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## **Tree Removal Clears Way for Airport Boulevard Project**

**Santa Rosa –** On January 9, 2013, Caltrans will begin removing trees and shrubs in the area of the U.S. Route 101/Airport Boulevard Interchange in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. The removal will clear the way for the upcoming Airport Boulevard Reconstruction Project, set to begin this spring.

The tree and shrub removal will not require any lane closures. However, drivers are asked to exercise caution while driving through this area during the removal process.

The \$34.5 million Airport Boulevard Reconstruction Project will expand the existing interchange at Airport Boulevard into a full interchange, and will eliminate the partial interchange at Fulton Road.

Several of the tree trunks will be used to restore a portion of the Mark West Creek bank for wildlife habitat. Others will be donated to a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century saw mill in Sebastopol. Once the Airport Interchange Project is finished in the fall of 2014, the area will be re-landscaped under a separate contract.

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