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I am re-sending these comments that I submitted previously because they don't seem to be included in the attachments section for the meeting:

Dear Humboldt County Planning Commission,

I am writing regarding the Planning Commission's consideration of approval of the Coastal Development Permit for the planned Old Arcata Road (OAR) safety improvements. I am a resident and property owner in the community of Bayside, at 1370 Clipper Lane. My child attended Jacoby Creek school and we regularly bike, walk, and drive along Old Arcata Road within the project footprint. The proposed safety improvements, including the sidewalks and proposed roundabout will be a very welcomed improvement for us and our community! As a regular cyclist, the Jacoby Creek Road - OAR intersection is very dangerous when trying to turn left given the layout of the intersection and speeds people are driving into Bayside from the south. Additionally, turning left in a vehicle is also dangerous for the same reasons.

The proposed project, using a roundabout, will provide a huge improvement to this intersection. I base this largely on my daily experiences with the two existing OAR roundabouts at Buttermilk and Union. I regularly ride my bike and drive through them, and have brought my child on a bike through them since age 8. Traffic through the circle is slow and people are paying much more attention than at other intersections. As such, I have never had any issues with these roundabouts in terms of safety or close-calls. Instead, they appear to slow the traffic in them as well as on both sides, thus improving safety further down the road as well. I believe that a roundabout at the Jacoby Creek Road intersection is an essential component of this safety project, not just making the intersection safer, but providing safety benefits for some ways beyond the circle by slowing traffic in an area highly used by dog walkers, kids walking to school, and cyclists.

Thank you for considering my perspective and I encourage the Commission to approve the project's Coastal Development Permit.

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