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Humboldt County Planning Commission

RE: Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Coastal Development Permit

#PLN-2022-17654 - Date of Hearing: May 5, 2022 (6:00 p.m.)

I have lived in Bayside 71 years and can tell you there is no need for five foot wide bike lanes on both sides of Old Arcata Road, a paved six foot walkway along the west side of the road and a traffic circle at the junction of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. The area is rural.

When I was 58 years old, the ladder I was on collapsed and I fell 12 feet, landing on my back on the ladder rungs. A technician loaded me into an ambulance and down the hill I went. I will never forget the kindness of the ambulance technician. He explained that as it was not known whether my back or wrist was broken, the ambulance would have to take the long route to the hospital as the speed tables and roundabouts would slow the ambulance down or further injure my back. Luckily, I received good news from the emergency room physician - no broken bones anywhere and I could go home (I was no spring chicken at the time)!

In the year 2015, Kathy Goodman's house caught fire on Dubeault Road in Bayside and rumor has it that the fire department had to take an alternate route to the fire as the response vehicles would have been considerably slowed down due to the numerous speed bumps and roundabouts along Old Arcata Road. As seconds count in an emergency, ambulances, police and fire departments need unobstructed roads of which to navigate. As I mentioned above, I have lived in Bayside 71 years and there is no need for a roundabout, sidewalks and bike lanes. Why doesn't the City just enforce the speed limit like they used to? It is so simple.

As the owner of three parcels between Jacoby Creek School and Jacoby Creek Road (1708 Noga Lane; 1698 Noga Lane and 1687 Old Arcata Road) I want to be able to access and develop my parcels without encumbrances. As we bring a riding lawn mower to the vacant parcel at 1687 Old Arcata Road and 1698 Noga Lane, how in the world are we going to continue mowing our fields if there is a sidewalk and bike lane in front of the parcel where we park our equipment? Is the City of Arcata going to reimburse me for my loss of parcels? Do I just quit mowing the fields and let them become fire hazards?

Please do not ruin Bayside with these costly and totally unnecessary proposals. As someone once said, "A penny saved is a government oversight". Why spend millions of dollars when a simple solution would be enforcement of speed limits (like it was when I was a kid). Leave Bayside as it is, RURAL.

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