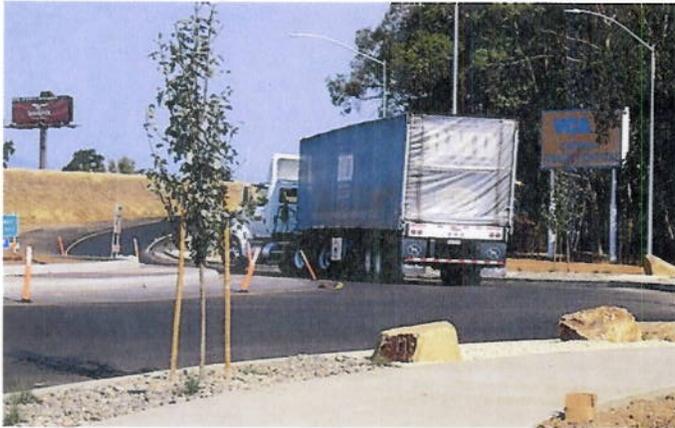


Anderson celebrates Deschutes Road roundabout opening today - October 16, 2013

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This photo from August shows a semi truck easily navigating the roundabout at Deschutes Road and Interstate 5. Large trucks, even those with double trailers, easily navigate the Anderson roundabout. Truck drivers are often more familiar with roundabouts since they see similar traffic control devices throughout the country. Local drivers may take more time to warm up to driving in a circle.

City, county and state officials will gather at the Deschutes Road roundabout at 2 p.m. Wednesday to ceremonially declare the \$5.2 million joint project complete and open for business.

The project includes a new off-ramp from northbound Interstate 5 – exit 667B – that connects with Deschutes Road and Locust Road.

Touted by civic leaders as a new gateway to the city, the circular interchange is the first of its kind on a state highway in District 2, according to the California Department of Transportation.

The traffic control device was designed to reduce travel time by providing direct northbound access to the west side of Anderson including the Shasta Outlets shopping center.

The roundabout will also improve commercial truck access to industrial lots east of I-5 and better accommodate anticipated development in Anderson for the next 20 years, City manager Jeff Kiser said.

Joining Kiser at the ribbon-cutting will be Anderson Mayor James Yarbrough, Caltrans District 2 Director John Bulinski and representatives from the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.