

## Planning for a Healthy Future: TRAILS, TRANSIT and ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

### Now is the time to *voice your support* for healthy transportation choices!

The Planning Commission will soon be discussing the future of Humboldt County's transportation system as part of the General Plan Update. We need a General Plan that integrates public transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel along with better roads, trails, and safe routes to school. A truly multi-modal transportation system will give more people the freedom to drive less while fostering safe, vibrant communities.

### Take action by expressing your support of one or more of the following:

#### “COMPLETE STREETS”

- Promote a transportation system that integrates and balances the needs of pedestrians, public transit, bicycles, and motorized vehicles to ensure choices among modes of travel.
- Adopt road standards to enable safe, attractive and comfortable access and travel for people of all ages and abilities.
- Prioritize funding for maintaining existing roads and creating “complete streets” over new road construction.

#### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Promote active transportation to reduce traffic congestion while benefiting public health, our environment, and the local economy.
- Develop bicycle, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure to connect neighborhoods, retail centers, schools, and parks.

#### EFFICIENT & CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSIT

- Promote new development in areas already served by public transit to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- Develop transit hubs near multi-family housing and village centers to provide increased opportunities for safe, convenient and efficient public transportation.

#### TRAILS

- Develop a regional trail system that enables safe commuting options between communities and provides a recreational and tourist destination.
- Promote “railbanking” as a means to develop local and regional trails while preserving the right-of-way for a variety of public uses (particularly for the Annie and Mary corridor and the Humboldt Bay rail corridor).

**SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** via email to [mspencer@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mspencer@co.humboldt.ca.us)

OR by U.S. mail to: Humboldt County Community Development Services,  
3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**ATTEND A HEARING** on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the County Courthouse,  
825 Fifth Street, Eureka (corner of 5th and I Streets).

For meeting updates or to find out more, visit [www.healthyhumboldt.org](http://www.healthyhumboldt.org).

## Sample Comment Letter for the GPU's Circulation Element

Date

Humboldt County Planning Department  
Community Development Services  
Attn: Martha Spencer  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

### Re: Comments on the Circulation Element

Dear Planning Commissioners,

#### Opening Paragraph

Identify yourself and your interest as a stakeholder. Personalize the letter with information specific to your situation to help draw the reader in.

#### Second Paragraph

Identify why this is an important issue for the whole of the County. It is helpful to address health, environmental and economic benefits.

*Example: An integrated, multi-modal circulation system will increase the functionality of the County's roadways and provide affordable transportation options to the County's residents.*

*Example: The development of vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods and higher-density regional centers promotes healthy transportation choices and protects working lands, watersheds, and wildlife habitat.*

#### Third Paragraph

Provide general recommendations (or a summary of your specific recommendations). For more ideas, take a look at our talking points. Find them online at [www.healthyhumboldt.org](http://www.healthyhumboldt.org).

*Example: We support policies that consider all transportation modes as an integrated system to increase opportunities for active lifestyles, reduce dependence on the personal-use automobile, and foster vibrant neighborhoods and town centers.*

#### Fourth Paragraph

Here you can delve into detailed policy recommendations:

*Example: We support the Alternative A policy **C-Pxxx** which encourages development of transit hubs – providing increased opportunities for safe, convenient and efficient public transportation.*

*Example: We also support the Alternative A version of policies **C-P26** and **C-P34** which increases the opportunity for the County's residents to use active transportation by supporting the installation of bike parking facilities for residential and commercial development.*

#### Closing

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Circulation Element of the County's General Plan Update. I hope this Commission puts forward strong recommendations for a safe, affordable multi-modal transportation system...to benefit residents for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
Cody Walksalot and Alice Likestabike  
Your Address