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January 20, 2022

Amanda Mager, City Manager  
City of Blue Lake  
PO Box 458  
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**Re: Support for the Blue Lake Pedestrian Trail System  
Improvements Clean California Grant**

Dear City Manager Mager:

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) is pleased to express support for the Blue Lake Pedestrian Trail System Improvements Clean California Grant application.

The project includes lighting improvements, installation of a new mural, additional trash receptacles at various locations, and increased waste disposal signage throughout the trail system. The project will build on the continuing good work that Blue Lake has done to enhance the City's public trail system which is well used for walking and biking for recreation purposes as well as a safe active transportation option.

The project location is a critical area to improve. For over 20 years there have been local efforts to develop a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities connecting Blue Lake to Arcata and beyond. The Blue Lake trail system is the terminus of a local trail system that is being developed that will ultimately connect Blue Lake to Arcata and the Humboldt Bay Trail. Most segments of this trail network are either completed or have received funding and are under development. This entire trail network will become the northern end of the Great Redwood Trail, with Blue Lake having the distinction as the northern starting point of the Great Redwood Trail.

As part of the Regional Transportation Plan update, HCAOG conducted outreach at Blue Lake's Annie and Mary Days Festival in July 2021 and collected feedback from many citizens. A dominant theme of public comments was the need to invest in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in Blue Lake. When asked how they would prioritize transportation funding, people in Blue Lake chose Active Transportation as their top priority.

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HCAOG strongly supports the Blue Lake Pedestrian Trail System Improvements Clean California Grant application because it furthers the objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan which include increasing active transportation opportunities, environmental stewardship, and increasing safety. HCAOG also supports this project because it is consistent with the feedback received from the Blue Lake Community.

Sincerely,

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HCAOG Executive Director