

# LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**RE: Clearlake Transit Hub Location**

Dear Ms. Davey-Bates:

This letter is written in support of Lake Transit Authority's (LTA) proposal to construct a new transit hub at a location on Dam Road Extension in the City of Clearlake.

There has been a notable need for a new transit hub location within Clearlake for the past several years. The existing transfer site located adjacent to the new Big 5 and Tractor Supply businesses (formerly Ray's Food Place) does not provide for adequate circulation, safety or security for the buses or riders relying on the service for their transportation needs. A Transit Hub Location Plan was adopted by the Lake Area Planning Council (APC)/Lake Transit Authority Board last year recommending that a new hub be located at the Dam Road Extension site.

This preferred site will provide better circulation and access through the City and the region. Especially given the new construction of a connecting road between Dam Road Extension and Phillips/18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which would help to alleviate congestion on Highway 53 by providing a connection between the residential "Avenues" to the north and the commercial (Walmart, Big 5 Tractor Supply, etc.) and civic (courthouse, schools) areas surrounding the hub. Security concerns were also addressed in the Location Plan, with full-time transit staff as well as other features (possible security cameras, etc.) intended to discourage transient populations from loitering at or around the site.

Ultimately, improvements made at the preferred location would benefit both the City of Clearlake and the region as a whole. I support the efforts of LTA to move ahead on this important project.

Sincerely,



Willie Sapeta  
Fire Chief