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Subject: HumCPR comments on GEATIF for Planning Commission meeting of 4/7/16
Attachments: HumCPR Letter to the Planning Commission - GEATIF.pdf

Hello,

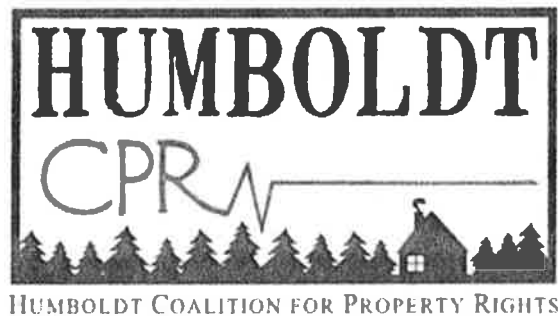
Please accept the submission of the attached letter for inclusion as public comment with regards to the Humboldt County Department of Public Works presentation to the Planning Commission on Traffic Impact Fees, slated for the Commission's meeting on April 7th, 2016.

Best regards,

Alec Ziegler

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April 4th, 2016

Robert Morris, Chair
Humboldt County Planning Commission
825 Fifth Street
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RE: The Greater Eureka Area Traffic Impact Fee (GEATIF)

Dear Chairman Morris,

With this letter, Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights wishes to express our extreme concerns with regards to the proposed implementation of the Greater Eureka Area Traffic Impact Fee. HumCPR does not contest the necessity for improvements to local infrastructure nor to the concept of an impact fee in and of itself. We also applaud both the City of Eureka and the County of Humboldt for taking steps to develop a satisfactory and appropriate method of combating increased strain on Humboldt's roadways.

However, HumCPR's various concerns with the GEATIF necessitate that our organization express our opposition to the impact fee in its current form. Chief among our concerns is that the GEATIF goes far beyond the acceptable scope of the project. It is widely recognized that the Martin Slough Interceptor Project Environmental Impact Report is the catalyst for the development of a traffic impact fee. However, the proposed interim impact fee has expanded its range of influence well beyond the Martin Slough Interceptor's original project area. HumCPR feels that such an unwarranted expansion of scope is an alarming example of bureaucratic overreach devoid of the proper amount of public input and discussion.

HumCPR has further concerns that, contrary to public opinion expressed at multiple informational GEATIF meetings held at the Humboldt Community Services District headquarters, the City and the County have not reduced the scope of the GEATIF impact fee area. The City and County have also failed to provide adequate justification for the parameters of the project as currently proposed. Likewise, HumCPR feels the City and County did not give proper consideration to the objections raised by HCSD as outlined both at GEATIF informational meetings and via a letter submitted to the Humboldt County Planning Commission on March 24th, 2016.

HumCPR asks that the current proposed GEATIF project be amended to reduce its scope of influence

to the area originally delineated in the Martin Slough Interceptor Project area map. Furthermore, we ask that all impact fees collected by the City and County through that reduced project be applied solely to infrastructure improvements within the direct sphere of influence of development in the Martin Slough area.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns regarding the GEATIF project. HumCPR trusts that due consideration will be given to the input provided via public involvement and from the Humboldt Community Services District, ultimately leading to a traffic impact fee that is beneficial to the residents of Eureka and Humboldt County and satisfactory to all agencies involved.

Best regards,



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