

594-B Indianola Rd  
Bayside CA  
95524  
Sept. 14, 2010

Humboldt Co. Planning Commission  
c/o Community Development Services  
Attn: Martha Spencer  
3015 N Street  
Eureka CA 95501



Re: Comments on the Circulation  
Element of the General Plan

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a resident of Indianola, who enjoys living in a rural area where I can easily bicycle on the roadways. However, I am concerned that some rural and remote areas are not well-served by bicycle routes and by transit systems. I am one who would definitely use public transit to Eureka and Arcata were it available in my area.

I am certain other areas in the county are underserved by public transit, bicycle routes and park-and-ride lots. As a result, rural residents are highly dependent on personal-use automobiles. This makes for unnecessary expense for households, as multiple cars are needed for commuting to work or school.

Commissioners, I strongly recommend you develop transit hubs, Alternative A, Policy C-P<sub>xxx</sub>. Besides increasing opportunities for city and town residents to increase ridership, I feel rural residents also deserve consideration for development of transit hubs in areas such as Indianola Road, Freshwater Three Corners and Bayside Grange area. Another logical hub is College of the Redwoods. Transit hubs should include park and ride lots, bicycle parking, and bike routes ~~maps~~ / transit maps publicly posted. I feel strongly there should be transit service along Old Arcata Road, allowing residents of Freshwater, Indianola and Bayside public transit access to urban areas.

I also want to highly recommend you adopt Green Wheels Modified Goals C-63 on Interagency Cooperation, and Jurisdictional Coordination and Integration (C-P6). It is essential to keep Quality of Service as an uppermost consideration. Considering the number of transit agencies in the county, there is a need for more streamlined scheduling and route coordination. This could lead to improved connectivity which would increase ridership. Please also add to the implementation measures, one that would specifically address funding of Implementation Coordination as a priority. Without explicit funding, inter-agency coordination may not occur.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,  
Kelly Arbor