

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**DATE:** September 12, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Rafael Payan, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation: *PARK IT!* Initiative Update, Mr. Sandy Hale

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff requests the Board receive the presentation and provide direction to Staff on how to proceed. The presentation summarizes the *Park It!* Initiative (**ATTACHMENT 1**) and its progress to date, and the proposed Spring 2019 Demonstration Project (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$25,000 has been budgeted for FY 2018-19 to advance research related to transportation patterns on State Route 1 and identify possible solutions to traffic and parking congestion, enhanced access to the Peninsula's underutilized parks and open spaces, and other *PARK IT!* related scope items. This presentation will not request nor require expenditure authorization.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Account Code 6549 (professional services).

**FUNDING BALANCE:**

\$25,000.

**DISCUSSION:**

Earlier this year, several community members (*PARK IT!* Team) met to discuss the need to plan, coordinate and implement a realistic and attainable initiative to address parking-caused congestion along State Route 1 in proximity to several State and District park. The initiative will also identify opportunities that may enhance public access to several open space properties along the Monterey Peninsula, presently considered underutilized.

As part of this initiative, the *PARK IT!* Team has:

- A. Initiated a proposed Spring 2019 Demonstration Project and other related research projects;
- B. Submitted a financial grant application to the Monterey Bay Air Resources District for a clean air enhancement project. The requested grant's purpose is to help underwrite the cost for a shuttle bus system, connecting several public parking and staging sites north of the Carmel River with several open

spaces. These proposed open spaces may include Point Lobos State Natural Reserve (Point Lobos), San Jose Creek and Whisler-Wilson, PCRP's State Route 1 entrance and the Rancho Canada Unit, and Garrapata State Park;

Funding for ***PARK IT!***'s Spring 2019 Demonstration Project has not been recommended for award by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's staff. Because the proposed shuttle bus system is an important and integral part of the initiative, the ***PARK IT!*** Team is considering approaching the grantor's Board, urging reconsideration of the grant request; and,

- C. Formulating initial engineering and site planning options that inform California State Park's proposed development of the Lobos Ranch parking and staging complex project. Lobos Ranch is located immediately east of Point Lobos' State Route 1 entrance.

This project proposes development of facilities, including a parking and staging complex, pedestrian tunnel under State Route 1, a visitor center, and a shuttle bus stop. A southbound left-hand turn lane on State Route 1 into the Lobos Ranch complex, or a roundabout to enhance access to Point Lobos, Lobos Ranch, attenuate vehicular speed along State Route 1, and facilitate shuttle bus traffic to and from Point Lobos, Lobos Ranch and other destinations shall also be researched.

Staff strongly supports this important project and, with the Board's concurrence, MPRPD will continue to be a constructive, positive participant on this initiative.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [\*\*\*PARK IT!\*\*\* summary](#)
2. [Proposed Spring 2019 Demonstration Project scope](#)