

## DEL NORTE HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

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January 30, 2014

Tamera Leighton, Director  
Del Norte Local Transportation Commission  
1301 B Northcrest Drive, #16  
Crescent City, CA 95531

Re: Last Chance Grade

Dear Ms. Leighton:

The Del Norte Healthcare District would like to urge the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission to interact and confer with all agencies and companies involved with building a route around Last Chance Grade.

As has been observed over the years, it is only a matter of time before Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade collapses into the ocean. When that happens, there will be a dire economic impact on Del Norte County. The tourism industry in our County will take a tremendous hit as people will not have access.

Also, Klamath would be isolated from any services that are based in Crescent City, including timely and efficient emergency medical services, County offices, students attending schools, and law enforcement needs.

To date CalTrans has spent millions on what is probably a temporary fix to the problem. When the road does collapse, CalTrans would more than likely build a new road using the area where a road could be started now. It could take years to complete such an immense project if the project were not started until after a collapse. We believe it would be in the best interest of our community and County to begin this project prior to a collapse.

Sincerely,



Shellie Babich,  
Chairman of the Board