Also—here are my additional concerns:

Rather than a walkable, pedestrian-oriented town center the county's draft proposed land use plan is car-centric with the project gateway being the parking lot of McKinleyville Shopping Center. Also, the plan's central walking corridor, which bisects natural wetland features, appears placed to glorify the controversial totem pole rather than honoring the community's number one open space priority of "undeveloped nature preserve with trails" (per the County's 2020 Town Center survey results). Other proposed trails appear as an afterthought skirting proposed development.

Since housing developments were not prioritized for inclusion in the town center in our McKinleyville Community Plan, why is this now a major component? 2020 Town Center survey results do not indicate a change in priorities is warranted.

Public input on the Town Center has prioritized kid-friendly, accessible, commons and park spaces for trails, pop-ups, outdoor furniture, open air dining, covered transit hubs, bike lockers and a sporting center--offering economic development as we actively transition away from auto-centric planning. Why are these things not reflected in the proposed land use plan?

On Feb 24, 2021, at 2:11 PM, Kelley Garrett <kelleybrookgarrett@gmail.com> wrote:

I am commenting that the proposed land use plan violates our community wetland protections as written in our community plan. The land use plan has an undisclosed and unmitigated take of 10+ acres of forested (one-parameter) wetland.

I’m looking for consistency with current TC wetland policies as per our community plan.

The MMAC failed in it’s duty to act as voice of community on Jan 8, 2019 when it passed a motion to recommend that one-parameter wetland protections be repealed within the TC envelope.
Humboldt County, GENERAL PLAN Community Plan Areas, McKinleyville Community Plan--Adopted December 10, 2002, Amended October 23, 2017 (Resolution 17-96), Date of Printing: September 2018: inclusive of the statements "Expanded protection of streams, creeks, wetlands, environmentally sensitive areas, and other natural areas; Retaining natural terrain, drainage, and vegetation" "Wherever possible, the natural terrain, drainage and vegetation of the community should be preserved with superior examples contained within parks or greenbelts.” "The community design should help conserve resources and minimize waste."

How does the Town Center Hiller Road Area Land Use Plan fit with the General Plan as noted above?