



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Mr. Howard Dashiell, Director  
Mendocino County Department of Transportation  
340 Lake Mendocino Drive  
Ukiah, California 95482

Re: Condition of county roads in the village of Westport

Dear Director Dashiell:

The WMAC received testimony at meetings held April 4 and May 2, 2024 about the poor condition of County streets within our rural village that include Abalone Street, Hillcrest Terrace, Omega Drive, Pacific Avenue, Pelican Road, and Seaview Drive. The community has longstanding concerns about public safety, the narrow width and rough condition of the chip sealed surfaces, unaddressed drainage problems, and green waste dumping at the north curve on Omega Drive that is compromising that road.

While we appreciate County transportation funding is limited, other sources of funding may be available. We respectfully ask that you prioritize scoping and programming a project designed not just to patch holes in the chip sealed roads, but to bring those streets up to current design standards with proper geometry, drainage, and AC surfaces using state and federal transportation funding. Options for funding such a long overdue project merit serious exploration with the Mendocino Council of Governments, particularly if they favor economically disadvantaged communities like ours.

As a first step, we request a field review of the County streets in our village by representatives of your department, MCOG, Supervisor Dan Gjerde, the Westport County Water District, and WMAC. The WCWD has aging underground conduits under those streets that need replacement, an undertaking that would need to be coordinated. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how to make a project of that scope successful. Please contact me at (707) 964-7272 or by emailing [info@wmac95488.org](mailto:info@wmac95488.org). I look forward to speaking with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thad M. Van Bueren".

Thad Van Bueren, Chairman

Cc: Supervisor Dan Gjerde  
Nephele Barrett, Executive Director, Mendocino Council of Governments  
Westport County Water District