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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT NUMBER 260020 FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING BRIDGE AND/OR CONTRACT NUMBER 260021 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HILL ROAD BRIDGE OVER MILL CREEK, COUNTY ROAD 327B, MILEPOST 2.05, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,874,000 (COVELO AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (DOT) Contract Numbers (No.) 260020 and 260021 will provide for removal of the existing bridge and construction of the new bridge on Hill Road over Mill Creek, County Road, 327B, milepost 2.05. This project is for construction of a new, modern prefabricated steel truss bridge on cast in place concrete abutments and stream restoration. The project is anticipated to span two construction seasons, and a general contractor will be required to complete the project. Due to the collapse of the existing bridge on June 12, 2026, Hill Road will be closed at the creek crossing with detours available until the new bridge construction is completed.

Fortunately, a project for replacement of the bridge was already underway with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP). GHD, Inc (GHD) was initially hired by the County in 2011 to develop the plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) necessary to construct the replacement of this bridge. Since that time, GHD has been working with DOT, Caltrans, FHWA, and the environmental regulatory agencies to complete final design, environmental clearances, and permits.

Funds for the new bridge construction through HBP are programmed for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025/26. HBP will cover 88.53% of the project costs, with the local match funded through the Toll Credit Program.

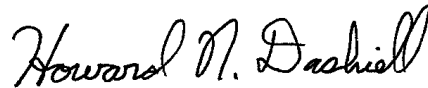
DOT has submitted a request for the construction funding allocation and permit applications, and the project is nearly ready to advertise. Federal rules prohibit advertising for bids until receipt of construction authorization. It would be expedient for DOT to be able to advertise for construction bids as soon as FHWA authorizes construction of the project.

I recommend and request that the Board authorize and direct the Director of Transportation, upon receipt of construction authorization from FHWA, to advertise for construction bids and award DOT Contract No. 260020 and/or 260021 to remove the existing bridge and construct a new bridge at Hill Road over Mill Creek.

DOT staff personnel have prepared a draft Resolution which provides said authorization for the Board's consideration and adoption.

I will, of course, respond to any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard N. Dashiell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HOWARD N. DASHIELL
Director of Transportation

cc: DOT Project 3041-B1004