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ROUTE 199 PROJECTS UPDATE

HARDSCRABBLE CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that the Hardscrabble Creek (Viggo “Vic” Meedom Memorial) Bridge replacement project on Route 199 in Del Norte County is expected to be completed by fall 2008.

The bridge replacement is necessary because the existing bridge, built in 1929, is nearing the end of its service life. The new bridge will be wider with 8-foot shoulders that will better accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic and will provide service to the traveling public for many years to come.

This bridge is being constructed using an innovative technique called the “Jack and Slide” method. The new bridge is being built adjacent to and just upstream of the existing bridge on temporary abutments. With traffic rerouted over the new bridge, the old bridge will be removed and new abutments constructed on the existing alignment. The road will then be closed for one night while the new bridge is jacked up and slid into place on the new abutments.

The estimated cost of this project is \$3 million. The contractor is American Civil Constructors.

GASQUET ROUTE 199 UPGRADE

Eureka – Caltrans also announced today that a project to pave and restripe Route 199 from Gasquet Flat Road to Middle Fork Gasquet Road in Gasquet, Del Norte County, is suspended for the winter due to early rains and colder temperatures. Work will begin next spring and be completed by August 2008.





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Passing lanes will be removed within the project limits and a continuous left-turn lane and bike lanes will be added. Caltrans worked with the community of Gasquet on this project to provide safer access to local roads, businesses and private driveways adjacent to the highway.

The estimated cost of this project is \$380,000. The contractor is Granite Construction.

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