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### MAD RIVER BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Eureka** – Caltrans announced today that the project to replace the Mad River Bridges on Route 101 near McKinleyville is on schedule. Work on the new bridges is currently suspended for the winter but is anticipated to resume in April.

“I’m happy with the progress of the project,” said Tom Fitzgerald, Caltrans Senior Resident Engineer. “The contractor, Golden State Bridge, is doing an outstanding job. A majority of the foundation is done and the focus of this upcoming construction season will be completing the superstructure for the southbound bridge.”

The existing bridges, built in 1929 and 1958, are nearing the end of their useful life. This project will improve the junction of Route 101 and Route 200 (also known as North Bank Road). The northbound bridge will include a separate multipurpose path for nonmotorized traffic. The new bridges will also feature improved lighting and shoulders.

The Mad River Bridges Replacement Project is funded and the new bridges are expected to be fully open to traffic in fall of 2012. For more information on this project, please contact Richard Mullen, Project Manager, at 707-441-5877 or [Richard\\_Mullen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Richard_Mullen@dot.ca.gov).

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