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To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

From: Thaddeus Wuest  
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Re: General Plan Draft Chp. 7

Dec. 16, 2010

Commissioners;

As a local voter, homeowner and public school teacher, I would like to express my support for the proposed Tourist Train around Humboldt Bay. And, further, ask the commission to remove any language from the General Plan that supports the removal of any rails along the 101 Corridor between Arcata and Eureka.

The proposed Tourist Train will bring much needed revenue in the form of tourist dollars to our struggling economy. The only feasible route for the Tourist train is to run into Downtown Eureka from Samoa. This could potentially draw tourists from all over the country to our area. This will benefit all local businesses including hotels, restaurants, gift shops and service based businesses. As well as, creating jobs and increased tax revenue. This would be a major boost for Downtown Eureka, Arcata Plaza and other areas around the county.

The rails around Humboldt Bay must be preserved for our economic future as well. The rail line is an important link in revitalizing our port, relieving traffic on our roads and creating living wage jobs. While the rail line is currently out-of-service, this vital piece of our transportation infrastructure must be preserved. Any tampering with the railroad right of way could cause costly delay or even permanent loss of this valuable, existing resource.

I urge the Humboldt County Planning Commission to join me in supporting our local economy by protecting our rail line and supporting the proposed Tourist Train around the bay.

Sincerely,  
Thaddeus P. Wuest

