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Congressman Tom Latham 2217 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

## Congressman Latham:

This letter is to address the City of Humboldt's proposed Sumner Avenue and Sumner Avenue Bridge Project. The project is split into two portions, (1) the replacement of the Sumner Avenue Bridge; and (2) the total reconstruction of Sumner Avenue from the Sumner Avenue Bridge west through the intersection with 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW. Sumner Avenue has an Urban Federal Classification of a minor arterial street with an asphaltic concrete surface over a cement concrete base with concrete curb and gutter. Sumner Avenue facilitates traffic from US Highway 169 to the Central Business District, residential subdivisions and is a farm-to-market road to the co-op elevator at the east end of Sumner Avenue in Humboldt. The City Council and I have designated this project as one of our top priorities for the City of Humboldt to address. If funded, the City of Humboldt will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project as well. The City of Humboldt currently is on the Region V Regional Transportation Improvement Program for funding of \$245,000. We respectfully request funding through the Transportation Reauthorization Bill for the remainder of the project costs, \$3,400,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Jensen, Mayor City of Humboldt