



Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Director's Report – March 20, 2017

- **Emergency Opening of Orr Springs Road, County Road 223, at Milepost 39.20:** Orr Springs Road, County Road (CR) 223, at milepost (MP) 39.20, reopened on Friday, March 10, 2017, with the installation of a temporary Bailey Bridge. Presently, traffic on the bridge is limited to one lane, a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, and a 20-ton load limit.

MCDOT staff has received many appreciative messages from the community in response to the reopening. Those messages and the supportive comments from the Board of Supervisors will be included in the next edition of the Department newsletter (The Pothole News) which is distributed to all MCDOT staff.

MCDOT used a version of Caltrans Emergency Repair-Emergency Limited Bid procedure for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) eligible emergency projects to select a qualified contractor for this project. Green Right O'Way Constructors Inc., of Willits, California, was awarded the contract. Contract costs of \$75,000 +/- and materials and county forces costs of \$75,000 +/- resulted in a total application to the FHWA Emergency Repair Program of \$150,000.

- **Budget Preparation (Fiscal Year 2017/2018):** On April 3, 2017, MCDOT will transmit preliminary Road Fund budgets to the Chief Executive's Office for the upcoming fiscal year (FY) for the following Budget Units (BU): BU 3010 (General Maintenance), BU 3041 (Capital Improvements), BU 3030 (Storm Damage). Our Deputy Director of Business Services, Chamise Cubbison, and her budget team, consisting of; Colleen Nowlin, Patti Black, and Valerie Guerra, have all worked long, hard, hours to prepare figures for BUs 3050, 3060, 3080, 3090 (Airports), BU 4510 (Disposal Sites), and BU 4511 (Landfill Closures).

The budget climate for the upcoming FY is even "better" than that for the current FY 16/17. The Department is once again faced with tough decisions as to how we will effectively meet Road Fund shortages due to the loss of some sales tax revenues on gasoline. Those revenues could be restored depending on the news from the State this spring, but even if Senate Bill 1 and Assembly Bill 1, passes; the restoration/increase of revenue will likely be in future years.

- **January/February 2017 Storm Recovery Effort:** During January, MCDOT staff, along with, Sean Rose and Peter Crase, of the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) conducted field and desk reviews of 21 storm damage sites that will be requiring permanent repairs and are located within the non FHWA "off-system roads". Early indications are positive as to eligibility; however, further review by the Governor's staff needs to occur in order to determine final eligibility for the program(s). Field reviews of approximately five "A List" (emergency opening) storm damage sites are ongoing, and staff is preparing the necessary supporting documentation. The subject "A List" sites represent approximately \$100,000, in equipment and overtime expenses. It will cost approximately \$5 million to restore the most critical "B" (protective measures) and "C" (permanent repair) list sites this year and will be financed using normal material operating funds. Reimbursement of between 75% to 93.75% is expected.

Mendocino County's FHWA eligible "on system" roads have approximately seven storm-related damage sites, and the process of notification and application is ongoing. These seven sites (three from 2016) have an estimated repair cost of approximately \$2 million, which will also be financed using normal material operating funds. Reimbursement of 88.53% is expected.

- **County Storm Damage (BU3030) Project Activities Update:** Caltrans Environmental is now performing field reviews and will need to issue a National Environmental Policy Act clearance before work of any significance is done or the county risks losing reimbursement of 88.53% of federal funds.

All seven FHWA-ER **2016-17 sites** are listed below:

Main Street, Mendocino	CR 407E	MP 0.03
Branscomb Road	CR 429	MP 17.21, MP 21.50
Comptche Ukiah/Orr Springs Road	CR 223	MP 17.25, MP 39.20
Mountain View Road	CR 510	MP 22.02, MP 14.50

All twenty-one Cal EMA/FEMA **2017 sites** are listed below:

Peachland Road	CR 128	MP 0.35, MP 1.14
Ridgeway Highway	CR 249	MP 2.50
Eel River Road	CR 240B	MP 7.85, MP 8.10
Shimmins Ridge Road	CR 310B	MP 2.70
Albion Little River Road	CR 403	MP 0.35
Laytonville Dos Rios Road	CR 322	MP 3.34, MP 4.19
Low Gap Road	CR 212	MP 19.40
Primrose Drive	CR 604	MP 3.40
Mallard Street	CR 621	MP 0.10
Windy Hollow Road	CR 508	MP 2.70
Robinson Creek Road	CR 125	MP 1.52
Blue Lake Terrace	CR 671A	MP 0.50
Fish Rock Road	CR 122	MP 17.35
Spring Grove Drive	CR 401	MP 1.50
Blackhawk Drive	CR 371	MP 2.00
Nokomis Road	CR 117	MP 0.10
Old Toll Road	CR 108	MP 3.31
Pine Ridge Road	CR 220	MP 4.52

The estimate of total damage to the County Maintained Road System is approximately \$7 million. MCDOT staff has committed all available staff resources to the process, which includes preparation of Damage Assessment Reports, project worksheets, pictures, maps, and coordinates, for all the sites; to aid in the field review process and documentation of the damage. MCDOT office staff is working very hard to ensure that Mendocino County receives all the emergency funds that we qualify for.

- **Road Division Activities:** Due to the good weather MCDOT Road Division personnel are trying to get caught up on small slide cleanup and pothole patching. The spring storms brought heavy rains and more mudslides and slip outs countywide. This produced earth and vegetation debris which will have to be moved to permanent sites. Other temporary repairs will need to be made

permanent, so the impact of the storms will affect the Road Division workload for a long time to come. Pothole patching is very severe this year and time spent on normal spring activities like mowing and grading will be impacted negatively.

- **2017 Winter Storms - January 8, 2017, through the Present:** Mendocino County's storm damage sites are listed below:

Brooktrails Area:	Mallard Street, CR 621, MP 0.10	Closed
Laytonville Area:	Laytonville Dos Rios Road, CR 322, MP 3.66 Shimmins Ridge Road, CR 310B, MP 2.70	Closed Opened - one lane only
Coast Area:	Albion Little River Road, CR 403, MP 0.50 Windy Hollow Road, CR 508, MP 2.70 Mountain View Road, CR 510, MP 17.50 Spring Grove Road, CR 401, MP 1.5+/-	Opened - one lane only Opened - one lane only Opened - one lane only Opened- drain culvert
Boonville Area:	Peachland Road, CR 128, MP 0.95	Opened – limited to small vehicles
Ukiah Area:	Orr Springs Road, CR 223, MP 39.20	Opened - one lane only
Lake Pillsbury:	Eel River Road, CR 240B, MP 6.00+/-	Opened - one lane only local traffic only

ALL THROUGH ACCESS to Lake Pillsbury from Potter Valley is still CLOSED.

The Bailey Bridge on Orr Springs Road, CR 223, at MP 39.20, as viewed from below, March, 2017.

