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Dear Brandon:

Thank you for the review and comments of the Humboldt County Association of Governments Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

This letter provides the response requested in your letter. Your comments are below with HCAOG responses italicized.

Work Element Specific Comments

Where possible, please estimate the number of times a task will occur in the work elements. For example, adding “quarterly” or “monthly” are useful notes to help illustrate the amount of work that applies to a task throughout the fiscal year.

Changes have been made to the tables in most work elements (WE) to address this comment.

Work Element 1 – Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) Program

Please add clarification in the work element that the call box tasks in FY 2023 will involve installing additional satellite call boxes along Highways 36 and 96, as described on page 3 (Introduction, SAFE Program). This would highlight the program’s service expansion beyond Highways 101 and 299.

This has been added to WE 1.

Work Element 2 – Regional Planning & Intergovernmental Coordination

We recommend providing an estimate of the number of times each task will be performed for the work element, where possible. This information will help to show how the level of funding relates to work tasks in this work element.

Notes have been added to the schedule column of the table in WE 2.

Work Element 3 – Overall Work Program Development

Please identify the specific OWP fiscal year for the tasks that involve OWP development. This will help clarify if a specific task is for the previous, current, or upcoming FY of OWP development.

Changes have been made to the WE table in tasks and schedule columns.

Work Element 7 – Research, Collaboration, and Transit Planning Grant Development

It appears that RPA funding shown in the budget summary table is missing from the work element detail. Also, the amount of funding for PPM identified in the work element detail seems inconsistent with the amount shown in the budget summary table. Please revise these items to ensure the work element funding is consistent with the budget summary table.

Thank you for catching this error. The corrections have been made in the table.

Work Element 17 – Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program (TIRCP)

The work element identifies helping to promote the new Redwood Coast Express route, among other activities. Consider including rider education in the purpose statement, such as how the public could use transit and the new ticketing systems, schedules, and travel apps in Humboldt County.

Rider education has been added to the purpose statement.

In addition to the changes you suggested, in WE 13 Active Transportation and Safety we eliminated Task 6: level of traffic stress analysis. We have applied for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to do this work. We are optimistic we will be funded. In the event we are not funded we will continue seeking funding from other sources to accomplish this important work. Once we have secured funding, we will do an amendment to the OWP.

Thank you for your comments on HCAOG's FY 2023-24 OWP. If you have any questions about the changes we have made or the responses we have provided please let me know.

Sincerely,



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