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SUBJECT Demonstration Projects and Environmental Review Process

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NOTES

Brendan,

Following our meeting with Caltrans on June 25th, the SmithGroup Team developed the following criteria and assumptions to guide the selection of temporary demonstration projects. These are intended to ensure that all projects can be implemented within the required timeframe and remain compliant with applicable environmental and regulatory requirements.

Demonstration Project Selection Criteria

- Projects will not include ground disturbance in unpaved environments or below the existing pavement
- Projects will not alter any built historic environmental resources, including railroad tracks.
- Projects will not require environmental studies for biological, cultural, visual, hazardous, or other environmental resources.
- The demonstration projects will not trigger the Exceptions to CEs (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2), which means they:
 - Are not located in an environmental sensitive area
 - Will not result in a cumulative impact
 - Will not result in a significant effect to the environment
 - Will not damage scenic resources
 - Are not located on hazardous waste sites per Section 65962.5 of the Government Code
 - Will not result in a substantial adverse change to historical resources
- Projects will not require the preparation of a Caltrans-format NEPA Environmental Commitment Record.

Assumptions

- Caltrans will allow one PES form to cover all five projects because the projects will be sufficiently similar in nature.
- HCAOG or local agencies will file the CEQA CEs with the Humboldt County Clerk Recorder and online at the California Office of Planning and Research via CEQASubmit. If local agencies are going to directly file their CEQA CE, GHD will be provided the name, email, and phone number of their designated signatory.
- Caltrans will complete a No Effects Memo with their staff to address biological, cultural, and other environmental resources to support their NEPA determination.
- Project descriptions will be provided for the five projects detailing the type, location, and approximate duration of planned activities. Project descriptions include figures showing the location of each demonstration project and key components.

Potential Project Types

PROJECT TYPES	POTENTIAL FEATURES**									
	TRAFFIC CONES	WOODEN PALLETS	PLANTS	ROOFING PAPER	CHALK PAINT (GREEN, WHITE)	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADES	SIGNAGE	ARMADILLOS (SPEED HUMPS)	TAPE (YELLOW, WHITE)	CHAIRS AND TABLES
Buffered bike lanes*	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
Mini traffic circle	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Curb extensions /bulb-outs	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Parklets		X	X	X	X					X
Median refuge	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	

*Where existing bike lanes exist

** Features may be used in combination with other features

We look forward to continued collaboration with HCAOG and partner agencies on the successful implementation and evaluation of the demonstration projects. |