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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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RE: UPDATE ON THE MENDOCINO COLLEGE GATEWAY AT HENSLEY CREEK ROAD, PART OF THE "GATEWAY REVITALIZATION PROJECT" UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BOARD AGREEMENT NUMBER 08-214/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT NUMBER 080109 WITH THE MENDOCINO-LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (UKIAH AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDoT) is currently working with the Mendocino-Lake Community College District (Mendocino College) on projects pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreed to under Board Agreement Number (No.) 08-214/Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement No. 080109.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) by Resolution No. 08-239 on December 9, 2008, approved the "Gateway Revitalization Project" under the subject MOU, which is rather broadly defined as to the ability of the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Transportation to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project using the existing encroachment permit process. The project is over ten years old and MCDoT wants to present the current plans; which are expected to proceed in 2019-2020. Furthermore, MCDoT is considering the possible need to prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and plans to leave that matter to the Mendocino College which could serve as "Lead Agency" under CEQA.

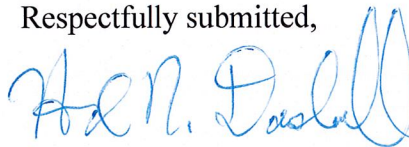
MCDoT, using "reserved" Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds provided in 2008, did install additional light poles in 2010, fulfilling the County's portion of the MOU at Henesly Creek Road. The widening of Ackerman Creek Bridge portion of the County's effort is ongoing. The purpose of the "Gateway Revitalization Project" was to enhance and meet pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic needs to provide a safe route for students accessing the college using different modes of travel.

MCDOT did a traffic signal warrant study in 2017, which showed that the intersection does not meet warrants for signalization; however, the College feels strongly that this traffic light will help improve the safety of its constituents. To that end, the College has committed to complete the traffic light project at their own cost.

The MOU is also not specific concerning the "College Gateway Entrance Sign"; however, it was generally understood that it would be a lit, monument type sign similar to the existing sign at the present gate near campus. The College is presently proposing adding a changeable message element to this sign which MCDOT wants to make the Board aware of. Attached are sketches and sample pictures of the type of sign now proposed.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

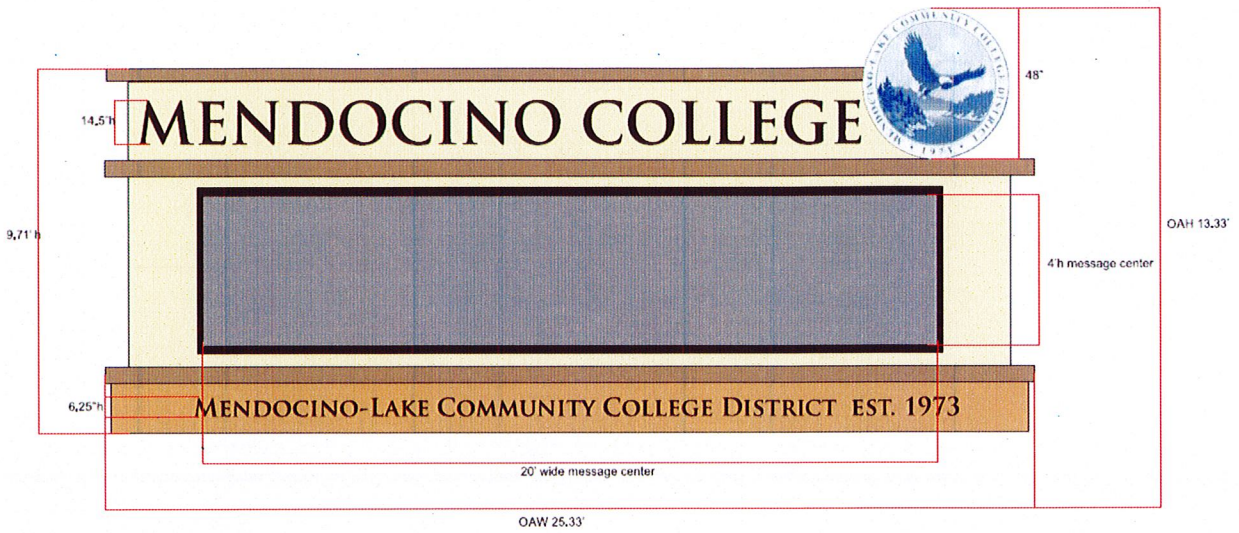


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Attachments:

- (1) Sign Plan
- (2) Sample Pictures

PROPOSED COLLEGE SIGN:



SAMPLE PICTURES:



PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

