

SAMPLE TEMPLATE LETTER FOR SLOWFSTREET PROJECT FOR MEASURE Z FUNDS

Dated: _____

Humboldt County Administrative Office
c/o Measure Z Funding
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Letter in Support of Measure Z Funding for F Street in Eureka

To Whom It May Concern:

[If you don't want to add this identifying sentence, that is fine: "I am a member of the SlowFStreet Project".] I have been informed that Public Works has submitted an Application for Measure Z Funding so that the county can bring safety to my neighborhood. I would like to submit a letter of support for the funding to be applied to the F Street Application.

My family and I first had trouble with the area: _____ [Insert the first date or year that you can recall having knowledge about safety issues/ difficulties/ accidents in the neighborhood and what was going on, (i.e. – my child attended Grant Elementary and was unable to cross the street due to the traffic being too fast/no crosswalk. Add in any attempts to make things better – such as "I talked with my county supervisor but nothing was done" or "I participated in the Redwood Community Action Agency Walkability Study of 2011, but all that was implemented was a crosswalk, the county didn't even raise it as was recommended). If it doesn't apply, or you don't feel comfortable with this paragraph, delete it]_____.

My experience with this street has been _____ [Insert a feeling or descriptive word here, (i.e.- traumatic, nightmarish, difficult, challenging, has kept me awake at nights, altering to my behavior so that I don't cross at those dangerous places/park my vehicle elsewhere, etc.)]_____.

_____ [Insert here a specific event to convince the funders that there are long-standing problems here that need to be addressed, (i.e.- On December 1, 2000, I was trying to get to the grocery store and someone who could not see oncoming traffic bolted in front of me, causing our vehicles to crash and both of us went to the hospital. I could not see them, they could not see me. A stop signal would have prevented this accident.)]_____.

Our neighborhood has _____ [Insert word that describes what you believe, (i.e. – languished, been ignored, has been abandoned, has come last on the list of priorities, etc.)] without attention from our representatives_____. Overtime, the speeds have increased and the traffic flow has increased. It is difficult to walk across the street without putting lives in jeopardy. Cars that find F Street too busy, move over to the surrounding streets (especially E and H) so that they can drive faster. GPS reroutes heavy trucks and tourists through the F Street Corridor since Broadway has become impacted with traffic, so we are seeing highway traffic here that requires safety mitigation by the city and county.

Please consider funding safety for the F Street Neighborhood so that our children and elders can cross the street, so our property values go back to what they should be, and so we can sleep in peace at night. [An alternative statement that you could insert here might be: “Cutten’s Fern & Walnut Street Light did not require the same amount of time or accidents to receive help, nor did Holly Street who was able to simply pay the fee to install safety humps. The prioritization of others before meeting the needs of our school children has felt (insert feeling here – such as “political”, “insulting”, “like we only mattered if we were voting”)].

Sincerely,

[Insert Printed Name, but also handwrite a signature]
[Insert address here (ok to have a PO Box) so they
Know that this isn’t a form letter one person is signing
And sending in for review]