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AGENDA ITEM 6a
COMMITTEE Meeting
August 20, 2026

DATE: August 12, 2026
TO: HCAOG Board of Directors
FROM: Debbie Egger, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Draft Proposal Regarding Emergency Response Following Bayside Cutoff Closure**

DISCUSSION ITEM STAFF REPORT

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Staff Summary:

Staff received a request from Bayside resident Paul Nicholson asking HCAOG to review and discuss a draft proposal for submission to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding concerns about delayed emergency response times in the Bayside/Jacoby Creek area following the closure of the Bayside Cutoff.

The request raises concerns that closure of the Bayside Cutoff has affected travel routes available to emergency responders and may result in longer response times for residents in the Bayside/Jacoby Creek area. The draft letter requests that Caltrans consider the potential impacts of the closure on emergency access and response times and explore measures that could help address these concerns.

Mr. Nicholson provided the enclosed draft letter outlining concerns regarding emergency response and requesting consideration of potential actions by Caltrans.

Staff is not recommending that the Board make a determination regarding the adequacy of emergency response service. Rather, the purpose of this discussion item is to provide the Board an opportunity to consider the concerns raised by the community and provide direction to staff if necessary.