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Dear City Council members,

Thank you for directing staff to include language in the GAP and General Plan 2045, designating the L Street Rails with Trail corridor as a linear park and formalizing the woonerf. As you know, the community fought a long, hard battle to create a linear park and preserve the path along the railway corridor, so we very much appreciate your your efforts to formalize this language in the plans.

Also, in regards to the circulation element, I wonder if you saw Greg King's "My Word" piece in the Times Standard on Sunday ("Open letter to Arcata officials on dangerous streets")? If you haven't read it yet, please take a look. As Mr. King points out, there have been a number of tragic automobile accidents in our town, causing injury and deaths of pedestrians.

Just recently, on June 6 and 7, there were two more incidents, one fatal and another near-fatal crash. Mr. King said that his wife and daughter came within minutes of being victims themselves when a car blew through a stop sign at the intersection of 11th and Janes Road at 70 miles an hour, before slamming into a delivery truck. In the other incident, the driver was killed after smashing into the Grange on Old Arcata Road. In both instances, the drivers were driving under the influence.

I have come within a hairs breath of being mowed down myself while crossing K Street near the car wash, after pressing the button to enact the flashing lights. The drivers will **not** stop or slow down, even for the flashing lights, if they're going at a certain speed. When Dan Burton visited our town, he told us that people who are travelling at 25 or 30 miles an hour are less likely to stop for pedestrians. I can attest to that.

You could act now to slow the speed to 20 miles per hour. This could be done in the time it takes to erect new speed signs. Then you can plan to institute other traffic calming measures and protections like speed bumps, guard rails etc. At the very least, you should put this on the agenda for discussion.

Greg King and Gregory Daggett have been imploring you for years to do something to create traffic calming measures. Isn't it time you acted to prevent further fatalities from automobile accidents in our town? If you have the money to put in an expensive roundabout at Sunset and LK Wood (which will likely be even more dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists), then you could and should prioritize pedestrian safety along our most heavily trafficked corridors, like G and H, 11th, K and Alliance, etc. By acting sooner rather than later, you can save lives!

Please agendize this matter a.s.a.p. As Mr. King said, "DO SOMETHING!" I share his sense of urgency, and I hope you do too. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
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The major impediment to rapidly providing essential housing may reside in the delays forced by the plethora of localized building codes.

— Chip Sharpe

#### How an American Dream of Housing Became a Reality in Sweden

...after spending time in Sweden talking to modular manufacturers, architects, government officials and leaders in the timber industry, I started to see the connection. Productivity means more permanent homes for more people, faster. Speed secures perhaps the greatest long-term savings — preventing the trauma of homelessness and offering security, community, continuous enrollment at the same school. It had been lulling to see the beautiful Swedish modular housing, but America is where I saw the real potential of even imperfectly designed modular housing.

Speed is how industrialization achieves affordability. Even when the labor and material cost savings are modest, the introduction of many more units in a relatively short period of time has the effect of lowering the market price of all units...

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