

May 4, 2020

California Transportation Commission 1120 N Street MS 52 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject:Comments regarding California Transportation Commission Action Item 4.North Coast Railroad Authority, Ukiah City Park Designation

Dear California Transportation Commission,

Thank you for your time today. In conjunction with the planning for Great Redwood Trail, the City of Ukiah has installed approximately two miles of a much-needed safe and efficient corridor for bicycle and pedestrian traffic alongside of the railroad tracks which run through the center of our community. The trail serves as direct access to major employment centers, business services, shopping, hospital/medical offices, residential areas, and the future Mendocino County Courthouse.

In an effort to protect the trail area, the City proposes to designate the trail, including the entire rail corridor that parallels it, as a municipal park. The park designation will allow the City to better protect the asset with the application of local regulations for use and access.

This can be accomplished by allowing the City of Ukiah and the North Coast Railroad Authority to amend the existing license agreement to include the full corridor as proposed in the corresponding item on the CTC's May 13, 2020 agenda. There are no other impacts to the agreement with this proposed action. Furthermore, the license agreement remains revocable if the succeeding agency to the North Coast Railroad Authority identifies an alternate need or use.

The City of Ukiah respectfully requests approval of this item from the California Transportation Commission to allow the City of Ukiah to better serve our community and all Great Redwood Trail users in the Ukiah area. Thank you for your consideration of this item.

Sincerely,

Sage Sangiacomo City Manager