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May 31, 2013

Ms. Karen Diemer
Environmental Services Deputy Director
City of Arcata
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Ms. Diemer:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been working closely with the Humboldt County Association of Governments, the county of Humboldt, and the cities of Arcata and Eureka to develop the Humboldt Bay Rail with Trail Connectivity Project, which will build three miles of trail from South Arcata to the US 101/Bracut Intersection. This will provide a non-motorized transportation corridor while also providing a safe multi-use pathway for recreational use and tourism travel connecting the county's two largest cities as a segment of California's Pacific Coast Bike Route.

I understand that city of Arcata is seeking to obtain \$2.7 million of grant funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2013) discretionary grant. Recognizing its importance, Caltrans has also committed to funding up to \$1 million for construction of a future segment of Humboldt Bay Rail with Trail project. We understand that the Coastal Conservancy is also planning to provide additional support, above the \$1 million already used as a planning grant.

Caltrans is committed to working with our local partners by assisting with construction of this pathway to advance safe non-motorized transportation, economic development and livability that are a benefit locally and regionally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Dougherty".

MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
Director