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To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission,

Hi, my name is Tia, I'm an 8th grader at Mistwood Educational Center, and I'm worried about the impact of the roundabout that is going to be built.

The roundabout is being built to slow traffic, and make the area safer. I think that it might not have the wanted outcome. For one the roundabout is very big and is going to be built very close to Mistwood, which can be dangerous for the kids at school, especially the younger ones, and the kids playing outside will be breathing in exhaust from the cars. The roundabout will also make it so that Mistwood will only have one entrance/exit, this will make heavier traffic because the cars will have to congregate to one space, and no one wants that. Lastly the roundabout is going to have an impact on wildlife, if trees are cut down birds will be disturbed and have to find new homes. It will also make it harder for animals who are trying to cross over to the hill on the other side of the road. Animals and wildlife are just as important as us so we have to take this into consideration.

I think that it is a problem how fast people come speeding down Old Arcata Road, but there are other options besides a roundabout. Rumble strips are a great idea because people don't like the way they feel so it makes them slow down, or putting up a stop sign and actually making people look at their surroundings before they keep going. You could also put the 25 mph school sign closer to Old Arcata Road that way people would have to slow down sooner.

I think these solutions are all helpful, because they will still make it a safer and more pedestrian friendly environment without causing the concerns I listed above.

Thank you for listening to my concerns! I hope we can find a solution that is effective and considers everyone who will be impacted.

Sincerely,

Tia Villanueva

Tia Villanueva

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Date: 3//2/2022



To: Humboldt County Supervisors and PLanning Commissioners,

Hello I'm Marlon. I'm thirteen years old. I've been to Mistwood for a long time. I'm writing about the old Arcata road project.

I'd smooth out the road and add some speed bumps.

You should smooth out the road because that would help the flow of traffic and you should add speed bumps because that would slow down vehicles.

Thank you for listening to my words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marlon".

Marlon

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Date: 3/2/2022

My name is Hazel Mattingly. I am 12 years old, and I have attended Mistwood Educational Center for 9 years now.



The topic I'm talking about is the Old Arcata Road Roundabout Project and I want to discuss my feelings about the decision and situation.

I feel that we should all be able to tell the city what we all want to happen and how we all feel about what might happen if the roundabout is built. My thoughts are that the roundabout will affect the school grounds. What people don't realize is that parents have to bring their children to school almost every day and it can affect the parking, there will not be as many available parking spots and all though we do not have so many students and parents at our school it still affects the property and the children and the parents that go there everyday. You should take into consideration that we are a school and parents still need to get here everyday.

The thing is that when the cars go so fast by and go so close to the school it can affect young children because if a child were to run outside the gate to the other side of the school or to get a soccer ball one of the kids has thrown over by the road if there were a car that was going to fast and around a sharp turn a child could get hurt or hit. It is unlikely but things do happen. The parents, other kids and teachers can make sure to monitor where all the kids are and watch them, it is still a safety matter and if they were to lower the speed limit that would be something else to discuss.

My solution is to lower the speed limit, they could also put speed bumps to slow down the cars and also it might help to have a radar to monitor people's speed and lower it then if they need to. I think this would also increase the best safety for parents, kids, teachers, and other pedestrians. I also have noticed many lost dogs come to our school from far neighborhoods, and that could be dangerous with the roundabout If the animals got too close in the road they could get hurt, and it is not also the owners fault there animals are going out they could be better at monitoring there pets but still it does effect and i do feel that the round about is to much.

I support my solution because I want to increase the safety of children and pedestrians since it is right next to school grounds. It affects me, friends, family, teachers, and more.

Thank you for reading my thoughts and solutions.

Sincerely,
Hazel Mattingly

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March 2, 2022



My name is Grayson Finen

The proposed roundabout, in my opinion, is the wrong way of doing things because it isn't what we need. We don't need anything because it is fine the way it is. We haven't had any problems since I have been there and I have been at Mistwood Educational Center since I was three years old and I am now eleven. I have not seen any problems with traveling through the intersection. It seems like we could be doing something much better with the money.

Instead of the roundabout we could put in speed signs. And possibly lower the speed limit in front of the school and closer to the Bayside Cutoff.

I sincerely hope you take my words into consideration as I think it is very important for leaders to listen to people with different views than the majority. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Grayson Finen".

Grayson Finen
Group 3½ Mistwood Student
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Date:03-01-2022



Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

My name is Madrone and I'm a 10 year old student at Mistwood school. My concerns with the roundabout are the road will be 10 ft away from where we are playing, our school parking lot will be much smaller, if we are playing basketball our court will be 10 ft away from the roundabout, it will be harder for my parents to get to and from school, and the noise be really loud while we're at our Outdoor Classroom with logging trucks driving right next to us while we are trying to learn in class.

The environmental analysis discusses future plans for Jacoby Creek School to expand and build, but has not asked Mistwood about any future plans or current construction that we have underway. We have an outdoor classroom that would be right next to the roundabout if it is built. And other plans to acquire the neighboring parcel and build a unit for high school students are in the works. We feel that the proposed project would not only make our school unsafe, but it would also cause more traffic, result in less parking and bring cars and semi trucks closer to our play areas and newly constructed outdoor classroom.

If a large part of our parking lot is removed, where will my parents, family and friends park when we have a play or event that has guests coming to observe our activities? Why is the city of Arcata proposing a project that would take away most of our parking and put a road right up against our playground and newly constructed Outdoor Classroom? Also what if one of those giant logging trucks isn't paying attention and Rams through the fence and takes out our classroom? I am concerned 4 our safety and would like the city of Arcata to adopt the alternative that does not include a roundabout. If Jacoby Creek School was affected the way that my school would be affected, there would be a lot of outraged parents and community members. It seems like the city doesn't really care about Mistwood or give us the same consideration as the other school that won't even be affected as much as us.

I hope you are seriously considering our comments and concerns and adopt Alternative 2, which would not put our school at risk by eliminating the buffer between the street and our play areas and classrooms. Please keep Mistwood safe.

Sincerely,

Madrone Shelton

Mistwood Student, with a little help from mom

Date:03-01-2022



Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission,

The roundabout is not a good idea. Let's say a ball went over the fence. If a student or a teacher went to go get it, there could be cars there and they could get hit.

Also, if a car gets out of control it could possibly run into the building. If someone was standing on the stage, they could get hit. The way it is designed right now is too big. It is going to impact our parking lot. Depending on the day, my mom drops me off or she parks and brings me in. She talks with my teachers and makes sure I have everything I need for the day. If our parking lot is changed she may not be able to do that, and that would be disappointing.

Another detail that has not been discussed is that the noise from big trucks is going to shake our building. It is also possible that a logging truck could take a turn too sharply and a piece of wood could fall off and hit our building. These are all things that I am concerned about and would like addressed.

Sincerely,

Violet Griffith

Violet

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Date:03-01-2022



To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission,

My name is Orca Beaver and I've been going to Mistwood for 6 years now. I believe the roundabout will be too close to our school due to it being so close to our learning environment. As well as getting rid of some parking spaces which will clog up the flow, and possibly cause more traffic and more road rage for other drivers and inconvenience them I believe you guys should look for different possible outcomes such as speed bumps or School signs with speed bumps or something just to slow people down a little bit. The alternative T-intersection plan is a much better option.

Sincerely, 

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Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission,

I am concerned that the roundabout will cause a car to crash into our school. Eventually a car will. And kill us. We could prevent injury without the roundabout.

Sincerely,

Dmitri

Dmitri Cord

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Date:03-01-2022



Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jocilyn O'Donnell. I am 12 years old and I would like to tell you my concern about the roundabout.

My Mom or Dad right now have a good and safe entrance to come in and out of my school, Mistwood Educational Center. With the idea of this roundabout there would be a one-way entrance and a one-way out potentially causing car crashes in the school parking lot and/or jams.

With your plan I have heard that they are trying to slow the traffic and stop car crashes but with the cars of the parents of my school it can or will make more car crashes. Only being able to come one way in and one way out of the same driveway could make jams in the actual road as well as our school parking lot. Which can lead to more car crashes than you or any of us are hoping for.

For me doing my own research there has not been a car crash in this area in about 6 years and the two that have happened the people had consumed alcohol and drugs.

I agree with Alternative Two and hope that you will agree.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I hope you consider and hear my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jocilyn O'Donnell".

Jocilyn O'Donnell

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Date:03-01-2022



Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

Save the children in school. Just what if a ball comes over the fence and a car is coming too close. Then we get hurt because a ball went out too far.

Sincerely,

Penelope 

Penelope Miller

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Date: 3/2/22



To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and PLanning Commission,

My name is Paul Trewartha, and this is my third year going to Mistwood. I am 13 years old.

I use the intersection next to the roundabout nearly every day. My dad uses it every day to go to work and back. I live on jacoby creek road.

There are logging trucks that go down the street every day and have to turn on the intersection. It is statistically proven that trucks are more likely to crash on a roundabout.

Thanks,

Paul Trewartha
Paul

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Date: 03/01/2022



Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

Hello my name is Gemma O'Donnell. I am 8 years old and have been going to Mistwood for 5 years. I hope you will take the time out of your day and listen to my concerns about the roundabout. The roundabout is very unsafe in many ways to our school and students and we have not been heard and I hope you hear my words. The roundabout is being put way too close to our school. Almost everyday while we are playing on our basketball court one of our balls flies over our fence into the gravel yard and we have to go get it. That gravel yard will be where they are trying to put the roundabout. Can you imagine a student trying to get one of those balls and getting hit? I know there is another possibility to slow the cars down and not have the roundabout come so close to our school. Please make that happen and do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Gemma O'Donnell

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Dear City Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

As a parent of a Mistwood Educational Center student, I have concerns with the proposal for the new roundabout in the intersection of Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek roads. I am unclear why we continue to prioritize making roadways more functional when we are in a climate crisis and are facing the sixth extinction? When will enough be enough? What about prioritizing the environment? What about prioritizing the children? What about prioritizing the voices of the Native peoples of who's land we live on?

The purpose of the roundabout is to create a safer environment for vehicles and for pedestrians. I feel as though this proposal is creating an opportunity to drive faster and potentially mindlessly. Therefore, not being a safer alternative. The new roadway would be cutting off access to the Mistwood driveway creating a one way access to our parking lot. This will cause congestion in our parking lot, tension for the students, less of an opportunity for parents to connect with each other and with the teachers. The proposal has failed to address the Mistwood Education Center as a school. Please consider our children and our school when making your decision.

Please consider: that no where in the DIER study has Mistwood Educational Center been acknowledged as a school, that the proposed intersection will be way too close to where our children sit at their desks creating noise pollution impeding their ability to learn, and that the storm drainage system needs to be addressed.

Although we understand the intent and purpose of a roundabout there have been too many negative impacts that have not been properly addressed in regards to Mistwood as a school. We approve of the alternative option as we feel it will address the issue of keeping traffic moving as well as creating safety at the intersection. We also support the changing of the speed limit before and at the intersection by our school.

Thank you kindly,

Jessica Moore

Date: 3/2/22



To the Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to persuade you to not move forward with the planning and construction of a roundabout at the center of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. My name is Bill Trewartha and I am a resident and employee in Bayside. I have lived in the neighborhood for nine years and have been driving through the intersection nearly every week day for the last 20 years. I work at Jacoby Creek School and my son attends Mistwood Educational Center. I know the intersection, the traffic patterns very well.

While I imagine reasons the City of Arcata wants to install a roundabout at the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road includes safety, I feel strongly this will create additional hazards and more issues than it will solve.

First, if the roundabout is designed to slow down drivers on Old Arcata Road then you should consider why there are speed humps already in place just north of the intersection. These help slow drivers down as does the automated speed radar as cars approach Jacoby Creek School. Speed is not an issue and if you feel it is, simply add another speed hump and automated speed radar on Old Arcata Road south of the intersection with Jacoby Creek Road. The city will save a lot of money and put fewer lives at risk.

There are not any traffic issues at this intersection. Rarely do I wait more than a few seconds for an oncoming car to safely pass before pulling off of Jacoby Creek Road onto Old Arcata Road or vice versa. There is clear visibility in both directions and nothing impairs vision in either direction.

Installing a roundabout will have multiple negative effects. First, because the proposed plan has the road just 35 feet from the school building, you are increasing the possibility of a vehicle losing control and crashing into Mistwood Educational Center, or worse, killing some of the children or staff. This should be reason enough to end the project. Trying to install a "safety wall" to protect the school and kids is a weak attempt to deal with risking childrens' lives.

Another negative impact will be the increased decibel levels in the classrooms. Studies show that students suffering from constant noise pollution do not learn as well as those in a quieter environment. The proposed plan moves the roadway closer to the classroom where children are listening, reading, and learning.

Additionally, the proposed roundabout will create a safety hazard that does not currently exist. Removing one of the access driveways will negatively impact the parking situation at Mistwood Educational Center. The school is not a drive through pick-up and drop off facility. Parents frequently park and come into the school for extended periods of time. I usually talk to the teachers about my child and other school related events. Reducing the access to one driveway will also cause traffic to back up and stop as parents attempt to navigate the one driveway, causing an unsafe bottleneck situation for Mistwood students, parents, staff, teachers, and all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists using the parking lot and roundabout.

The placement of the roundabout itself and its sidewalk will not only create an unsafe environment for Mistwood students and families, but it will also create an unsafe environment for the Bayside Community, pedestrians, bicyclists, and all people using the intersection. Do not move forward with the roundabout plan. Consider other alternatives such as speed humps and the automated speed radar signs. These will be far more safe and effective, not to mention more cost effective for the City of Arcata.

Sincerely,

Bill Trewartha

November 15, 2021



To Whom it may concern;

I am writing to express my opposition to the roundabout being proposed at the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Rd. As someone who has driven along Old Arcata Road and navigated the turn onto Jacoby Creek Road, and vice versa, every weekday during the school year, for the past Eleven years, I see absolutely no need for the proposed roundabout. In fact, I see the ways in which it would pose more problems, than the one it's attempting to solve, which in my opinion needs no solving. Never once have I experienced or witnessed any danger at this intersection and I can see no need for the development of a roundabout.

Upon viewing the current plans , I was shocked to see how close the roundabout, and therefore the line of traffic, would encroach upon Mistwood Educational Centers school house. Not only would it bring motor vehicles to a dangerous degree of closeness with the campus, it would cost us our us our main driveway entrance to the schoolhouse creating an incredibly unsafe turn for families and educators coming and going from the school. Being that Mistwood Educational Center is not a drop off/pick up type of facility, Caregivers and Children need the ability to safely drive into the parking lot, park and exit their vehicles, spend time within the schoolhouse, and exit when they choose to. The roundabout would eliminate this option and impose incredible difficulties. I also worry that the effect of the noise pollution the roundabout would create will have a detrimental effect on the students and the learning environment.

I love Bayside, I cherish Mistwood Education Center and all the ways it has been serving our community and children for decades, and I am incredibly familiar with this intersection and those who travel it. As a Mother who always has kids in tow, I am always an advocate of traveling safely. It is my strong belief that the proposed roundabout will do much more harm than good. Alternative options to this roundabout should be discussed in further detail and I believe by doing so a real solution, that serves all, can be found. This roundabout isn't it.

Sincerely yours,

Melody Mosolf

March 2, 2022



Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

We the teachers of Mistwood Educational Center, located at 1928 Old Arcata Road, implore you to hear our words that have been so blatantly disregarded by the staff and council members of the City of Arcata. As our historic building sits we will be directly impacted by the recently passed Jacoby Creek/Old Arcata Road Roundabout Project. Not only do we feel this project will negatively impact our school and students, we feel the project will not perform its intended purpose as it is currently designed. A majority of our students, staff and families do not live within the City of Arcata limits but we do live in Humboldt County. We hope that as active Humboldt County constituents, you will take us seriously and help us protect an area and way of life that we so dearly cherish.

We understand the purpose of the roundabout is to slow traffic at the Old Arcata/Jacoby Creek intersection, while keeping it flowing and creating a safer intersection.

Our first concern is that the placement of the roundabout itself and it's sidewalk will not only create an unsafe environment for Mistwood students and families, but it will also create an unsafe environment for the Bayside Community, pedestrians, bicyclists, and all people using the intersection. Mistwood has been an active school at this location for more than 30 years. We chose this building because it was quiet and created a home-like environment, which is invaluable for our homeschooling alternative program. Bringing traffic closer and in a direct line aimed towards our playground and main building is terrifying for all of us. The proposed roundabout also COMPLETELY REMOVES the first access driveway. Mistwood Educational Center is not a drive through drop-off/pick-up facility. Parents park when bringing their children to school and when picking them up, often for extended periods of time to discuss matters regarding their student, school, upcoming events or volunteer. Based upon this school philosophy, during the morning and afternoon hours, the roundabout would be severely impacted causing traffic to back up and even stop as parents attempt to navigate the ONE driveway. Thus causing unsafe bottleneck situations for Mistwood students, parents, staff, teachers, and all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists using the parking lot and the roundabout.

Secondly, nowhere during this lengthy process has Mistwood Educational Center been addressed as an operating school, nor does the DEIR discuss the impacts this would bring to the teachers, staff and

students. There has never been a full inspection of the current storm drain system. As it sits Mistwood Educational Center has been impacted by storm water runoff annually. The historical building lies lower than the runoff areas already in place. Without proper assessment of how new runoff and construction would affect the existing system and no true plan on how to mitigate impacts that would likely occur to the school this is not an adequate plan.

Lastly, there has not been a noise study done. Moving traffic flow closer to school where daily education is taking place will impede the learning process by increasing the decibel level. Mistwood Educational Center's vision is to create an environment in which students can learn in a positive, enthusiastic setting where their individual needs are acknowledged, valued and supported. If we ignore the fact that the majority of our students cannot learn in a noise polluted environment, we are not creating a safe educational environment. Studies show that students suffering from constant noise pollution do not learn as well as those in quieter environments. There are acceptable decibel limits and none of this has been addressed.

Although we understand the intent and purpose of a roundabout there have been too many negative impacts that have not been addressed in regards to Mistwood as a school and it being an area of potential affect. We are open to the alternative option as we feel it will address the issue of keeping traffic flowing as well as creating a safe intersection at Old Arcata and Jacoby creek Roads. In order to reduce traffic speed we support the reduction of the speed limit to 15 mph in front of Mistwood Educational Center when school children are present, an extended 25 mph zone and a step down 35 mph zone leading into the 25 mph zone starting at the Bayside cutoff.

We kindly request that this matter goes to a public meeting so that our voices and those of other Humboldt County Constituents can be heard and involved in making this most impactful decision.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Nordquist, Alice Finen 

Alice Finen, Rebecca Nordquist, Kate Craig
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Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Planning Commission,

My name is Kim Nichols; I am writing to you as the parent of a young student attending Mistwood Education Center (MEC) in Bayside, California. Recently, I was alerted to the plan from your council to implement construction of a traffic roundabout at the junction of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. I recognize that as communities grow, the need for improved traffic management grows as well and this new construction is aimed at preventing traffic accidents, continuing the flow of traffic, and mitigating driving speed at this intersection. With this in mind, I would like to point out some concerns with the round-about plan.

The round-about placement brings traffic uncomfortably close to MEC's main building and playground. A mere 35 feet would separate children attempting to learn and traffic cruising by. The accompanying sidewalk will place pedestrians and bicyclists at a disadvantage as the roadway onto Jacoby Creek Road is narrowed at the busy intersection, forcing those using sidewalks closer to active traffic, as drivers enter and exit the busy post office, MEC, and Jacoby Creek Road. The proposed intersection changes also remove an entrance to the MEC (Temperance Hall Site) parking area. As MEC is not a drive through drop off and pick up facility, this creates problems for parents who must park and leave their vehicles, sometimes for extended periods to discuss student matters, to volunteer, or to plan for upcoming events. MEC has been using the public right of way parking area for decades. MEC staff and parents feel we have a prescriptive easement to this location; as such MEC should be involved in any decision making for the use of this current parking area. Because parents come and stay both at pick up and drop off hours, the roundabout could be potentially seriously impacted in the morning and afternoon as parents attempt to navigate only one driveway and limited parking, causing unsafe bottleneck situations that may cause traffic to back up or even stop. This creates unsafe conditions for everyone attempting to navigate the intersection, be they pedestrians, cyclists, MEC staff and families, or simply someone passing through.

Further, nowhere in the DEIR has MEC been identified as an operating school, nor does the DEIR discuss the impacts of the proposed roundabout to teachers, staff, and students. As well, there has never been an inspection of the current storm drain system. MEC's buildings have been impacted annually by water runoff. The buildings are already lower than existing runoff mitigation; any new construction has the potential to cause major standing water concerns for MEC. Without proper assessment of how new construction will affect the existing system and no plan for how to mitigate water impacts to the school, this new roundabout as planned is not an adequate option.

Concerns continue as no noise study has been conducted to plan for how the increased decibel level of traffic so close to the school will impact learning. MEC's vision is to create an environment in which students learn in a positive, enthusiastic setting where their individual needs are acknowledged, valued, and supported. Multiple studies show that constant noise pollution prevents students from learning as well as those students who are able to study in quieter environments. If noise pollution is ignored, we are not creating a safe educational environment. There are acceptable decibel limits, yet none of this has been addressed.

I understand the need for improved traffic management. I do not agree with the proposed roundabout and I do not think a roundabout is the only answer here. The alternative plan, which includes truck aprons and mountable median islands, is a much more agreeable option since traffic is not drawn close to the MEC building and the mouth of Jacoby Creek Road is not narrowed. I support a

reduction of the speed limit to 15 mph in front of MEC when children are present, an extended 25 mph zone, and a step down 35 mph zone beginning at Bayside Cutoff. Please reconsider these concerns and complete the appropriate studies before committing to a roundabout for a single junction intersection.

Regards,

Kim Nichols

Mistwood Parent