State Route 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project

FACT SHEET

Project Purpose and Need

The existing 6.5 mile segment of SR 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp consists of a non-engineered alignment with no adjacent shoulders. The alignment follows the existing rolling topography, resulting in numerous curves and limited sight distance, which reduces the operating speed of the roadway to approximately 25 to 35 miles per hour. In order to reduce accidents, improve operational efficiency, and relieve current and future traffic congestion, as well as to "close the gap" between improved roadway segments, the Calaveras County Department of Public Works, in coordination with Caltrans, is proposing to realign this segment of roadway in accordance with current design standards.

Project History

Caltrans initiated the SR-4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project, completing a Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) document in April 2001. Starting in 2008, preliminary studies were completed and public meetings were held to evaluate numerous alignments. As a result of these efforts, two basic alignment corridors were recommended for further study in the environmental document and Project Report. Subsequently, a third hybrid alignment was identified that combined various features of each initial alignment.

Proposed Project Features

- Two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders
- Standard stopping sight distance
- Maintain rural feel (no curb and gutter, minimize retaining walls, minimize oak tree removal)

Project Funding

Funding is available through a variety of State and Federal sources including Public Lands Highway, the STIP Regional Improvement Program, and High Priority Projects. Funding for subsequent phases of work will be requested in accordance with the project's programming schedule.

Project Schedule

- Complete NEPA & CEQA Studies– December 2014
- Circulate Draft Environmental Document- April/June 2015
- Hold Public Hearing- May 2015
- Environmental Document Approval- December 2015
- Final Project Report- December 2015

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