



Our goal: To improve and encourage bicycle commuting

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Dear Commissioners,

The goal of the Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association (HBBCA) is to improve and encourage bicycle commuting by:

- ❖ Promoting the personal and societal benefits of bicycle commuting;
- ❖ Serving as an effective advocate for the interests of commuting bicyclists;
- ❖ Working cooperatively with State, regional and local agencies to identify and secure improvements and maintenance needed by commuting bicyclists;
- ❖ Assuring that street, highway, and bike projects are developed consistent with State standards and the requirements of the California Vehicle Code; and
- ❖ Educating and advocating for the improvement of bike safety.

Completion of the Humboldt Bay Trail, a part of the Great Redwood Trail, will be an important piece of infrastructure, allowing people to safely pedal, walk, and roll between Arcata and Eureka for work, exercise, shopping, and tourism. Plans are already in the works to expand the trail north to Blue Lake and south to CR, and the HBBCA eagerly supports these plans.

Handling and storing coal in Humboldt Bay would imperil the health and lives of Humboldt Bay's bike commuters, residents, visitors, and the environment by running toxic coal cars through Eureka, Arcata, Manila, and Samoa. The impacts associated with coal dust and derailments will bring potential disastrous consequences to our region. The NCRA has a history of derailments, especially in the Eel River canyon. Future derailments of coal will happen and will be catastrophic. Furthermore, using our region as a means to add to adverse climate change is 100% out of step with the needs of the World. We ask that you support the needs of our citizens, the region, and our bay by working to deny these coal interests access to Humboldt Bay and continuing to support the railbanking of the NCRA's rail line.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting Humboldt Bay and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Rick Knapp, President