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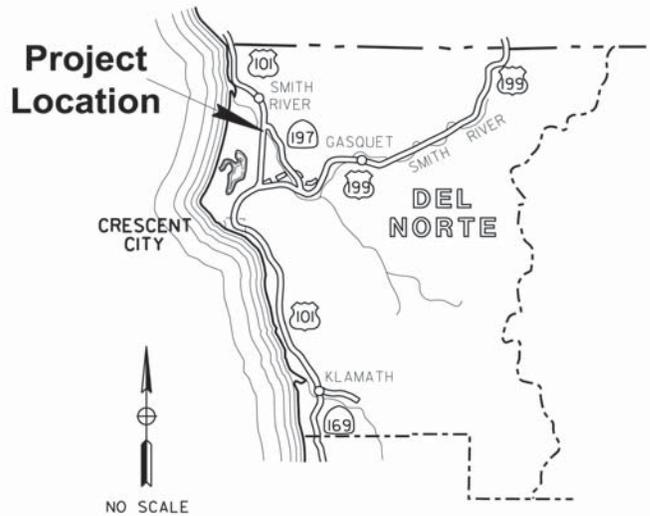
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Announcement of Public Scoping Meeting and Availability of Project Information for the Proposed Smith River Bridge Replacement Project on Route 101

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is formally initiating the project development and preparation of an Initial Study and Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the proposed Dr. Fine Bridge Replacement project on Route 101 in Del Norte County. This \$50 million project would replace the existing Route 101 Smith River Bridge with a three-lane structure (one lane in each direction and a third lane for southbound traffic merging from Route 197) from post miles 35.8 to 36.5 in northern Del Norte County near the community of Smith River. Environmental studies are ongoing. Alternatives are being developed to avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive resources.



WHERE YOU COME IN: Caltrans is hosting a public scoping meeting to allow and encourage interested

individuals and agencies the opportunity to review maps and other project information and comment on the scope and content of the technical studies to be developed during the preparation of the draft IS/EA. Caltrans staff will be available to receive comments or suggestions for consideration. Comment cards will be on hand to record any comments. There will be another opportunity to attend a public meeting during the draft environmental document circulation phase.

WHEN AND WHERE: The scoping meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Smith River Community Hall, 241 West First Street, Smith River, California. For those unable to attend the meeting, project information will be available at www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/dr_fine/ after the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to Caltrans, Attention Steven Grantham, Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, California 95502, prior to November 17, 2010.

CONTACT: For more information about the developing draft environmental documents or environmental process, please contact Steven Grantham, Environmental Coordinator, at (707) 445-7815. For more information on the proposed project, please contact Kevin Church, Project Manager, at (707) 445-6440. Media should contact Julie East, Public Information Officer, at (707) 441-3998.

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Public Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 2010
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Smith River Community Hall
241 West First Street, Smith River

A brief presentation will take place at
5:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period