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SUBJECT: Support for Last Chance Grade Alternate Route Study

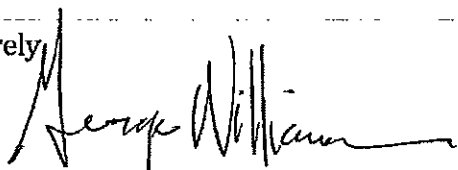
Dear Ms. Leighton,

The Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) conducts municipal services reviews (MSRs) for nine community services districts, five fire districts, six other districts including the Crescent City Harbor District and the City of Crescent City in Del Norte County. For each of these service providers, the commission considers service delivery efficiency and the provider's ability to share resources. These can be significantly affected by the reliability of transportation routes in and outside of the county.

Some of the services most reliant on roadway access are fire protection and emergency response. Currently, LAFCo is preparing a regional MSR for the five fire protection districts. This includes districts on both sides of Last Chance Grade. The ability of these districts to provide mutual aid services is dependent on reliable roadways. A failure of Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade would have isolating effects to these districts and would compromise their ability to effectively provide services. This direct loss of essential services would be in addition to the loss of commerce supported by service providers.

The Commission has authorized the submittal of this letter due to the importance of reliable access, for service providers and the communities they serve. The LAFCo Commission supports the study of an alternate route for Last Chance Grade.

Sincerely,



George Williamson AICP
Executive Officer, on behalf of the Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission