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Dear Mr. Seemann:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division) appreciates receiving the Notice of Intent dated November 15, 2021, from the Humboldt County Public Works (County), to overrule a determination of the Humboldt County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). On October 5, 2021, the ALUC determined that the Humboldt Bay Trail South project (Project) was inconsistent with the 1993 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). The Division acknowledges the intent of the ALUC in their determination of inconsistency.

It is understood that the Project is partially situated in Zone A, the Runway Protection Zone, where the ALUCP safety zone compatibility criteria prohibits "All structures except ones with aeronautical function, assemblages of people, objects exceeding FAR Part 77 height limits, and hazards to flight" within Zone A. It is also understood that there are existing incompatible land uses within Zone A, including Highway 101 and the Northwest Pacific Railroad. In consideration of the Project's intent to improve the Eureka-Arcata transportation corridor and provide a paved pedestrian/biking path separated from Highway 101, the Project is consistent with the goals of the California Transportation Plan 2050 as well as the Draft 2022–2042 Humboldt County Variety in Rural Options of Mobility. It has the potential to improve safety, accessibility, and equity while also reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at gabrielle.sefranek@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Originally signed by

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