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February 22, 2018

Mr. Howard N. Dashiell  
Director of Transportation  
Mendocino County Department of Transportation  
340 Lake Mendocino Drive  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Mr. Dashiell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Cox Shrader Road Vacation Petition (1-MEN-101-20.709). The project is located in Mendocino County adjacent to US 101 just south of the City of Ukiah.

Cox-Shrader Road is currently a county maintained connection to the State Highway System. If Mendocino County vacates the property, all separate properties that access the highway through this opening will need an encroachment permit, which includes the evidence of easements to get to the access opening. While the project application claims there is only a single owner, there exists multiple properties served by this county road. As a suggestion, the county may want to investigate the establishment of easements to all abutting properties, or the elimination of redundant lines. If the property is vacated by the county, the property owner will need to obtain an encroachment permit to identify the current owner responsible for maintenance of what will become a private road approach. Any modifications will need to be constrained to the existing 50-foot access opening.

The applicant will be required to obtain an encroachment permit for any work within the state right of way. Encroachment permit applications are reviewed for consistency with state standards and are subject to approval by the Department. Request for Caltrans encroachment permit application forms can be sent to Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 445-6389. For additional information, the Caltrans Permit Manual is online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/manual.html>.

We look forward to continue working with the Mendocino County Department of Transportation as this project develops and welcome additional discussions about the project. If you have any questions about the comments outlined in this letter, please contact me at [tatiana.ahlstrand@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tatiana.ahlstrand@dot.ca.gov) or (707) 441-4540.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tatiana Ahlstrand', written in a cursive style.

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