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SMITH RIVER SAFETY PROJECT UPDATE

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that the 24 hours per day, 7 days per week schedule will continue through Thursday, August 28, at midnight for the Smith River Safety Project. This project is located on Route 101 north of Smith River in Del Norte County. One-way traffic control will be in effect, and motorists should anticipate 20 minute delays. It is anticipated the project will return to a daytime work schedule beginning Tuesday, September 2.

The contractor encountered unexpected, unstable soil conditions and stabilization work continues. Recent rains have also affected progress.

Caltrans would like to thank the traveling public for their continued patience and ask motorists to slow for the cone zone.

This \$5.4 million safety project, which will provide wider shoulders and a continuous two-way left turn lane, is anticipated to be completed by fall 2009. The contractor is Tidewater Contractors, Incorporated of Brookings, Oregon.

For the most current road information on all State highways, please call 1-800-427-7623 (1-800-GAS-ROAD) or log on to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo>.

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