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To Humboldt County Planning Commission,

This letter is in regards to the Old Arcata Road improvements and the proposed roundabout. My wife and I have lived in Bayside for 38 years and now frequently bike on this road to ride out Jacoby Creek Rd. To be safe, we must bike through the post office parking area and then cross JC Road at the Community Hall, so we do not have to negotiate the busy intersection.

The planned roundabout should be a major part of the OAR improvements because it will slow traffic down. Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than traditional stop sign intersections. See statistics from the Washington State Department of Transportation website:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/Safety/roundabouts/benefits.htm>

Some people have complained that the Mistwood School play area would be too close to the planned roundabout. If one makes a comparison to Jacoby Creek School, the kindergarten play area fence is just 10 feet to the walking path at the pedestrian road crossing. The kindergarten play area is much closer to the road than the proposed distance of the road of the roundabout to the playground fence of the Mistwood School. The planned roundabout would make Mistwood School safer than Jacoby Creek School playground because the roundabout will cause traffic to slow down entering the circle.

There is a small minority which oppose this project as you may know. However, a large majority are in favor of the project and the safety improvements. Five years have lead up to the 30% project design approval by the Arcata City Council and I look forward to the final design before the end of the year.

Thank you, Lee Dedini, Bayside