

Community Engagement Summary

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Blue Lake, Ca

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Common themes included a desire for improved public transportation, with suggestions for more educational resources for children, longer bus hours, and additional stops. Residents expressed concerns about tourist navigation challenges due to the area's unique roads, the need for bike lanes on specific routes, and better accessibility features such as crosswalks. There was support for increased safety measures, including traffic surveys during peak times and rewards for safe driving. Participants were enthusiastic about enhancing transportation safety and accessibility in Humboldt County.

Sovereign Days

08/08/25

Hoopa Ca

Hoopa, Weitchpec, and surrounding areas face significant road safety issues. Multiple deaths of Tribal members have occurred over the years when pedestrians walking from Hoopa along the highway to Weitchpec have been hit by cars. Tribal members indicated that unsafe conditions are due to poor road maintenance, insufficient infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, poor lighting, limited guard rails, and aggressive driving. There is a shared sentiment that Hoopa feels like a wild place and therefore people don't respect the rules of the road. Key concerns include unpaved emergency evacuation routes that could become impassable during crises. Narrow and unsafe roads like Tish Tang and Salmon River Road, which lack guardrails and sidewalks, along with high-speed traffic near schools, lead to frequent crashes and loss of pets. Residents have reported speeding vehicles, inadequate signage, and poorly lit areas contributing to road rage and pedestrian injuries. Essential infrastructure improvements such as crosswalks, bike lanes, and better lighting are urgently needed to enhance safety for both drivers and pedestrians, particularly in heavily trafficked areas. The lack of safe pedestrian routes on the residential roads leading into town creates a hazardous environment, further exacerbated by aggressive driving behaviors. Residents have attributed many accidents, road rage incidents, and aggressive driving behaviors to ongoing construction delays.

Arcata Friday Night Market

9/26/25

Arcata Plaza, Ca

The event highlighted several safety concerns related to road use, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Key issues included dangerous traffic conditions on Broadway and near the courthouse in Eureka, along with hazardous crosswalks, especially at LK Wood and Sunset. Confusion regarding bike paths, with unclear right-of-way signage and misleading stop signs, was also a concern. Participants pointed to inadequate infrastructure, such as poor road conditions and a lack of safe pedestrian facilities. Additionally, the local public transportation system was criticized for infrequent service and limited coverage. Arcata residents have repeatedly called for a walkable, pedestrian-centric town that protects non-motorized transportation. There were strong calls for improved road safety measures and better public transportation to ensure the safety of all community members.

California Native American Days

Bear River Rancheria Tish Non-Community Center.

9/13/25

Key points included poorly maintained crosswalks, poor lighting, dangerous intersections, and high-speed areas near schools and community hubs. Attendees emphasized the need for improved infrastructure, such as better sidewalks, maintained curbs, and reliable public transportation, particularly for areas like Table Bluff. Safe Routes to School are needed, as well as connectivity to recreation events and stores. A desire for increased awareness and preparation for the anticipated influx of tourists due to the upcoming Great Redwood Trail was expressed. The feedback indicated a demand for enhanced roadway safety and transportation resources that were tailored to the Loleta, Table Bluff, and Bear River area.

Humboldt County Safe Routes to School Task Force

10/15/25

Arcata/ Sunnybrae/ Union Charter:

The SRTS Task Force discussed issues facing Union Charter, Arcata/Sunnybrae, and McKinleyville schools and concerns regarding traffic safety and accessibility for students. Prevalent issues include conflicts during drop-off times, speeding, missing sidewalks, and other pedestrian issues. Suggested improvements include 15 mph zones near schools, enhanced signage, wider bike lanes, protected pedestrian paths, and traffic calming measures like speed bumps. Residents emphasized the need for a safe route from Sunnybrae to downtown Arcata, which currently lacks sufficient connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. Concerns were raised about planned developments, such as the Cal Poly parking lot project, and potential impacts on pedestrian safety and traffic. In McKinleyville, the issue of electric scooters has emerged as a major safety concern. Morris Elementary School had to implement a ban on scooters after several accidents were reported, highlighting the dangers associated with young students operating motorized vehicles. The principal partnered with the California Highway Patrol to educate families on the laws and safety measures regarding

scooters, which has reportedly been effective. This situation raises broader questions about similar issues at other schools in Humboldt County and suggests a need for an educational campaign.

North Country Fair

09/20/25

Arcata, CA

Concerns included unsafe arterials, speeding, and poor pedestrian infrastructure at intersections along Samoa Bouvard. Suggestions included a roundabout, traffic calming measures, and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure. Transit recommendations included connecting Arcata bus routes and introducing a recreational track scooter service or a separated walking path on Samoa peninsula.

Manila Community Resource Center

Residents on the Peninsula are concerned about limited and unsafe crossings and speeding on Highway 255 that prevents students from walking to school at Redwood Coast Montessori. Community members support traffic calming measures on Peninsula Drive, such as more speed humps and safe crossing improvements. Lack of public transportation on the peninsula is a problem, especially for low-income families, and especially those at the Phyllis Rex Townhomes who lack grocery stores and resources. Safety on Highway 255 is a recurring theme, with suggestions to lower the speed limit from 55 to 45 mph due to frequent speeding and dangerous driving conditions in wetter months. This especially applies to intersections like Dean/255/Pacific-Peninsula Drive, which have a troubling history of collisions and fatalities.

TRI County Living

Key themes included lack of reliable transportation and access to the Highway Transportation Authority (HTA) and the Dial-A-Ride service. Key issues identified included discrepancies in arrival times, insufficient bus stops for southbound routes, and limited scheduling options, particularly on weekends. Low-income housing communities lack access to transportation altogether, complicating residents' ability to reach essential services, including medical appointments. Transportation is especially challenging for the disabled community where transportation options are limited or difficult to access. Tri County suggested ways to improve outreach for the disabled community, including the importance of bringing a disabled perspective to transportation planning and hiring a disabled advocate to facilitate meetings.

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

Lucy Salazar, representing District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), emphasized the safety concerns for children biking in high-speed zones and the lack of bike lanes and designated bike storage in residential areas. Suggested community engagement strategies include partnerships with local organizations to create events that cater to diverse groups, including unhoused individuals, youth in foster care, and people with disabilities.

Creative Inclusions

Peggie Martinez of Creative Inclusions emphasized the importance of accessibility in the built environment, particularly in relation to pedestrian safety and visibility for individuals with different disabilities. She

proposed educational campaigns to raise awareness of these issues and advocated for improved crosswalk infrastructure, such as audible signals and high-contrast markings. The need for participatory engagement with the disabled community was underscored, aiming to create inclusive solutions that ensure equitable transportation and safety for all residents.