in 2009 by affirming the unanimous denials of this plan by the County Planning Commission.

I am not against the vital services that MST provides to our community and support their efforts to expand. However, alternatives are available and must be chosen to avoid destruction of an environmentally significant area area in this community that once lost will never be regained.

Sincerely,
Caroline Ravan
320 Bishop Ave
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
From: Lary Martin [lm.landscapes@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:10 PM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
Subject: Save our trees and trails!

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Lawrence Martin

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Cathy Rivera [rivera.cathy@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:01 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Transit maintenance center appeal by MST

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Cathy Rivera
Homeowner and Resident
2035 Cross Street
Seaside, CA 93955
831-915-7260

06/03/2011
From:  Diana & Jerry Cooley [Cooleyfarm@razzolink.com]
Sent:  Thursday, May 05, 2011 8:32 PM
To:  mst@mst.org
Cc:  Margaret Davis; COOLEYFARM@razzolink.com; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject:  Please consider the Environmental Impact & potential Ruining of Resource

Dear MST Directors:
Although much of this email is a repeat of what is being said by others, it is well written and best highlights all that we care about. We come to Fort Ord every week and use these trails and spend our money in the area. We deeply care about this resource and find it irresponsible that you would consider ruining such a valuable resource when you have other options rather than clear cutting these trees and endangering the habitat and destroying the current and future connections to BLM trails and Beach access from the Marina Equestrian Area. PLEASE REVOKE YOUR APPEAL TO USE THIS SITE. I request that MST withdraw its appeal of the Planning Commission’s unanimous denials and find a more appropriate place for the transit facilities.

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DIANA AND JERRY COOLEY
HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA

06/03/2011
From: Bill Weigle [billweigle@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 1:32 PM
To: sbannister@mst.org; mst@mst.org
Cc: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Withdraw your appeal of Planning Commission’s unanimous decision

Friday, May 06, 2011

MST Board of Directors:

I request that the MST Board of Directors withdraw its appeal to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in pursuit of a new transit facility on Intergarrison Road.

The use permit to allow the removal of 4,400 Coast Live Oaks at the proposed MST/Whispering Oaks site has been unanimously denied twice by the Monterey County Planning Commission. I’m sure as responsible MST Board Members you have read the Planning Commission’s findings. If you have not, please go online to http://www.co.montery.ca.us/planning/cca/pw/2011/04-13-11/SRpc_PLN090071_041311.pdf and do so before your Board Meeting on May 9. I ask you please to notice on page 2 the finding that “Alternate sites may exist near the multi-modal corridor that need to be redeveloped and would be environmentally superior locations for the proposed project.”

Here is what is now well known by readers of the Monterey County Herald (see Opinion Page on Wednesday, May 4), by hundreds of recreational users at the former Fort Ord, and by our local Sustainability communities, as well as friends of all of the foregoing: the MST Board has filed an appeal and wants to remove 4,400 Coastal Live Oaks for a new center; alternative sites that are equally-well situated are available; at least one such site (the Marina Airport) will require no trees to be removed.

To further pursue the removal of this Coastal Live Oak Woods is a decidedly environmentally unfriendly act which will not go unnoticed by those of us who otherwise fully support MST and public transportation.

Please do the right thing and withdraw your appeal of the Planning Commissions unanimous decision.

Respectfully,

William F. Weigle
Seaside resident
Prof. Emeritus of Mathematics and Environmental Studies, University of Maine
831-899-7934

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

- John Muir
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: JANE E KLOPP [janek@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 2:14 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: opposition to the MST plan

TO THE SUPERVISORS

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:
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Jane E. Klopp

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: hohos4@aim.com
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 11:03 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: MST plan for bus maintenance center.

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:
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Robbie Hohstadt
Salinas, CA

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Chris Villanueva [chvillanueva@csumb.edu]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 11:34 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Urgent - MST Development on Open Spaces

Good Afternoon,

Please reconsider approval of the MST development along Inter-Garrison. As a bike commuter and trail user, this type of development will severly impact the area in multiple ways!

Chris Villanueva
Credential Analyst
CalStateTEACH, Monterey Bay Region
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Seaside, CA 93955
Office - (831) 582-3106
Fax - (831) 582-4620
chvillanueva@csumb.edu
Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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As a staff member of CSUMB and resident of Schoonover Park, it is important to me and our community to maintain the open spaces left in Monterey County and plan future development on existing abandoned infrastructure.

Very truly yours,

Chris Villanueva
From: cm_crockett@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 11:43 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Proposed MST Regional Bus Hub

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and repair yard on 58 acres that currently sustains a mature oak woodland that is a vital recreational and ecological resource or the County of Monterey. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and that you encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site, for example, near the Marina Airport, with its pre-existing infrastructure.

I support MST and public transit because they serve the community and help preserve our environment, however MST’s proposed site for the regional bus hub encompasses a wealth of trails and biologically diverse woodland. The bulldozing of 4,400 trees and destruction of the inter-connected wildlife habitat for this project is a senseless and short-sighted plan, especially when other locations are available.

Very truly yours,
Catherine Crockett
Seaside, CA
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Diana & Jerry Cooley [Cooleyfarm@razzolink.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 12:47 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: Margaret Davis; Cooleyfarm; Christian Wood; Adore Alpacas; Jeanne Dorrance; Bob & Toni DeGeorge; BRADWYN HUGGINS; Bunny Riley; Carol Brandt; Carol OBrien; Cheryl Camary; Cheryl Pritchett; Cheryl Pritchett; Chris Kluga; Chuck McDonald; Cindy Councell; Dana Cefalu; Debbie Conaway; Dee Murphy; Diann Frost; Emie Huggins; Gene Smith; gilroycarriage@earthlink.net; Gwen; Harry Councell; Jacqui Cole; Jan Jeffers; Joe Galvez; Judy Malone; Kathy Smith; Kendra Wilson; Kim Hutchison; Linda Harbertson; Lisa Urzua; 'Melinda Takeuchi'; Norma Tucker; RoxyMontana2@aol.com; Stan Botto; Sue Castro; Suzy Caston; Tina Bowman

Subject: Please reaffirm your denial to MST on their appeal

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Diana & Jerry Cooley
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Shawn Lohay [shawn@icogitate.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:36 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Withdraw the MST Appeal !!!!

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Monterey Bay Equestrians, a club representing over 150 individuals, I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the UNANIMOUS denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

Although there may be costs involved in choosing an alternative site, there are offsetting savings in not having to clear cut trees or replanting. Many sites, such as the open 25 acre parcel located near the Marina Airport, have preexisting infrastructure, adding to the savings. Much of the completed building plans and EIR study will be equally applicable at a new site, allaying the need to recreate the wheel.

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Sincerely,
Shawn Lohay
President
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06/03/2011
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Very truly yours, Chris Mack
From: Lindsay Overton [lindsayao@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:57 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Ft Ord, proposed MST development - AGAINST

Hello, I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct bus facilities on irreplacable habitat in Ft Ord. It is my opinion that a more appropriate alternate site could and should be found. I visit Ft Ord frequently to ride my horse, ride my mountain bike or just run/hike. If this bus facility were constructed it would impact the train network severely so that much of the current trail system would not be accessible. Please do not let this happen. Thank you for your consideration.
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Marie Edgemon [marieswindow@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:58 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Bus Maintenance Center

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Very truly yours,
Marie Edgemon

06/03/2011
From: Slugmp@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 8:17 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST Directors' meeting 5/9/11

Country Board of Supervisors:

As a member of Monterey Bay Equestrians, a bike rider and also a dog walker I am one of thousands of recreational enthusiasts who use the trails at the former Fort Ord on a daily basis. Although we support MST and public transit we agree with the Planning Commission's unanimous refusals to rezone open space for MST Facility and Whispering Oaks Business Park. We urge MST to find an alternative site for their facility. We support the greenway and Sgt. Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. The trails and open space of former Fort Ord is an important regional resource. This is an opportunity for you all to do the right thing and preserve this resource and yet still support MST by directing their focus to a different site. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Most respectfully,

Margaret and Phillip Pare'
From:  Evan Francis [efrancis@mbayaq.org]
Sent:  Friday, May 06, 2011 8:21 AM
To:  112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: new transit facilities location

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Ruth Ann Ashbach

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McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Brighde Indigo [brighdeindigo@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 8:37 AM
To: MST@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Development plans for MacDonald Cavalry Trail

Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

While MST provides a good service for which all can be thankful, it is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while acres of blight go undeveloped and satisfactory sites for placement exist elsewhere.

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I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Sincerely Yours,

Kay Allen
Board Member, California Historical Artillery Society

06/03/2011
From: Jane Baker Birkelbach [janebaker.birkelbach@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:14 PM.
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Proposed bus maintenance center on Fort Ord

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

First, let me state that both I and my family are supporters and users of MST’s bus services. We are grateful to MST for their services, especially at this time of exorbitant fuel charges. However, I felt compelled to write and express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Very truly yours,

Jane Birkelbach

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Sherry Reiker [sreiker@cityofsantacruz.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:06 PM
To: 'MST@MST.ORG'; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: 'Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse'

Subject: Fort Ord MST Development Application Opposition and Plea to Maintain Existing Trails & Trees

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Sharene Reiker

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: dra@redshift.com  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:05 PM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  

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Dennis Andresen DDS  

06/03/2011
From: jillechristensen@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 1:08 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Please spare live-oak habitat at Fort Ord

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Very truly yours,

Jill Christensen
408-355-5880
18535 Main Blvd.
Los Gatos, CA 95033
From: Paul Liebenberg [pliebenberg@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 1:04 PM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
Subject: Transit facility location  

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:
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Paul Liebenberg
From: Jon Dungan [jrdungan1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:55 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST transit site in Fort Ord

Dear Supervisors:
I oppose the MST plan to construct a transit maintenance center and industrial park in the coastal live-oak habitat of Fort ORD. Destruction of the thousands of previous oaks and elimination of recreation opportunities in this unique area would be unwise.

I urge you to vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planing Commission and to request that MST find another site that is less damaging to the environment. Alternate sites that are more appropriate are available. The presently planned site will close off one of the few entrances to Fort Ord hiking lands.
The Oak forest at Fort Ord is an irreplaceable recreational asset. Hundreds of people use this area for hiking, bicycling, and horse riding daily, and relatively few people even know about it. Imagine the importance of this asset when more people are aware of it. As the surrounding cities of Marina and Seaside and CSUMB become more densely populated, the need for the treed open space for recreation becomes more pressing. Destroying thousands of trees, which are principal carbon sinks and great providers of oxygen makes no sense.

Please support best use of Fort Ord and encourage MS to find more appropriate site for the needed transit center.

Sincerely,
Jon Dungan
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Laura Cohan [laura.cohan@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:34 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: I oppose MST's plan, please support our Planning Commission!

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Laura Cohan
1038 1st St #3
Monterey

06/03/2011
From: David Kelly [davidmichaelkelly@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:28 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Bus maintenance site on Ft.Ord

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From: Greg Dukart [dukieg@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 10:04 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: URGENT: STOP DESTRUCTION OF FORT ORD HABITAT

Thursday, May 5, 2011

URGENT: STOP DESTRUCTION OF FORT ORD HABITAT

To: cob@co.monterey.ca.us

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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I am not against the vital services that MST provides to our community and support their efforts to expand. However, alternatives are available and must be chosen to avoid destruction of an environmentally significant area in this community that once lost will never be regained.

MST also has alternative sites with great access and egress for their buses and vehicles that would prevent the destruction of a beautiful open space we have in Monterey County.

Respectfully,
Greg Dukart
314 Bishop Ave
Pacific Grove, CA. 93950
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831-644-9206 (FX)

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: TrotRider@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:10 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board, Everyone
Subject: stop the permit

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Very truly yours,
Lisa Sheridan

06/03/2011
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Jan Shriner
3086 Sunset Ave.
Marina, CA 93933
236-0905
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Very truly yours,

Gary Courtright
Salinas, California
McDougall, Melissa x5146

From: Sheila Clark [sac Clark63@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:36 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST proposed transit facility on Fort Ord

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:
I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, wooded site.

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Sheila Clark

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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:54 AM  
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

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Very truly yours,
Elizabeth Lang
McDougall, Melissa x5146

From: Laura.Smith@dole.com
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:03 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Fort Ord use

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Laura Dietrich-Smith
Dole Fresh Vegetables
2959 Monterey-Salinas Highway
Monterey, Ca. 93940
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(831)-641-4332 Fax or Email Fax (818)-575-8218

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McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Monterey Hostel [mryhostel@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:10 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST transit center

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am a regular user of MST. I also manage the Monterey Hostel, which hosts over 10,000 guests each year, half of which use MST buses (we track this). I also live at 6th & Col. Durham, 1/2 mile from the proposed site. At this location we are currently developing a new hostel integrated with an environmental learning center, which will be a great addition to the former Fort Ord, which is quickly becoming a hotspot for Green/Reuse/Environmentally responsible development. The Monterey College of Law, Chartwell, and CSUMB have led the charge to make this a mecca for green (re)development.

_Don't make the mistake of undoing that momentum by approving the MST plan!

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Our Mission: "To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Rina Kempton [rinakempton@pacbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:11 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: MST

I am opposed to the MST plan to construct a center at coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail. Please vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission.

Thank you,
Rina Kempton
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:28 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Spencer, Craig x5233; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: URGENT: STOP DESTRUCTION OF FORT ORD HABITAT

FYI

Arlene Boyd
Senior Secretary
Clerk of the Board
County of Monterey
168 W. Alisal St 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
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-----Original Message-----
From: Lisa Fimby-Dukart [mailto:lifimbydukart@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 8:30 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
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Sincerely,
Lisa Fimby-Dukart
314 Bishop Ave
Pacific Grove, CA
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Beth Norelli [bethnorelli@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 7:51 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: transit facility

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Colyear, M.A
343 Paradise Road
Salinas, CA 93907
831.663.2899

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Katie Stubbendick [katiestubbendick@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 7:08 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Opposition to MST Plan

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Katie Stubbendick
645 Hamilton Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

Seaside homeowner, Monterey County cyclist, and Marshall School (MPUSD, on the former Fort Ord) teacher
McDougals, Melissa x5146

From: Pat McNeill [pmcneill@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 4:16 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST proposal-NO

The coast live oaks on Ft. Ord have been returning to nature since the creation of Ft. Ord. It would be unforgivable to develop that land into anything so drastic as blacktop!

Pat McNeill
The plural of anecdote is not data.
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Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Spencer, Craig x5233; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: MST project at Ford Ord

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From: Bertrand Deprez [mailto:bertrand@redshift.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 9:54 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST project at Ford Ord

May 3, 2011

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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Very truly yours,

Bertrand Deprez

06/03/2011
From: John Bull [tocrows@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:18 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Ft Ord Sgt Allen Trail

I am an interested hiker and horse person who spends many hours each month in the Ft Ord, BLM property. It would be a shame to loose this beautiful habitat to development.
Or mail to: Monterey County Board of Supervisors, PO Box 1728, Salinas, CA 93902
<<Must arrive before Friday, May 6>>

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McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: maribeth hogoboom [mhogoboom@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:07 PM
To: mst@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Redevelopment and Greenspace

MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

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I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Maribeth
MDBarnmaster Buildings
(831) 760 2223
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From:  Elisabeth Gerrity [elisabeth.gerrity@gmail.com]
Sent:  Monday, May 02, 2011 6:24 PM
To:  112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Inappropriate Place for MST

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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It is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while blight goes undeveloped and satisfactory, unwooded sites exist elsewhere.

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Squandering this asset is unthinkable. Please leave this land as your legacy to your county and constituents.

Very truly yours,

Elisabeth L. Gerrity
3209 Susan Avenue
Marina, CA 93933

06/03/2011
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Very truly yours,

Nick Madronio
831.710.0119

Sent from my iPhone

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Ken Howat [khowat@csumb.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 2:41 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST Bus Maintenance Center

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:
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Ken Howat MA ATC
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Levi Jimenez [levi jimenez123@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 1:22 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; mst@mst.org
Subject: Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail

Please reconsider development @
Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail

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Levi R. Jimenez
LEED Green Associate
Intern - BuildingWise, LLC
Phone: 831.214.7345

06/03/2011
May 3, 2011

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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This tree and habitat removal will upset the balance of local ecology in this area!!! In an effort for ALL of Monterey County to become more sustainable, development should have as minimal effect on local ecology as possible. While if the area IS developed, please consider the highest efficiency buildings as technologically possible.

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Very truly yours,

Levi R. Jimenez
LEED Green Associate
Phone 831.214.7345
Email levi.jimenez123@gmail.com
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: James Huggins [jameshuggins@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 12:09 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: Margaret Davis
Subject: MST Transit Center Development Proposal in Marina, CA

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, non wooded site.

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President Theodore Roosevelt stated on conservation of our land in 1916.............

"Defenders of the short-sighted men who in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things sometimes seek to champion them by
saying the 'the game belongs to the people.' So it does; and not merely to the people now alive, but to the unborn people. The 'greatest good for the greatest number' applies to the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant fraction. Our duty to the whole, including the unborn generations, bids us restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wild life and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method."

Very truly yours,

James & Judith Huggins
Corral de Tierra, CA
From: Larry Telles [larrytelles@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 12:05 PM
To: 112 Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: MST@mst.org
Subject: MST Transit facilities

Please respect and support the findings of the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Transit Facilities at Ft. Ord.

Larry Telles
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Michael Do Couto [spookx12002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:52 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST Project

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Sincerely,
Michael Do Couto
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: john-bonnie [johnwhisler@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:24 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST bus maintenance center

Why destroy another county oak woodland when there is an alternative?

Bonnie Whisler
Seaside
From: aaglenn@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:08 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Rejection of Whispering Oaks Development

From: Alice Ann Glenn
Monterey, CA 93940-6143
AAGlenn@aol.com

To: County Board of Supervisors

Re: MST Regional Bus Hub & Whispering Oaks Development

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

I believe there is a better location for the new MST Regional Bus Hub than the one that was part of the Whispering Oaks development and would have caused the loss of greenway surrounding the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail—a senseless and irreparable blow to a recreational thoroughfare from beach to federal trails. The trails and open space of Fort Ord are a regional resource, used by the entire County of Monterey.

The County Planning Commission voted unanimously to reject the Whispering Oaks proposal because of egregious tree removal and habitat destruction. The site is very dense, coastal live oak forest. Preservation of oak trees is part of California and local policies. The EIR suggested replanting of oaks elsewhere but the sites named are already mature forest and grassland and will not benefit.... No private developer in Monterey County would dream of proposing this kind of destruction. Legal battles erupt all over the county over one or two trees. The County should be held to the same standards it applies to others.

I believe the Marina Airport would be an ideal location for the Regional Bus Hub. Besides the potential to be cost efficient, I believe the Marina Airport location is also

   Environmentally and geographically advantageous
   Truly multimodal and interconnective, including air travel
   There is infrastructure already in place

I ask you as Board members to affirm the denial of the Whispering Oaks Development by the County Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Darius Rike [danike@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 10:50 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST Development

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Very truly yours,

Darius Rike
3020 Eddy St
Marina, CA 93933

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:49 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Spencer, Craig x5233; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: I vote NO on bus depot on Cavalry tail

Fyi

Arlene Boyd
Senior Secretary
Clerk of the Board
County of Monterey
168 W. Alisal St 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-5066
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From: Rivera, Janice (CIV) [mailto:jrivera@nps.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:21 AM
To: MST@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: I vote NO on bus depot on Cavalry tail

Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

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06/03/2011
I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Sincerely Yours,
Janice Rivera
Monterey
From: Donna Schulken [dschulken@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 6:57 AM
To: MST@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail

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Sincerely Yours,
Donna Schulken
From: PAULA PELOT [ppelot@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 11:07 PM
To: MST@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Opposition to Plans to Construct a Bus Center at Intergarrison and Seventh Avenue

Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

The trails and open space of Fort Ord are a regional resource, used by the ENTIRE County of Monterey. Development at Intergarrison and Seventh Avenue will devastate a robust woodland of a kind that the County has pledged to protect and preserve. The proposed mitigation to this destruction—planting seedlings elsewhere—will not compensate for the loss of the beautiful habitat along Intergarrison Road. Contrary to what decision makers may have been told, this is NOT an old, diseased stand of trees, but a mature, and biologically diverse, woodland.

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It is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while blight goes undeveloped and satisfactory sites for placement exist elsewhere, such as the Marina Airport which already has infrastructure. With tree eradication, replanting, and utilities, the cost of a bus yard at this site probably exceeds one that could be placed at the Marina Airport. Have you done a cost analysis of a project at the Marina Airport and compared it to this proposal? If not, I ask that you do so before you rack up unnecessary monetary costs with this proposal and in a single misinformed act, destroy an irreplaceable asset.

I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Sincerely,

Paula F. Pelot
728 Landrum Court
Marina, CA 93933

06/03/2011
From: Joseph Poulos [poulosj@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 5:37 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Bus center construction

Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

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Sincerely Yours,

Joseph Poulos
Matranga Floral Distributors
(831) 424-5093
From: Linda O'Connell [locmom@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 2:37 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Whispering Oaks

Dear Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to the MST plan to construct a bus maintenance center and industrial park on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. I request that you vote to affirm the unanimous denials of the County Planning Commission and encourage MST to find a more appropriate, unwooded site.

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Very truly yours,

Linda O'Connell

06/03/2011
From: Charles Field [cjfield831@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 10:18 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Whispering Oaks MST development

Please vote against the proposed site of this transit hub. The destruction of a beautiful healthy diverse ecosystem when places exist in the area with infrastructure intact for such a development would be nothing short of criminal. We all watch the Discovery channel and bemoan the loss of the Rain forest when subsistence farmers burn or Monsanto mines the land. You have the chance to make a difference right now. That stand of trees can be your line in the sand against further needless environmental destruction. Vote a resounding NO. Thank you. Mr. and Mrs.
Charles N. Field

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: RICHARD EELLS [eellsrichard@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 2:22 PM
To: mst@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse
Subject: MST/Whispering Oaks (they're whispering "don't kill us - we're still alive!")

Attention MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my deep opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans for constructing a bus depot and industrial park on a tract of land along Intergarrison Road where there currently exists a thriving coast-live-oak habitat and the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

While MST provides a good service for which all can be thankful, it is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while blight goes undeveloped and satisfactory sites for placement exist elsewhere. I understand the city of Marina has offered a more suitable site that would actually cost less to develop.

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Sincerely Yours,

Richard Eells, concerned resident
Marina, County of Monterey, CA

06/03/2011
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From: MarciHardy@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 1:13 PM
To: mst@mst.org; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: (no subject)

Dear MST Directors and County Supervisors:

I am in total support of the extensive efforts of Margaret Davis and others to create a permanent greenbelt / horse trail / pedestrian space in the City of Marina. I ask you to help find a more appropriate space for MST so that it doesn't impinge on the wonderful, permanent greenspace proposed for the area.

Certainly, this is the time to save whatever beautiful, natural landscape we can, and certainly there must be plenty of other places to relocate MST. We have a chance now to create a legacy, much like New York's renowned Central Park, so whatever you can do to help MST find a less invasive location would be greatly appreciated by residents and visitors now and in the future.

Sincerely,
Marcia Hardy
Monterey
McDougal, Melissa x5146

From:  Liz Gheen [fridaisy89@hughes.net]  
Sent:  Friday, April 29, 2011 12:21 PM  
To:  112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
Subject:  Sgt Allen McDonald Trail/Whispering Oaks

Dear MST Directors and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my opposition to MST and County Redevelopment Agency plans to construct a bus center on a coast-live-oak habitat and vital recreational trail, the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail.

While MST provides a good service for which all can be thankful, it is environmentally irresponsible to construct a transit center on 58 acres of oak woodlands while blight goes undeveloped and satisfactory sites for placement exist elsewhere.

Development at Intergarrison and Seventh Avenue will devastate a robust woodland of a kind that the County has pledged to protect and preserve. The proposed mitigation to this destruction—planting seedlings elsewhere—will not compensate for the loss of the beautiful habitat along Intergarrison Road. Contrary to what decision makers may have been told, this is NOT an old, diseased stand of trees, but a mature and biologically diverse woodland.

The proposed placement would be catastrophic to the Sgt Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail. This trail and its greenway are an irreplaceable link in the overall network taking trekkers from the Monterey Coastal Bike Trail, to the Marina Equestrian Center, to the Jerry Smith Access Corridor, and to 82 miles of federal trails in the Fort Ord interior. A coherent Fort Ord trail system adds tremendous value to County residency and draws visitors from all over California. Squandering this asset should be unthinkable.

I am requesting that the MST directors withdraw their appeal of the Planning Commission's very sensible denial and that the County of Monterey cooperate with other agencies to find an appropriate place for the new transit facilities.

Sincerely Yours,

Liz Gheen

06/03/2011
From: marinademocrats@gmail.com on behalf of Luana Conley [luana.pipedreamsproductions@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 11:20 AM

To: MST@mst.org; frank@oconnell4us.com; 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Cc: fortordhistory@gmail.com

Subject: Supporting Sgt. Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail

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Sincerely Yours,

Luana Conley
Marina
831-884-9662
PLEASE! How can you let this happen? We come to Fort Ord often to drive our horses. It is one of the most divine landscapes in California -- sacred, even. Once you destroy something, it's ruined, gone forever. The mere thought of this corporation yard is an obscenity. Do you want to see the whole world denuded of its natural beauty? Well, if so, you're taking steps in that direction. VOTE NO.

Kind regards,
Melinda Takeuchi
Dear Supervisors,

Please save our oak forest on Fort Ord and preserve them as a natural resource in a regional park.

Thank you,

John Hutcherson
Dear Supervisors,
Thank you for taking the time to consider protecting the gem of Fort Ord in its current condition. The historic nature of the area and the connections it provides are priceless.
I thank earlier visionaries who saw to protect important places, lands, features. I am unable to attend the June 14, 2011 meeting so wanted to send you a note ahead of time showing my support for protecting Fort Ord and the connections it serves.

Yours,
Helen Crawford
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Slugmp@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 9:53 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Fort Ord Trails

Board Of Supervisors:

Please consider using the alternate site for the MST facility. Not only would it continue to keep our community beautiful and show we can have both a thriving business community and also a well thought out and planned district....business and beauty...form and function CAN go hand in hand. You have it in your power to work for the entire area and do the right thing.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this extremely important issue.

Margaret Pare'
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: mary chandler [jcnmary2@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 3:29 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: trails

Please don't close the trails, the horses riders just have so few places as beautiful as your's. If there is a petition please add my name. Mary Chandler
I come all the way every year and sometimes more if we can make it ride with friends there.
Rothamel, Linda M. x5240

From: Nancy Dupont [nancydupontmail@gmail.com] on behalf of Nancy Dupont
       [htrails@astound.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 4:34 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: jillcohndc@gmail.com
Subject: About Monterey-Salinas Transit

I am a native Californian with a great respect for the natural treasures we enjoy in the coastal area of Monterey. If you have lived here long enough or have visited other places, you know these 4,400 oak trees are (in our lifetime) a non renewable resource of beauty.

We MUST preserve this habitat and furthermore support the protection and development of the Sgt. Allan MacDonald Cavalry Trail from beach to Fort Ord interior.

This greenway is no place to build a corporation yard! This is not just a local issue - it is a national issue. Certainly a California issue.

You do not have the right to destroy a destination point for all hikers, horseback riders and bicyclists that come to appreciate Monterey County -- and spend their $$$ Dollars $$$ when they visit!

Please prevail against any decision to allow MST such destruction. Send them away!
Please respond to my email and assure me that this will happen. I am not sure I can attend the meeting on June 14 but feel free to read my message to anyone interested.

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Nancy Dupont
htrails@astound.net
1350 Castle Rock Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
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fax: Call first
www.castlerockarabians.com

06/06/2011
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: marinera@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 7:19 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; MST@MST.ORG

Subject: Fort Ord Trails

I think it is terribly important that the 58 acre plot being considered for a bus maintenance yard not be developed. Trails and open space are a treasure and terribly important in Monterey County for recreational users.

You have to find another location for the bus maintenance yard.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter,

Julie Suhr 831-335-5933

06/06/2011
From: Seth [parisopolis@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 7:40 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: mst@mst.org
Subject: Please Do Not Approve the MST plans

Dear Monterey County Supervisors,

Please do not overturn the wise and considered decision by the county planning commission to deny approval for the building of the MST maintenance yard. As a Seaside homeowner and resident I am very concerned at the potential loss of these rec trails that provide access to the currently serene, beautiful, and natural scenery of Fort Ord. This will affect the property values here as well as the quality of life of thousands of residents and visitors who will loose the hiking, biking, and horseback opportunities that lie within Fort Ord land. It is a huge natural resource that adds so much value to our area. This is far too important to bulldoze and destroy for the purposed proposed by MST. I am sure there is another site that could accomodate their needs. Also the 4400 oak trees and the habitat they provide for many important animals is a precious natural resource that we need to be diligent in protecting. I am unable to attend the meeting where you will discuss this but it is still very important to me and my family and I know I speak for other residents of the area that cannot attend. Please be very careful in your consideration of this issue as this will not be a reversible situation once the destruction of the land and resources ensues.

Sincerely,

Seth Paris

Seth Paris, GCFP, CEES

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831.655.9611
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Karen Horton [miraclemkr@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 7:23 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Monterey bay trail system

I have a fifteen yr. Old daughter and two horses. As a parent of a high school age that is thriving in school anf sport, I feel very strong it is beacause all of the time I hv spent out on the trail alone with my daughter, riding on all the beutiful trails that we have at our access. I would be a very sad thing if the futre generations were robbed of the chance to enjoy thes incredible trails where does it stop, all this building on sacred wild spaces. The thing I miss the most from my childhood are all the field we use to have in our neighborhoods... Please preserve the future of the wild spaces, it in your power to do so. Do it for your future generations. It the right things to do.

blessings, Karen Horton
www.miraclemkr.thebiomatcompany.com
From: C. Mendenhall [happytrailstou@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 8:34 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Keeping Fort Ord Trails Open

Please keep the trails open for public use. It will help to draw tourists and visitors to your area for years to come. There are enough shopping malls and stores. We need our wildlife areas to be preserved.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Cathie Mendenhall
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Liz Gheen [fridaisy89@hughes.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 10:17 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: mst@mst.org
Subject: Sgt Allen MacDonald trail @ former Ft. Ord

I am writing this letter to Board of Supervisors to express my feelings towards the proposed MST plans for destroying a LARGE number of the majestic oaks that adorn the former Ft. Ord and the closure of the Sgt. MacDonald trail which links the Marina area with BLM property. Being a taxpayer of Monterey County, I would hate to lose this open space.

I am not against public transportation and the need for same. I am terrificly concerned about access to public use of the beautiful BLM land.

They have taken BLM west side access at 8th & Gigling away and the Intergarrison parking area is not large enough to accomodate several horse trailers as well as all individual vehicles of hikers, bicyclists, etc. We would only have access through the east side at Creekside and behind Toro Park subdivision.

The Sgt Allen MacDonald trail would be the only west side access for equestrians (staging out of the Marina Equestrian Center).

Ft. Ord and its history has had a tremendous impact on all of the Monterey County since its inception. It still has quite an impact for bringing more tourists to the area (revenue?).

I just cannot believe someone given this stewardship to keep alive such a beautiful place for all to enjoy would want to destroy it.

I understand the City of Marina has offered a place for MST to set up their operation at the Marina airport. This property is level and would not require as much construction costs and would not destroy such a habitat for the wildlife.

PLEASE take my letter and others into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,
Liz Gheen
County resident and taxpayer.

06/06/2011
Hello Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the Transit company of Monterey County -

Firstly, thank you very much to the Board for turning down the request of the transit company to bulldoze and clearcut acres of coastal oak woodland. Oak woodlands are a treasure for all California and rapidly disappearing. It is imperative that another place be found for the site. We have used the bike trail many, many times on our trips to Monterey county. We have a home at Monterey Dunes and our family, friends and many tourists and residents use this trail for biking, walking and riding. It should be preserved.

I am a strong advocate for rapid transit, but it has to be put in a place that will have the lowest impact on scenery, traffic and the ecosystem.

There are other sites in the county that could be utilized. What about the area on the East side of Hwy 1 south of the landfill? Use areas of the county that are already not functioning as habitat.

Thank you,
Patricia Puterbaugh, 176 Monterey Dunes Way, Castroville, CA
Please reconsider the move to destroy Fort Ord riding and hiking trails, as well as bulldoze 4000+ California oaks for the Monterey Salinas Transit depot. The City of Marina has offered alternatives lands that are perfect for the depot - and that allow us to preserve the beauty of Fort Ord - and the access for hikers, bikers, tourists and horsemen.

How can we destroy such a beautiful place to park transit vehicles when there are other, more suitable options. They are available? Why the need to destroy what is natural and God Given? Where is the sense or logic in that - and where are the hearts that made such a horrible decision.

PLEASE PLEASE use the Marina airport lands and leave Fort Ord for our children to enjoy!

Rebel Brown
101 Endlich Drive
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060

831 421 0297
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Susan Morse [smorse@csumb.edu]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 10:31 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; Margaret Davis
Subject: No MST on FT Ord

Dear Supervisors,
I am opposed to placing the MST terminal on Ft. Ord. This is not vacant land for the taking. This land is used by people and animals, it is part of our Natural Capital, and is very important. Green development demands that MST terminal should be in a location that is already barren as a result of development. The Airport is ideal for this. There are lots a properties that are not empty as a result of the economic decline. We do not want to reduce our Natural Capital, is it one of our most valuable assets.

Economics Instructor,
School of Business,
CSUMB

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Susan Morse
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831 915-8691 cell

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does"
Margaret Mead
Attached is a letter to the Board of Supervisors that we faxed yesterday. It may show up as text, below. We are emailing it in case the fax did not come through clearly. Please distribute it to the five Supervisors.

With much appreciation,

Vivian H. Mills
Richard L. & Vivian H. Mills  
1170 Overlook Drive  
Accokeek, Maryland 20607

Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
Mr. Potter, Mr. Armenta, Mr. Calcagno, Mr. Salinas, and Ms. Parker  
1200 Aguajito Road  
Monterey, CA 93940  
Via fax: 831-755-5888

Dear Supervisors:

This letter is a follow-up to the one I addressed to Mr. Potter on May 10, 2010, in which I commended the Public Guardian and Conservator Division for rescuing my brother, whose personal safety, health, and financial security had been severely compromised by an abusive predator who had removed him from his home, isolated him from friends and relatives, withheld medical care, and was in the process of draining his bank account.

You should know that my family’s respect and gratitude for the Division’s services remain undiminished a year later. Thanks to the ongoing oversight of his court-appointed guardian, Christie Savinon, my brother has recovered his physical health and is able to lead a life free from manipulation, fear, and harm. Had the public guardian not intervened, there is little doubt that the outcome would have been dire, probably fatal.

The predator who victimized my brother has expressed continued interest in interfering in his personal affairs. There must be many others who, like my brother, are unable as a result of illness or advanced age to manage their own affairs any longer and become victims of personal and financial abuse. These are among the most vulnerable of the County’s population, and the public guardian’s office needs to be ready to serve them, especially when family resources just aren’t available. Cutting its budget would have a devastating effect on those whose lives depend on its services. Little of this work gets headlines, but the community should be proud that the system works so effectively.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter. My wife joins me in signing this letter.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Mills  
Vivian H. Mills
Rothamel, Linda M. x5240

From: John Sibert [jsibert36@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:20 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: mst@mst.org
Subject: MST / FORMER FT. ORD

We write:
In support of the Monterey County Planning Commission's unanimous decision recommending against the MST current plan for the location of their "hub".

In support of the Marina Airport Business Park as a location. A reasonable site; convenient to major roadways; infrastructure already in place; less pristine habitat to destroy.

In support of maintaining a rich & diverse habitat that reflects the values, needs and contributions of its citizens in all stages of life.

It is our hope that you will concur with the recommendations of your planning commission and avoid the destruction of one more natural ecosystem while overlooking the blighted ghost town that was once Ft.Ord.

John D. Sibert
Mary A. Sibert
43 San Felipe Ct.
Salinas, CA 93901
If this project goes ahead, I will support the making of a video for broadcast on Earth Day as the Monterey County "Green" approach to protection of the environment.
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Suzy Worcester [suzanne.worcester@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 4:19 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Reject appeal by MST for Whispering Oaks site

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter describing why moving the MST Whispering Oaks project to the Marina Airport is an excellent idea. I strongly encourage you to follow the advise of the Planning Commission to deny the MST's appeal. Thank you very much for your time and service to Monterey County.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Worcester
Dear Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Potter and Parker,

I thank you for all of the service you do on behalf of Monterey County. However, I urge you to REJECT the appeal by MST to build both a bus operations hub and a business park at the Whispering Oaks site on Fort Ord. I also urge you to support building the MST hub at the Marina Airport. **It is not too late to change locations**—indeed changing locations will likely save taxpayers money. Please support the unanimous recommendations your own Planning Commission on April 13.

Here is a list of reasons of why the Whispering Oaks site is the wrong location for the bus operations yard and business park:

1. The *Whispering Oaks site was designated as open space/habitat management by FORA for almost all of the past 15 years*. FORA only recently changed this site to an MST location (in just the last few years).

2. This project will create blight on Fort Ord rather than alleviate existing blight. I write this because East Garrison is a perfect example of taking open space and turning it into blight. The economy will not support another business park beyond the Marina Airport. Thus leveling intact oak woodland and letting more than half of the site sit empty, growing noxious weeds that are a problem elsewhere, is creating blight. This opposes the goals of redeveloping Fort Ord.

3. The Whispering Oaks project will **destroy thousands of oak trees** including likely heritage oak trees which are protected by Monterey County law. These oak woodlands are currently used by deer, bobcats, coyotes, turkeys and other wildlife. I have seen these animals at this location myself. Individual oak trees are protected throughout Monterey County, why not on Fort Ord?

4. This land use is **inconsistent with the CSUMB campus**. The development around campus should be student-friendly—“light industrial” is not student-friendly. Indeed the campus has moved strongly in the direction of more ridership on MST. Introducing many different buses to the campus that are not intended for students will confuse students and decrease ridership. It will also reduce the quality of campus life by increasing outside, non-campus traffic.

5. The project is **inconsistent with the 2010 Monterey County General Plan**. The Monterey County Planning Commission made that clear in their April 13 meeting.

6. The project **destroys the Sgt Allan MacDonald trail** as a recreational trail for horses. It also destroys the planned scenic corridor from the coast to the BLM lands. Anyone who has ridden horses knows that it will render the current trail through the woods into a dirt road through an industrial area. This will not be a sufficient replacement for the recreational corridor horse riders currently have.

7. **Removing 4400 oak trees is increasing the carbon footprint** of Monterey County. This is inconsistent with AB 32 which is intended to have all of California reduce its carbon footprint. Although MST says they will replant these trees, small 1 gallon-pot trees are hardly a replacement for 100 year old oaks. To actually replace these magnificent, slow-growing trees in-kind would a tremendous amount of money. Any appropriate location for mitigation already has oak woodlands on the site. If the idea is to replace blighted parking lots with oak trees, it would be much easier to build a business park and bus operations on old parking lots then to try to coax oak trees on sites currently covered in parking lots.
8. Why aren’t there efforts to get rid of blighted areas on Fort Ord? Why take out virgin habitat when there are miles of parking lots and abandoned buildings that are just waiting to be redeveloped? Even the current location where MST parks its buses on Gigiling between 7th and 8th Avenue would be greatly preferable to the Whispering Oaks site. Indeed the area could be expanded from 6th Ave to 8th Ave and from Gigiling to Col. Durham. This would be a large area that actually needs to be redeveloped. That is a good use of our tax dollars. (The Marina Airport has some clear advantages as a building site that I will describe below.)

Here is a list of reasons why the Marina Airport is the right location for the MST hub:

1. The Marina Airport already has most of the infrastructure ready for MST. It even has its own stoplight onto Reservation Rd. (It also has sewer, water, power, etc.).
2. Because the infrastructure has already been built at the airport, this will save a lot of money. Indeed it may more than recoup the costs of switching project locations at this date. (Especially when the costs of trying restore an oak woodland are included.)
3. The Marina Airport is much better location as a regional bus hub. It has immediate access to Salinas via Blanco Rd and immediate access onto Reservation Rd and thus the Monterey Peninsula. Both roads are large thoroughfares intended for high volumes of traffic. (Intergarrison is not intended for that high of a volume of traffic.)
4. We need a strong and vibrant public transportation system. I encourage the development of MST. Moving the site to an appropriate location is a win-win solution.
5. The Marina Airport site is covered with weeds that do not provide prime habitat for wildlife. There is very little impact on habitat values and much less impact on the county’s carbon footprint by developing at the Marina Airport. This parcel is intended for this type of development.

Here are some responses to the arguments made for the appeal by MST:

1. “Most of the oak trees are dead at the site.” The oak woodlands at this site are just like all of the oak woodlands on the central coast. It has a combination of young trees, medium-aged trees, older trees and dead trees. This is a healthy and vibrant ecosystem that provides habitat for many species. (I have a Ph.D. in Integrative Biology.) Dead trees provide habitat as well as live trees. As an example, I just saw a pair of Western bluebirds nesting in the cavity of a dead tree on Fort Ord. I have seen many types of wildlife (deer, coyotes, red-shouldered hawks, etc.) at the Whispering Oaks site. There very presence at the site demonstrates it is high quality habitat.

2. “Too much money has already been spent on the Whispering Oaks site.” The fallacy of this argument is that the cost to level the site, install infrastructure, and put in additional traffic mitigation on Intergarrison, will likely cost more than is being lost in the planning phases. The cost to effectively replace the oak trees will also be extremely high.
3. “It is too late.” It is never too late to step away from a wrong decision – a
decision that will undoubtedly increase blight on Fort Ord. A right decision is
just down the road at the Marina Airport.

As a Fort Ord homeowner who pays all of my taxes to the County of Monterey (I live in
unincorporated Monterey County), I want my taxes to be used in responsible ways that
benefit the local community. I see plenty of benefit in expanding MST services in the
county. I strongly encourage public transportation in Monterey County. However I don’t
see any benefit in having the project at the Whispering Oaks site when environmentally-
suitable alternatives exist in close proximity.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Worcester, Ph.D.
1604 Hodges Ct
Marina, CA 93933
(sent via e-mail)
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Doug Smith [dosmith@csumb.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:38 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; 100-District 4 (831) 883-7570
Subject: Against MST on Fort Ord

Dear Monterey County Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed MST operations yard/Business Park proposed for Intergarrison Road.

I travel past that site each day as I commute to CalState Monterey Bay for work. I also live close enough to the site that I would probably hear the daily operations. I very much cherish the native oak woodland forest that lines Intergarrison, and I highly value the ecosystem that it supports.

Please do not permit MST to relocate to the Intergarrison site.

Thank you,
Douglas Smith
1322 Patch Court
Marina, CA 9393
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 9:14 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Novo, Mike x5192; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383
Subject: FW: don't take the public lands we have worked for
FYI

Arlene Boyd
Senior Secretary
Clerk of the Board
County of Monterey
168 W. Alisal St 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
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From: h_neuworth@comcast.net [mailto:h_neuworth@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:34 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: mst@mst.org
Subject: don't take the public lands we have worked for

Please re-consider that the recreational trails are public open space. The MST project will landlock access to prescripted use.
Move it some where else or expect civil suites.

Hallie Neuworth
Overhead trail maintenance on HORSE BACK.
1980 Dolphin Dr.
Aptos, Ca 95003
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
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From: Kevin Johnson [mailto:kejohnson@csumb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:08 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone; mst@mst.org
Subject: MST

Hello,

I am a writing today to encourage you that it is not to late to move the MST location in Fort Ord. The proposed MST transit system will needlessly destroy a large portion of the already heavily impacted Oak Woodland of Fort Ord. With the presence of so many large open cement lots surrounding the CSUMB campus and the Marina Airport I feel there are many viable options for the needed MST to consider that will not permanently remove a large section of oak woodland from this small reserve.

Thank you,

-Kevin Johnson
Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 11:39 AM
To: 100-District 4 (831) 883-7570
Cc: Bauman, Lew; Blankenship, Lee x5364; McKee, Charles J; Novo, Mike x5192; Cook, Jim 755-5384; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240; Torres, Karina x5383; Spencer, Craig x5233; Ford, John H. x6049

Subject: FW: MST Operations Yard/Business Park

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From: Daniel Shapiro [mailto:dshapiro@csumb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 11:32 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: MST Operations Yard/Business Park

To the Monterey County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed building of the MST Operations Yard/Business Park along Intergarrison Rd. on the former Fort Ord. This is important and valuable habitat that supports a vibrant ecosystem and is treasured by many, including myself. Please consider an alternative site that does not require this level of destruction of natural habitat.

Why am I (and many others) against this project? I support MST and more public transit in the area (and I even ride MST), but this is not the right location for the bus operations buildings (and especially the added business park!).

1. The project is large. It will clear all of the land from Fredrik's Park to main campus on the North side of Intergarrison and turn it into a Bus Operations Yard and Business Park. It will cover 58 acres. This alone will radically change the character of campus.

2. There is an alternative site that is much better at the Marina Airport. At that site the infrastructure (sewer, water, electricity, etc.) has already been built. There is already a street light on Reservation Rd that would work beautifully for this. The Marina Airport is a much better site for a bus hub as it it centrally located between Salinas (has access to Blanco Rd) and the Monterey Peninsula. Both Reservation Blvd. and Blanco Rd are large streets that can handle high volumes of bus traffic. Our campus is not intended to have large volumes of traffic. Huge volumes of bus traffic will not reduce our campus climate. We do want buses on campus that are for carrying us to and from campus -- we don't want all other buses in the area to use campus as a thoroughfare.
3. "Light Industrial" and "college campus" don't go together. As Fort Ord redevelops, we need either small businesses like pizza and coffee shops or open space next to campus. We don't need light industrial areas. We need to improve the feel of the campus, not make it worse.

3. Why do we want to remove beautiful habitat when Fort Ord is covered in parking lots and abandoned buildings which are just calling to be "redeveloped"? The MST/Whispering Oaks project will destroy oak woodland habitat that is actively used by deer, coyotes, bobcats, turkeys and more (as seen by my own eyes). It doesn't make sense to waste redevelopment dollars on prime open space when there is plenty of blighted land that need redevelopment. (MST currently parks its buses on Gigiling and 7th Ave. If the Marina Airport site is unsatisfactory, why not redevelop the parking lots between 7th and 8th Ave and Gigiling? Or even add the abandoned buildings all the way over to 6th Ave to make a larger project site? This is much preferred to the Whispering Oaks site.)

4. The project will cut down 4,400 oak trees. Heritage (really large) oak trees are protected by the County of Monterey. Other people have to get permits to cut down even one oak tree and this project will remove 1,000's of trees. MST says they plan to plant 4400 oak trees, but they have proposed no location where they would do this. (Plus a bus station will "grow" a lot better on abandoned parking lots then thousands of tiny planted trees which will most likely die if planted in the blighted areas of Fort Ord.) The project will also be removing coast live oaks which take many decades (sometimes more than a century) to become large trees. Replanting such magnificent trees with a ton of little tiny 1 gallon potted trees won't even come close to compensating the lost habitat. (It is ironic the project is called "Whispering Oaks" - they won't be whispering much when they are buried in our landfill!)

5. The area has been zoned as Open Space since the mid-1990's. FORA (the Fort Ord Reuse Authority) designated it as open space at least as early as 1995 and only recently (2008?) changed its designation to allow MST to develop the site. It has been zoned as open space because it is part of a large recreational trail system that intends to connect the ocean with the Bureau of Land Management's Fort Ord Public Lands. Changing the zoning is inconsistent with open space and it is inconsistent with having a "BLM to the sea" trail system. It also really negatively impacts the horse riders at the stables just north of campus. They have just put in the Sgt. Allan MacDonald trail that crosses campus open space and connects to the BLM land (note the newly painted stripes across Intergarrison for horse crossings). This projects would remove this trail completely or turn it into an industrial corridor (which doesn't work well for skiddish horses which all of you who have owned/ridden horses before will know).

6. The project will create blight on Fort Ord. This is my opinion -- but it is clear that the economy will not fill a business park on Intergarrison for years (possibly decades) to come. To see what I mean just look at the Marina Airport Business Park that has been sitting mostly empty for more than 10 years. To see "created blight" even more close to campus just go to the east end of Intergarrison (past the barricades) and see the East Garrison housing project. It is has been sitting idle for years. They cleared all of the land (including many acres of oak woodland - some beautiful land) and now it is just sitting there accumulating weeds. It looks horrible (and it was a beautiful place full of trails to walk before it was razed).

7. Removing all of these oak trees increases the carbon footprint of our area. Rather than taking in CO2 and storing it as wood (which oaks do), we'll just be releasing CO2 into the atmosphere from buses and other people uses. This compounds our climate problem. Our land mark CA climate bill (AB32) encourages measures to be adopted statewide to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The County of Monterey should not be exempt from following AB32.

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8. It is a poor use of our tax dollars to redevelop prime open space. We’ve already spent tax dollars on renovating the Marina Airport -- and it is sitting only partially used. There is plenty of space at the airport for this project. When we are all feeling the state budget cuts on our wallets, why waste our money to create new blight? What does the campus community gain?

9. The Monterey County Planning Commission thinks the MST/Whispering Oaks project is a bad idea too. In April they concurred that alternative sites exist that are environmentally superior, the Whispering Oaks project removes too many oak trees, and the oak tree loss has not been minimized to the maximum extent possible. The County of Monterey should support their own staff recommendations to move this project to another site.

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Subject: FW: Support DENIAL of MST’s proposed location on Intergarrison
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Board of Supervisors....On behalf of almost all of my students and myself as a faculty at CSUMB, I respectfully and strongly urge you to NOT ALLOW MST to destroy wooded oak lands and build a huge fleet operations facility at the Intergarrison location. We members of the CSUMB community are a growing university. We are not an industrial site! It is not too late to change locations. MST will undoubtedly save money by moving the project to the Monterey Airport because the infrastructure has already been built. We beg you to deny MST's appeal. Support the Planning Commission's denial to MST to rezone our valuable, appreciated and needed woodlands.

As a citizen of Marina, I also believe our Mayor is correct that the MST should be at the Airport location. It is appropriate to have MST there as it is an industrial site that needs an anchor for it's development and the access is best for the comings/goings/ fixing and parking for all those buses.

Why in the world would you not support the already studied Monterey Planning Commission's action stating that MST can NOT rezone, tear up, build and pollute? Intergarrison Road is absolutely not the right location for bus operations buildings and especially the added business park! Please stand up to MST and do the right thing for our university community, the woodlands, our enjoyed trails, the wildlife that needs a home too and the overall environment. Help MST understand and see they belong in the industrial park. Thank you for your consideration. We shall be watching.

Dr. J.A. Cannon
CSUMB faculty &
Marina Citizen

06/07/2011
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RE: Whispering Oaks Business Park

Dear Supervisors:

"[W]e cannot afford to ignore even modest contributions to global warming. If global warming is the result of cumulative contributions of myriad sources, any one modest in itself, is there not a danger of losing the forest by closing our eyes to the felling of the individual tree?" [Center for Biological Diversity v. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (US Ninth Circuit Court, 2007)]

Based on the latest University of California figures (2007), CWF/California Oaks has estimated that since 1990 California has converted 325,000 acres of oak woodlands to non-forest use. This means in California there are substantially less acres of oak forest to help reduce state CO2 emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 as required by Assembly Bill 32 (2006). Additionally, the escalating deforestation of oak woodlands will make it that much more difficult and expensive to meet California's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The peer-reviewed publication "Oaks 2040: The Status and Future of Oaks in California" (2006) estimates that up to 750,000 acres of oak resources are at risk of conversion to non-forest use by 2040. A companion study, "Carbon Resources in California Oak Woodlands" (2008), calculates that "California oak woodlands and forests could sequester a billion tons of carbon [and] up to 33 million tons of sequestered carbon are at risk [by 2040] of entering the atmosphere should development processes eliminate these oak woodlands and forests, and their associated carbon pools."

California's green-house gas (GHG) policy has placed a premium on conserving native forests, specifically recognizing the unique capacity of existing trees to naturally sequester large quantities of CO2 over time and the adverse public health effects of discharging that stored carbon back into the atmosphere when forests are unnaturally impacted.

California has officially designated CO2 a grave human health risk. The US has been the biggest GHG emitter in the world and California is the second-largest CO2 emitter in the US. In fact, all the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) overriding considerations over the past 40 years have been a significant contributor to the current GHG crisis. Local indiscretion has been the granddaddy of carbon cumulative impacts.

Monterey County must ask itself if allowing the removal of 84 acres of oak woodland habitat is a globally responsible act, and the loss of 4,400 coast live oak trees healthy for its citizens.

CWF/California Oaks asks that an alternate site be chosen for Whispering Oaks Business Park.

Sincerely,

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