



Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Director's Report – September 12, 2017

- **Road Closure: West end of Philo Greenwood Road, County Road 132, in Elk, from September 18th until October 10th, 2017:** Mendocino County Department of Transportation will be replacing a wooden lagging in a retaining wall at milepost (MP) 0.96. This replacement will require that MCDOT close the road beginning September 18th until October 10th, 2017. No residential access for the residents of Elk will be cut off. However, through traffic will need to detour to Cameron Road to get around the construction. Signs are being placed to provide advance notice to local traffic of the impending detour around the MP 0.10 to MP 1.8 closure.
- **Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) August 21st Meeting:** On August 21, 2017, MCOG conducted their summer meeting. Among the items discussed and approved was added support for the following ongoing County projects:
 1. **NEW-Work Element Number 13 - Orchard Avenue Extension Feasibility Study Grant Match:** MCDOT was recently awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant to conduct the "Orchard Avenue Extension Feasibility Study". The project total is \$170,500 (\$150,944 grant funds plus \$19,556 of required Local Match) which MCOG agreed to fund with planning funds to provide the Local Transportation Funds (LTF).
 2. **Re-bid of the Branscomb Road Multi-use Bridge Project:** MCOG also agreed to allow MCDOT the use of \$200,000 in one-time Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds, that when combined with the \$100,000 already in the County budget for Fiscal Year 17/18 will allow for the rebid of the Branscomb Road Multi-use Bridge Project this fall. The County has already invested \$269,566 in this project in cash and staff time. This will supplement \$385,000 of expiring State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, the previously committed MCOG's LTF 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian funds (\$131,000).
 3. **North State Street Traffic Signal Maintenance Project:** MCOG also agreed to commit \$33,985 of MCOG's RSTP funds for the North State Street Traffic Signal Maintenance Project (MCDOT Contract No. 160103) which updated signal operations at KUKI Lane and Empire Street, which share joint ownership between the County and the City of Ukiah Department of Public Works. The full contract cost will be \$90,785.

North State Street – US Highway (Hwy) 101 Intersection/Interchange: MCOG also gave direction on the reinstatement of STIP funds to projects that were cut in 2016. The County's "cut project" the North State Street – US Highway (Hwy) 101 Intersection/Interchange. STIP funds were proposed for the Environmental and Preliminary Design (P&E) phase (\$132,000) and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase (contract document preparation cost of \$336,000). MCDOT hopes to use the above mentioned "Orchard Avenue Extension Feasibility Study" to set an overall traffic circulation context for the specific P&E and PS&E work for this project and the ongoing redevelopment at the Masonite site. Many future improvements are hoped for and happening in the area between Brush Street and Ackerman Creek that foresee an extension of Orchard Street, and effectively tie into North State Street and US Hwy 101. Also, long range planning needs to be explored northerly to Hensley Creek Road and Lake Mendocino Drive.