



*Department of Transportation (MCDOT)*

**Director's Report – September 20, 2016**

- **2016 Construction Contract Repair of the Westerly Slope of the Closed Laytonville Landfill:** This repair is necessary following damage from a storm-related slide in December 2015. Pursuant to Board Resolution Number (No.) 16-099, (August 2, 2016) bids for MCDOT Contract No. 160047, for the above-referenced project, were opened as scheduled, on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Bouthillier's Construction, Inc. of Willits, California, was deemed the apparent "low bidder" for this project with a bid of \$251,480.00. The Engineer's Estimate for the contract was \$375,196.00.

Low Bid .....	\$ 251,480
Contingencies .....	\$ 25,148
Construction Contract Total .....	<u>\$276,628</u>
Anticipated Construction Engineering .....	<u>\$25,000</u>
Anticipated Project Cost Total .....	<u>\$301,628</u>

Working Days: 30

- **Caltrans Proposed Speed Zone Change to State Route Highway 101, Willits Grade:** The Director has reviewed an offer by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to the County of Mendocino to conduct a public hearing for a proposed speed zone change. The proposal is to modify existing zone(s) on State Route Highway (HWY) 101, north of the Reeves Canyon turnoff and south of the Ridgewood Ranch turnoff, near the Ridgewood Ranch (Willits) Grade between Mile Post (PM) 36.18 to PM 36.74 and PM 37.35 to PM 38.30. Each of these segments is currently posted as a 55 miles per hour (MPH) zone and would be increased to a 65 MPH zone.

Caltrans has conducted the engineering studies required by the California Vehicle Code and the proposed speed limit will be legally enforceable by the California Highway Patrol. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Mendocino County Director of Transportation, that a public meeting is not necessary. With the consent of the Board of Supervisors, as implied by no comments to this report, I will provide the necessary response to the Caltrans Traffic Safety Office by October 31, 2016.

- **Caltrans Proposed Speed Zone Change to State Route Highway 1, Inglenook Area (North of Fort Bragg):** The Director has reviewed an offer by Caltrans to the County of Mendocino to conduct a public hearing for a proposed speed zone change. The proposal is to modify existing speed zone(s) on HWY 1, with small adjustments to the start and stop points of existing speed zone postings. The most significant change is north of the Simpson Road turnoff and south of Sutiff Lane turnoff, near the Grange Hall/Cemetery between PM 67.20 to PM 67.80. This zone is now posted as a 45 MPH zone and would be increased to a 55 MPH zone. Caltrans has conducted the engineering studies required by the California Vehicle Code and the proposed speed limit will be legally enforceable by the California Highway Patrol. Therefore, it

is the opinion of the Mendocino County Director of Transportation, that a public meeting is not necessary. With the consent of the Board of Supervisors, as implied by no comments to this report, I will provide the necessary response to the Caltrans Traffic Safety Office by October 31, 2016.

- **Mendocino Council of Governments Willits Bypass Tour:** On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, Mendocino Council of Governments conducted their semi-annual transportation tour and mobile workshop featuring a preview of the Willits Bypass (scheduled to open on November 3, 2016). City of Willits projects were also presented.
- **Encroachment Permit Update - Willits Bypass - County Road Impacts:** MCDOT issued a permit (with notification to the Board in 2014) to the contractors building the HWY 101 Willits Bypass. The roads impacted were:

Center Valley Road County Road (CR) 303 - Complete.

Eastside Road CR 304 - Complete.

Valley Road CR 309 - Complete.

Hearst Willits Road CR 306 – *Delayed* - will be completed by Caltrans

Pursuant to the permit conditions, MCDOT staff met with Caltrans and determined the road segments that would be most impacted, MCDOT staff agreed to apply “complete corrective maintenance treatments” to the worst segments rather than a “light” seal to all roads. Therefore, the County and the traveling public in Willits will get their road system back to as-good-as or a little better than before.

Under an estimated \$315,000 contract with Mendocino Construction Service, Caltrans applied surface treatments to about 95 thousand square feet of road with dig outs and thick overlays after the construction truck hauling of soil to and from environmental mitigation sites in the Willits and Little Lake Valley areas was finished this summer. Those repairs are now completed.

Small sections near the Flatiron construction storage yard on Hearst-Willits Road are scheduled for repaving after all the heavy falsework beams are hauled off and other environmental mitigation activities are completed. Caltrans has additional work to complete on this small segment adjacent to the elevated viaduct and full restoration will be delayed and completed by Caltrans.