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COUNTY OF SANTA BAREARA CLERK OF THE SOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 28, 2016

County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Scenic Highway designation for Highway 101 on the Gaviota Coast

To Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to offer my whole hearted support of the petition to officially designate the section of Hwy. 101 along the Gaviota Coast, from Winchester Canyon, through the Gaviota Pass, to the Las Cruces junction, as a California Scenic Highway. This area of 101 offers stunning views of the Pacific Ocean, including the SB National Marine Sanctuary, the Channel Islands National Park, and also provides rare views of rural working landscapes along the southern California coast.

This designation would draw new visitors to our area and provide an economic boost to many in the tourism industry and to the economies of many communities along the coast. Research has found that this type of designation brings more business, jobs, and tax revenue to communities near designated scenic highways all over the nation.

It is also my understanding that our area would be more competitive when seeking future state and federal grants and funding for highway beautification, landscaping, and maintenance with this scenic designation.

Thank you for carefully considering the benefits of this petition.

Regards,

Kathylanega-Dykes

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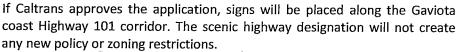
SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

Highway 101 along the Gaviota coast

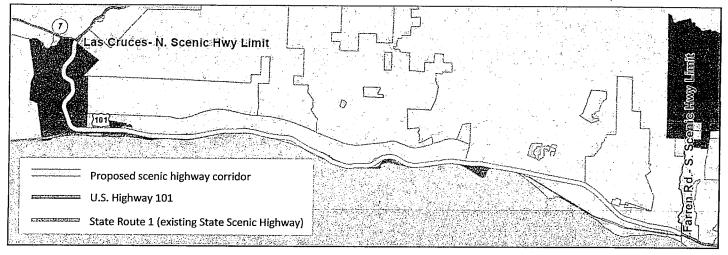
Santa Barbara County is preparing an application to Caltrans, to designate the **Gaviota** coast section of Highway 101 as a State Scenic Highway.



The scenic highway designation would begin at the City of Goleta boundary, at Farren Road (see map below). It would end at Las Cruces, where it would connect to State Route 1, an already designated State Scenic Route.







The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors will discuss the Caltrans application at their hearing on October 4, 2016. The hearing begins at 9:00 a.m. and is located on the 4th floor of the County Administration Building, at 105 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara.

Testimony and written comments are welcome. All letters should be addressed to:

County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Or via email to: sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

More information can be found at the project website here:

http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/gaviotascenichighway/gaviotascenichighway.php

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16 livability/scenic highways/faq.htm

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