



QUARTERLY AND FINAL REPORT FORM

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT – MEASURE Z Report Form

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ATTACHMENT I

I. QUARTERLY NARRATIVE (please attach a maximum of 1 page, exclusive of attachments)

A. Results/Outcomes

The total Measure Z funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 equated to \$633,996. Of this funding \$200,000 was allocated for the resurfacing of Harrison Avenue in collaboration with the City of Eureka; \$80,000 was allocated for cleanup of illegal dumpsites; and \$353,996 was allocated for repair and improvements to county-maintained roads.

At this time the Public Works Department has requested that the full \$200,000 for the Harrison Avenue resurfacing project be rolled to FY 2021-22. This project will be completed cooperatively with the City of Eureka and the project start date was delayed due to several existing large projects currently underway with the city. Completion of this project in FY 2021-22 will reduce response time for emergency services and provide better access to essential business and medical services for all users.

During the 4th quarter of FY 2020-21 Public Works expended a total of \$25,081 on continued efforts to clear the illegal dumping site at Wymore Road through John Shelter of The People of New Direction as a subcontractor of Wahlund Construction Inc and a total of \$3,110 to support community volunteers: including debris boxes, shovels, and other supplies. Illegal dumping is a problem that affects all of those who live and visit Humboldt County. Illegal dumping is not only a concern to the health and safety of the public, but it also adversely affects the environment, including our waterways. Measure Z funds has allowed the Department of Public Works to continue efforts to mitigate illegal dumping in Humboldt County while limiting the impact to the existing road, park maintenance funds. At this time the Public Works Department requests that the remaining \$51,808 be rolled to FY 2021-22 due to the funding being approved late in the fiscal year.

The Public Works Department expended the full allocation of \$353,996 for improvements to county-maintained roadways. Of this funding \$115,386 was expended for replacement of culverts and \$238,610 was expended on materials for road paving and resurfacing in the form of asphalt, rock, and road striping paint. The goal of the Public Works roads department was to split these materials equally throughout the county by districts. Materials are bought in bulk purchases and split equally when possible. During the 4th quarter of FY 2020-21 these Measure Z funds supported replacing culverts on both Alderpoint and Elk Rover Roads as well as the paving and resurfacing of Skyline Drive off Humboldt Hill Road.

This funding is critical in maintaining infrastructure and helping to reduce degradation of the roads. The only downside to Measure Z funding is the realization that without it, the Road Departments ability to stop the continuous degradation of county roads would be severely hindered.

II. FINAL SUMMARY REPORT (please attach a maximum of 2 pages, exclusive of attachments)

Resurfacing of Harrison Avenue between Erie and Munson continues to be a high priority as this joint roadway provides access to the County's largest hospital, related doctors' offices and services, and business services for the greater Eureka area.

Recurrence of illegal dumping and camps at cleared sites continues to be both a community safety and environmental concern and requires regular monitoring and repeat cleanups.

Overall, every dollar spent from Measure Z funding is a reminder of how desperate the Public Works Roads Department needs the funding to continue servicing the county. As of our last California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report, 36.5% of Humboldt County's roadways are at a poor to failing rate. That rate grows annually, as funding diminishes.

Any repairs made to the roads exponentially increases roads safety. Whether it is a fog and crack sealing, pothole filling, grind and paving, base repair, or a total reconstruction, any type of repairs will directly and proportionally affect safety in a positive way. In summation, Measure Z was a massive boon the Public Works Roads department. The funding was critical in day to day operations. Any dollar spent in maintenance is worth 10 times its cost in future rehabilitation. Deferred costs to repair the roadways back to high rating levels have already been estimated at \$250 million over 10 years.