



Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am PK Diffenbaugh, the Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD). I am writing this letter of support for the City of Seaside's nomination for the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program for their Ord Terrace Elementary School Crossing Improvement Project.

We have successfully collaborated with the City of Seaside on an ongoing basis to improve the safety of many of our routes to school; including on this project. There are approximately 417 students attending Ord Terrace Elementary School, located in MPUSD, in grades K-6th. Heavy traffic congestion is experienced during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up periods. The City designed the crossing improvements in conjunction with the Monterey Unified School District frontage improvements at Ord Terrace Elementary School. The city's project constructed a bulb out, two accessible curb ramps and a median refuge island for an offset lighted crosswalk on La Salle Avenue at Lindberg Court, installed flexible delineators, striping and associated signage. The traffic calming improvements resulted in a safe crossing for students while minimizing pedestrian-vehicle conflicts.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, or if we can provide further background to support the City's nomination for the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program for their Ord Terrace Elementary School Crossing Improvement Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PK Diffenbaugh", written over a horizontal line.

PK Diffenbaugh
Superintendent