

Humboldt County Administrative Office  
Attn: Measure Z Advisory Committee  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Letter in Support of Measure Z Funding for Oak and F Streets

To the members of the Measure Z Advisory Committee:

This letter comes to you as a specific request to support the application for the installation of a traffic signal at Oak and F Streets. Since 1998, I've resided in Rosewood, aka 'Stumpville' according to my neighbors who predate the current moniker. My youngest sons attended Grant Elementary School from 2010-2017, where I served on the PTA Board and was a participant in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) task force in collaboration with Public Health's Healthy Communities and Redwood Community Action Agency.

A Walkability Assessment and Workshop was held at Grant Elementary on February 18, 2011 to observe the peak student arrival time at school and identify concerns and solutions to safety issues. Participants included members of the PTA, parents, neighbors, school principal, school board president, head of maintenance, Eureka police, Eureka Fire Chief, Eureka engineering department, Eureka City Council, Eureka Traffic Safety Commission, County Board of Supervisors, County engineering department, NRS/RCAA staff, and County Public Health.

The Walkability Study and data collection efforts via a survey from families conducted in 2011 resulted in findings that a number of students who live nearby were not walking to school due to the unsafe, non-existent crossings at Oak and F Street. The Outcomes report resulted in improvements to the roads, sidewalks and crossings.

The full Walkability Assessment and Workshop Outcomes Report is found at the Humboldt Community Association of Governments website:  
[http://www.hcaog.net/sites/default/files/sr2s\\_grant\\_elementary\\_walkability\\_assessment\\_2011.pdf](http://www.hcaog.net/sites/default/files/sr2s_grant_elementary_walkability_assessment_2011.pdf)

One of the recommendations was to have a traffic light or 4 way stop at F and Oak. In the interim, a crossing was installed which has been a nuisance for drivers, city and county staff who maintain it, and which appears to have also caused more collisions. A roundabout would be ideal, but the busses are unable to navigate it.

In February 2020, a community meeting was held at Grant school, again to implore the leadership of District One to focus on the installation of a traffic light at Oak and F, where neighbors were told by county leadership this was a priority project.

We have appreciated the partnerships and improvements and look forward to continued collaboration in support of improving traffic safety on F Street.

Sincerely,

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