



GUALALA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Mr. Frank Demling, Project Manager, Caltrans District 1
Ms. Nephela Barrett, Executive Director, Mendocino Council of Governments

Re: Gualala Area Action Plan (Highway 1 Streetscape)

August 12, 2020

Dear Frank and Nephela,

Thank you very much for attending the Aug. 6 Gualala MAC (GMAC) meeting, and for your updates on the engineering issues relating to the Alt. 3 concept for the Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape).

As you'll recall, your comments were followed by a report of the attached Findings of the GCAP Committee, which includes Chairman Robert Juengling and myself. That was followed by a public comment period, which included testimony by MOVE2030 Coordinator Una Wirkebau and two members of the public: Bill Merget, Chair of the Cypress Village HOA; and resident Harmony Susalla. The latter two called for a scaled-down option.

The council then discussed the issue at length before voting 4-3 to adopt this motion:

"Based on the Findings of the GMAC Gualala Community Action Plan Committee and the latest report from Caltrans of engineering issues encountered with the Alt 3 concept, the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council recommends that Caltrans and MCOG develop a three-lane highway concept that fits within the previously allotted 60-foot ROW and incorporates elements of the Gualala Town Plan, including separated bike lanes and landscaped ADA-compliant sidewalks as described in Alt 2.

"We further recommend that MCOG and Caltrans incorporate an interim constrained option that will guarantee parking for the Surf Center stores for a fixed interim of time so that the center may complete its long-planned parking and redevelopment project, hopefully before any part of the highway project is begun."

We look forward to working with you both as we move ahead with this project. For your convenience, I've attached a copy of the findings (with the motion and vote noted in a postscript).

Thank you again for your diligent efforts to make Gualala safer and more attractive for visitors and residents.

Cheers, Tom

Tom Murphy

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Attachment: Findings of the GCAP Committee