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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DETOUR AT HARDSCRABBLE CREEK BRIDGE ON ROUTE 199 IN DEL NORTE COUNTY TO BEGIN MONDAY, JULY 14

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that the project to replace the Hardscrabble Creek Bridge on Route 199 in Del Norte County is progressing on schedule. Traffic will be detoured onto the new bridge beginning Monday, July 14.

The new 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 detoured 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 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.

Also known as the Viggo “Vic” Meedom Memorial Bridge, the new Hardscrabble Creek Bridge is expected to be completed by fall 2008. The estimated cost of this project is \$3 million. The contractor is American Civil Constructors.

As with all highway work, Caltrans asks the public to use caution and obey all traffic signs and flagger instructions.

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