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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED ROUTE 101 EUREKA-ARCATA CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Caltrans, in partnership with the Humboldt County Association of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are formally re-initiating the project development and environmental documentation process for a long-term project to enhance the safety, operation, and serviceable life of Route 101 from the Eureka Slough Bridge to the 11<sup>th</sup> Street overcrossing in Arcata. Major project features being considered include: closing Route 101 median crossings; extending existing acceleration and deceleration lanes; replacing the Jacoby Creek southbound Bridge; and widening the northbound Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough bridges. Possible features include construction of an interchange (undercrossing) at Route 101/Indianola Cutoff, and realignment and signalization of the Route 101/Airport Road intersection. It is anticipated this project may have substantial environmental impacts. Therefore, Caltrans is proceeding with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) in compliance with State and Federal environmental regulations. During the joint project development and environmental process, a least environmentally damaging practicable alternative that meets the purpose and need for the project will be selected.

**NOTE:** A previous notice for this project was published in September 2001. Subsequently, roadway rehabilitation work and new alternatives have been added, necessitating re-opening this project for public review and comment.

If you would like additional project information or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please refer to the contact information below. Project information will also be available for review at the Caltrans District Office at 1656 Union Street, Eureka by appointment only. Please contact Kimberly Floyd, Project Manager, for an appointment at the number listed below.





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The public is invited to submit questions, comments, or suggestions for consideration during the project development and environmental process. **Written comments may be submitted prior to June 16, 2006** to Caltrans, Attn: Kimberly Floyd, Project Manager, P. O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700 or via email to: kim\_floyd@dot.ca.gov. The next public meeting regarding this project is scheduled in **February 2007** to coincide with public circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement.

**CONTACT:** For more information about this project, contact Kimberly Floyd, Project Manager, at Caltrans – (707) 441-5739, or for more information about the environmental study for this project, contact Rod Parsons, Environmental Branch Chief, at Caltrans – (707) 445-7815.

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