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Robert Holmlund, Director
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Re: "H and I Streets Multimodal Corridor Plan" project

Dear Mr. Holmlund:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), I am writing this letter to provide support for the City of Eureka's *H and I Streets Multimodal Corridor Plan* Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application. We appreciate that this project will identify innovative ways to transform these three-lane one-way arterials within the city into vibrant multimodal corridors that provide increased safety, mobility and economic opportunities. H and I Streets, with wide rights-of-way and an elevated collision history, provide the opportunity to adapt successful urban streetscape and bicycle facility designs to fit the context of community values and mobility needs in this small town on the north coast.

HCAOG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Humboldt County region, supports local jurisdictions efforts to involve citizens in transportation planning efforts that fit the needs of the community. The City of Eureka plans to robustly involve Eureka residents, businesses, and students in setting a vision for the H and I streetscape that improves safety, promotes vibrant neighborhoods and business districts, and improves mobility for all users. The outcomes from this project will support the City's efforts to improve transportation safety and multimodal connectivity within Eureka between downtown and the Highway 101 corridor to the Henderson Center business district.

This project is consistent with HCAOG's Regional Transportation Plan, Variety of Rural Options of Mobility (VROOM), which encourages complete streets design. As noted in VROOM, H and I Streets are both regionally significant roadways, and H Street is included as a short term top priority regional complete street project for Americans with

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Disabilities Act of 1990 and transit stop improvements. H Street also provides important connections between three transit systems - Redwood Transit System, Eureka Transit System, and the Southern Humboldt Transit System.

HCAOG will also support this project through in-kind project staffing assistance. The HCAOG Senior Planner will provide in-kind labor to support the public engagement tasks and compilation of best practices task.

I strongly support this proposal and look forward to supporting these efforts, which will help the City of Eureka foster safe, vibrant neighborhoods and business districts, and improve regional multimodal connectivity.

Sincerely,

Marcella Clem
Executive Director