



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Transportation

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2019

**Department Contact:** Howard N. Dashiell

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 90 Min.

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Presentation Regarding Private Roads as Emergency Access and/or Evacuation Routes - Preliminary Feasibility/Funding/Practical Factors (Countywide)  
(Sponsor: Department of Transportation)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Accept presentation regarding Private Roads as Emergency Access and/or Evacuation Routes - Preliminary Feasibility/Funding/ Practical Factors (Countywide); and provide direction as appropriate.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) received updates at the BOS meeting of October 16, 2018, (item 5c and item 5d) from the Ad Hoc Committee for Second Access Roads and Brooktrails Emergency Access and/or Evacuation Routes.

**Summary of Request:**

Consider providing for basic “private (dirt) road” emergency access road maintenance efforts by agreement with willing owners over their resource type roads or private road association roads by establishment of new Mendocino County Policies or Codes that define the legal authority and responsibility to participate in “Private Roads as Emergency Access and/or Evacuation Routes.”

Specifically, as a beginning demonstration, based on past Board of Supervisors discussions, we will look at two case studies:

- 1) Case Study: Old FirCO logging haul road that connects with Poppy Drive between the Willits Airport and Sherwood Road in the Brooktrails Subdivision. This “case study” is known as Brooktrails & Region Emergency Travel Route 2A. There is information from past public road feasibility studies.
- 2) Case Study: use of a private subdivision road connecting Pearl Drive to Canyon Drive in the Mitchell Creek Subdivision. This “case study” is known as the Pearl/Canyon Alternative. There is information from past public road feasibility studies.

Explore formation of Community Services District(s) (CSDs) for Emergency Service Area Access and/or Evacuation Route Zones of Special Benefit Assessments based specific benefit to each parcel served by Emergency Access or Evacuation Roads and paid for from funds generated from additional property taxes within those zones.

Solicit proposals from consultants qualified to assist with CSD formation. Use results of MCOG grant efforts to define candidate Emergency Service Area Access and/or Evacuation Route Zones of Special Benefit Assessments. Seek initial formation funding from grants and or loans to be reimbursed when CSDs are successfully formed.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not accept the presentation; provide further direction to staff.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** [http://www.mendocinocog.org/reports\\_projects.shtml](http://www.mendocinocog.org/reports_projects.shtml)

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** N/A

**Current F/Y Cost:** N/A

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** N/A

**Annual Recurring Cost:** N/A

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**



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**Executed By:** Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

**Final Status:** **Approved**

**Date:** January 24, 2019