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Good morning:

A neighbor contacted me to inform me of the discussion in the last 12 minutes of the Planning Commission hearing on Thursday, February 17th, 2022. Having reviewed the video section, I'd appreciate confirmation that:

- i. The Humboldt County Planning Commission meeting of March 3rd, 2022 will include a public hearing of the City of Arcata 'Old Arcata Road' project as it pertains to the sections within the jurisdiction of Humboldt County;
- ii. if the above is true, on what date, and to which address, can Humboldt County residents who have concerns about the impacts of the project on Bayside submit their letters for inclusion in the official packet?

I remain somewhat perplexed as to why the commissioners waited until the end of the hearing on 02.17.22 to raise this item. I had brought it to the attention of the commission on December 2nd, 2021 to provide timely notice for Humboldt County to respond to the recirculation of the DEIR due to the error made re: wetlands (Jacoby Creek Road). I have attached my public comment to this email, for the record, to ensure that you are clear I brought attention to relevant concerns that were outside of the Right of Way. Once again I brought the project to the Planning Commissioners' attention during the public comment period (02.17.22), to which Mr. Ford responded, yet no one interjected to request further discussion.

I realize that some of you were at the meeting on December 2nd and heard my comment, but I've attached it for anyone who was not in attendance. My apologies to those of you have already heard it.

Respectfully,  
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December 2, 2021

Yesterday evening the Arcata City Council postponed its decision on the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation Project, and the certification of the EIR. The last minute postponement was due to a wetland issue in the Jacoby Creek Road area of the project. It was a resident group, Bayside Cares, which alerted the City to the problem.

Many of us in Bayside have raised numerous concerns about the impacts to the historic area, the safety and well being of the children at the Mistwood School, the loss of trees and vegetation, and the complete change of character from a rural aspect of Humboldt County to a 'gateway to Arcata'

Where were the Humboldt County staff who we have been constantly assured are monitoring the project, ensuring that the environmental impacts are legally evaluated and assessed? Apparently not as aware as the residents who combed through the tardily distributed 568 page final Environmental Impact Report.

We have a question. Why hasn't the Humboldt County Planning Commission heard this project? It impacts wetlands, drainage, culverts, air quality, ambient noise levels, and increases nighttime light in a historically dark sky area? Shouldn't Humboldt County residents and taxpayers be represented by Humboldt County in a project of this magnitude in a rural area? One already impacted by unresolved code enforcement cases, unpermitted buildings, and an abject failure to protect and enhance the wetlands in the Coastal Zone within the cumulative impacts of this project area.

The myriad deferred major maintenance issues in the Jacoby Creek area need to be resolved immediately, by Humboldt County, not deferred to another agency that may, or may not include them in its final project, sometime in the distant future. We'd welcome an onsite meeting with Mr. Ford, Mr. Bronkall and Ms. Meynell to outline the issues faced and develop a clear, and timely plan to fix them.