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Dear Protect Program Steering Committee,

The Ecola Creek Bridge Replacement Project aims to replace a deteriorated timber bridge on HWY 101. The ODOT bridge was originally constructed in 1952 and the timber substructure has significantly deteriorated over time. To address the structural integrity of the bridge, ten (10) timber piles have been replaced with steel. Even with these improvements, the bridge is at risk for sea level flooding, tsunamis, and earthquakes due to its low elevation (20 feet above sea level) and sandy soil/high water table making it susceptible to liquefaction.

To mitigate these risks, a replacement bridge must be constructed and raised (up to 40 feet). This work will require a significant alteration in the roadway grade, making roadway construction a considerable component of the project.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners recognizes that this project will greatly benefit Tsunami Evacuation Routes by improving routes of travel for all ages and abilities. The County fully supports this ODOT project, as it will provide essential resiliency to otherwise vulnerable communities.

We thank you for your consideration and commitment to improve the safety and security of residents and visitors of our community.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala, Chair

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners