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To the members of the **Humboldt County Planning Commission**

I am writing to you, in anticipation of the May 5th Public Hearing concerning the Old Arcata Road Improvement Project. I completely support this project including the roundabout for all of the reasons I stated in a previous communication on this subject. That eMail reads:

Dear David Loya,

I am a long time resident of Arcata and live in an historic house, 1750 Old Arcata Road. I am directly impacted by the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation Project and enthusiastically endorse the findings in the Draft EIR. In my opinion the proposed project should be implemented without modification as soon as practical.

I would like to make a few comments and observations which I think are relevant to the project and addressed in the Draft EIR:

1) My wife and I almost daily bike into Arcata and return thus traversing almost the full extent of the project boundary. At times it can be decidedly unsafe due to poor road and bike lane condition, motorists who are exceeding the speed limit, unauthorized parking in bike lanes, and trash bins left totally blocking the lane. Passing through the vicinity of Jacoby Creek School can sometimes leave me thinking that I should not be doing this at my advanced age (79) and realize that there are children subjected to these same unsafe conditions.

2) I frequently walk along the project boundary, either to the Post Office and back, or towards Arcata to the cross walk at the Northern boundary of the project and back. Many people are doing the same. There is no consistently safe time or pathway to do this. Existing crosswalks are substandard, not marked well, and frequently ignored by motorists.

3) As many people have observed, traffic entering Arcata's 25 mph zone from the South frequently are exceeding the speed limit. I see this on a daily basis, but people are speeding past my house in the other direction too. The proposed traffic circle at Jacoby Creek Road intersection will help immensely and I would expect have the calming effect observed at the Old Arcata Road — Indianola Road roundabout. I think the roundabout in this project is essential. If you have never been passed in the vicinity of Anvick Road while observing the speed limit, then maybe you too are speeding.

4) Although we would like to think so, the project boundary does not pass through an historic

district. Arcata planners tried their best, but the criteria simply are not met to make it so. Thus instead of the mantra “keep Bayside’s rural character,” which simply does not exist, we should say and insist that we “keep Bayside as Arcata, and keep Bayside safe.”

Sincerely,

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