

Humboldt County, CA

Greater Eureka Traffic Impact Fee



PROJECT OWNER:

Humboldt County

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\$113,290

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County of Humboldt and the City of Eureka desire to enact a traffic impact fee in order to allow local development to contribute funds to help mitigate traffic impacts caused by their development.

TJKM utilized the latest version of the Greater Eureka Area Travel Demand Model (GEATDM). TIF projects were selected using a variety of procedures, but since previous reports had identified logical projects, those reports plus input from the local senior staff members formed the basis for the final project selection. The TJKM Team is currently updating cost estimates for each project using locally confirmed and approved procedures and unit costs.

Using local planning sources including the General Plan and land use files in the travel demand model, the growth in land use over a 20-year period was obtained. This information was converted to trips, since the basic premise of a traffic impact study is to calculate the pro-rated costs to mitigate each trip resulting from land use growth.

Ultimately, fees are being determined for each land use categories such as housing, employment, retail, offices, warehousing, etc., based on standard trip rates. Trips are adjusted to account for primary, diverted, pass-by and related factors. The number of TIF trips were determined and project costs were utilized so that tentative fees can be calculated and compared with fees elsewhere in California.

TJKM expects to present the draft and final reports to both the Board of Supervisors and the City Council, possibly at a combined meeting.

