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Charles Fielder, District 1 Director
Attn: Ralph M. Martinelli, Traffic Safety Office Chief
Department of Transportation - District 1
P.O. Box 3700
Eureka, CA 95502-3770

Re: Radar speed limit enforcement signs for Route 1 in Westport (Mendocino County)

Dear Director Fielder:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council discussed concerns about traffic calming and enforcement of the 35 MPH speed limit on Route 1 through Westport in Mendocino County with Bob Kornman and Darron Hill in 2012. We appreciate changes in signage that were implemented following our discussion with your staff.

The local community continues to express concerns about the speed of traffic on Highway 1 through the village of Westport at public meetings held by the WMAC. In behalf of the community, we would like to request that Caltrans install active radar speed limit enforcement signs at the north and south approaches to the town. The signs we have in mind display the actual speed a motorist is travelling in relation to the posted speed limit. Those signs have been installed along highways in other nearby communities and they appear to be effective.

Given the steep downhill grade of northbound traffic as it approaches Westport, we suggest the radar speed limit warning sign be installed to coincide with an advisory sign indicating "35 MPH Speed Limit Ahead." Thank you for considering this suggestion.

Sincerely,

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

Thad Van Bueren, Chairperson

cc: Mendocino County District 4 Supervisor Dan Gjerde
Ralph Martinelli, Caltrans
Darron Hill, Caltrans
Phil Dow, MCOG Executive Director