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To: [Jacobson, Rebecca](#); [Wilson, Mike](#); [James I. Zoellick](#); [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Support for OAR Improvement Project
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On Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:14 PM, Carla Paliaga <carlapaliaga@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi,
I just read the packet for this Thursdays meeting and did not see my comments included.
Please advise,
Carla

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On Thursday, April 21, 2022, 9:41 AM, Carla Paliaga <carlapaliaga@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear County Planning Commission,

I am in full support of the OAR Improvement Project as recommended by the City of Arcata and the Arcata Planning Commission in numerous meetings over the past years. I am both a county and city resident who lives on OAR quite close to the JCR intersection. I've attended multiple meetings over the years and my experience has been that there is a large majority of both city and county only residents who support this project including the addition of a roundabout at the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. The current conditions are unsafe and a roundabout is the only solution that addresses slowing northbound traffic on OAR.

I hope that the commission will see through this latest attempt of a small, extremely vocal, well-funded and misguided opposition to this project.

At the last city council meeting alone (2/16/22), by my count, at least 75% of the callers (who included many county only residents) voiced unequivocal support for this project including the roundabout feature.

I have not received notice of this meeting through the county and so I am wondering how people who are impacted and have already shared their support multiple times over the past years will know to show up for the meeting or write letters. Perhaps the County would be interested in the process up to this point and note how overwhelmingly county residents support this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Carla Paliaga

I am including a few of my previous letters of support for this project -
From Nov. 2021 to the City of Arcata councilmembers

I am writing to express whole-hearted and complete support of the OAR Improvement Project as recommended by the Arcata Planning Commission on October 12, 2021. I trust that the experts employed to complete the DEIR and now EIR are committed to an honest, professional and ethical assessment of the many areas of impact that were considered in the development of this project. While it seems outrageous to me, that as a community member, I need to yet again voice my support for this project and confirm that I believe that results of the EIR which state there are no significant impacts or less than significant impacts that will be mitigated, I am willing to spend the time to share my full support of this project.

While attending the October 12 Planning Commission and subsequently reviewing the 434 page Agenda Packet, I was shocked to hear and read opposition to this wonderful project that will improve safety for everyone who uses this road from residents to non-residents, students (Mistwood, Jacoby Creek, HSU), to babies in strollers accompanied by grandparents, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and vehicle passengers. These improvements are a positive benefit to everyone. I hope you will consider the vast majority of people who support this project and begin construction as soon as possible. There may be a few loud voices opposing this project and while they seem to dominate the air space of the meetings (one family opposing the project was allotted separate time for each of its 3 family members to speak for 2 minutes each, for a total of 6 minutes while only one family member from my household was given time to speak for a total of 2 minutes. Many other multi member households who spoke in support of the project

shared the allotted 2 minutes of time for one household. I suspect that the small number of people who adamantly oppose this project is even smaller than it appears when you consider this misuse (in my opinion) of public comment time.

While I am a fairly recent resident of Arcata (a little over a decade), I became involved in improving safety along this corridor when my youngest daughter was in diapers, not long after moving here in 2010. I can't convey the amount of dismay I feel at learning that this project has been repeatedly stalled and delayed by a vocal minority. Between beginning this email to you this morning and finishing it this afternoon, I drove into town through two roundabouts. I cannot understand physically how these opponents can claim that a roundabout at the intersection of JCR and OAR will not slow traffic and improve safety.

Again, I will reiterate my full support of this project as proposed.

Thank you for your patience. Thank you for providing this amazing opportunity for increased safety for everyone.

Regards,
Carla Paliaga

Excerpt below from September 2021 letter of support
I am writing to express my support for the Old Arcata Road Improvement project. As residents of Old Arcata Road with children whose grandparents live on Jacoby Creek Road, we frequently walk and bike the stretch of road that is slated for improvement. I cannot tell you how many reckless driving behaviors that I see on a regular basis along this stretch of Old Arcata Road. From our house there is no safe way to walk along Old Arcata Road and cross to Jacoby Creek Road. For our child who attends Jacoby Creek School, crossing OAR is a dangerous endeavor. The traffic circle and improved bike lanes will be welcome and appreciated. I have read the extensive EIR and I agree with the findings. The impacts can be mitigated as noted in the EIR. I live on Old Arcata Road a little bit north of Jacoby Creek School and I will be impacted by the construction of these improvements and I am in full support of this project. The inconvenience of construction will be worth a safer Old Arcata Road.

