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April 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx

Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE

Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2014 TIGER City of Arcata Bay Trail North Project

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing on behalf of the North State Super Region (NSSR), a partnership representing the sixteen northern California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. We represent 26% of California's total land area that contains 37% of California's State and federal roads. The primary focus of the NSSR is to support economic development, access, and efficient goods movement through strategic transportation network investments.

The City of Arcata's Bay Trail North Project is a high priority regional trail project that will link two of the top five populated cities in the NSSR. Implementation of the project will provide a complete and most importantly safe transportation system, which is essential in times of disaster and economic stress. This highway corridor is also a key gap in the California Coastal Trail system. The City of Arcata has worked in partnership with local, regional, State and federal agencies to advance this project to the construction phase. The final lease agreement with the North Coast Railroad Authority is further evidence of the regional importance and significance of this project.

We urge the Department of Transportation to recognize the collaborative efforts of the NSSR in your selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcella Clem", is written over a horizontal line.

Marcella Clem, Chair
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cc: Karen Diemer, City of Arcata