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**Humboldt County Board of Supervisors: Agenda Item: 23-331**

Rex Bohn, Michelle Bushnell, Mike Wilson, Natalie Arroyo, Steve Madrone

Dear BOS,

It has come to our attention that the Oak and F Street stop light will cost significantly more than what was allotted by the Measure Z committee in 2021. As residents of the F Street and Rosewood neighborhood, and founding members of the Slow F Street Group, we are not in support of the Board of Supervisors approving the Oak St and F St traffic signal project.

We have always expressed concerns with traffic congestion from this 4-way stop light proposal and are especially concerned that spending an additional \$782,600.00 will put an end to budgeting much needed traffic calming systems for the entire F Street corridor.

The Rosewood Neighborhood is a highly used entry/exit to and from Eureka. It is estimated that roughly 4,200 northbound & 4,900 southbound vehicles travel through this street daily. At this time, there still has not been any cooperation between the County and the City, nor has there been any proper studies about how our neighborhood is impacted by becoming the de facto bypass around Broadway. Additionally, with the Cutten area subdivision failing to approve reasonable and necessary measures, like free bus passes for residents of future apartment buildings, F Street will continue to experience increased traffic.

Instead of a stop light at Oak and F Streets, we would like to see narrower roads coupled with lower speed limits. This will slow traffic by creating a greater sense of awareness for drivers and reduce the risk of accidents. We would like to see the following steps taken for pedestrian and bicycle safety by calming traffic along the entire F Street bypass:

- Proper traffic calming studies for F Street
- Raised intersections/Crossings
- Crosswalks
- Speed humps/cushions
- Pedestrian activated crosswalks
- Bike lanes
- Curb extensions
- Roundabouts/Traffic circles

- Textured pavement
- Tree planting
- Lower speed limit
- Welcome to Eureka/Henderson Center entryway
- Enforcement of set speed limit
- Chicanes
- Chokers
- Narrowing lanes

Lower speeds save lives!

Sincerely,

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