

HBHWG

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DAVID HULL: UPDATE ON EAST/WEST RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

REPORT ON ALL 16 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you support doing an East/West rail feasibility study?

a. All 16 responses were Yes! b. NO _____ c. Not sure _____

Why or why not?

- 1 Would help the economy
- 2 We need jobs (3)
- 3 It is the only chance Humboldt Co has for a vital economy
- 4 Port with rail is the only/best way to create thriving economy
- 5 The study will provide the information necessary to determine if this project is financially feasible
- 6 Needs to be done
- 7 Improve area, keep up, move forward, plan ahead, anticipate needs
- 8 To rescue this community from its anti-business political elements. For growth vitality, prosperity
- 9 Put it to bed one way or another

2. What are your concerns/fears of conducting a feasibility study?

- 1 I have none (4)
- 2 Only that it is taking so long to find funding
- 3 Not much to lose
- 4 No concerns—other than making sure that the study answers the key questions
- 5 \$\$Only
- 6 Great idea
- 7 None. Raise the money, and do it!
- 8 We can afford \$300K if study is definitive

3. Do you think we are challenged economically by our current state of transportation?

a. YES All 16 Yes's b. NO _____ c. NOT SURE _____

4. If YES, how do you think we could improve it?

- 1 Bring in a Rail Road
- 2 Any association with a hard to reach area is beneficial
- 3 By reducing truck traffic
- 4 widening 101 thru Richardson's Grove, doing a bypass for last chance grade
Putting in the E-W rail is the best chance

- 5 With limits on truck transportation, rail and/or port for shipping is our best bet
- 6 We need good paying jobs
- 7 Rail, Highway Improvements, Air Transportation Improvements
- 8 US 101 to 4 lane; Rail
- 9 Set priorities in private, governmental areas of planning. Support updating infrastructure—port rail
- 10 A modern port
- 11 We have just enough communication with the outside world to support that segment of society that resents private enterprise.
- 12 More buses. Private shuttle services. Restore the Eel River line which would be helpful to both freight and tourism

5. If found to be feasible, would an East/West rail benefit Humboldt County?

a. YES 15 Yes b. NO _____ c. NOT SURE _____

Why or why not?

- 1 Again, it would help the economy
- 2 Because of the construction, longshoremen, rail employees, spin-off jobs and last but not least manufacturing jobs.
- 3 provide ability for local companies to be created which would be able to ship products across the US and also across the Pacific Ocean. Lots of good paying port-related jobs, and all of the supporting businesses & jobs.
- 4 Importing as well as exporting would help area with cost of goods as well as jobs
- 5 Jobs and Economic Activity
- 6 If the project is feasible, we need the RR to step up and finance & own the project.
- 7 Making trans. Available
- 8 Transportation and trade are fundamental to a healthy society, and to participation in civilized affairs.

6. Besides the information provided today, what else do you want to know about the East/West rail feasibility study?

- 1 Through operation of any new transportation will benefit the complete community
- 2 Why and who would be against this——?
- 3 Use of Budd cars between Eureka and Arcata
- 4 Seems like we're ready to look for funding for the study
- 5 Progress.
- 6 Fill in the details