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Caltrans Accelerates Repairs on State Route 299 in Trinity County
Due to SB 1 Funds

Pavement Project Will Improve Eight Lane Miles Providing a Safer & Smoother Commute for Motorists

Trinity County — Caltrans will repave eight lane miles of State Route 299 from east of Little French Creek to east of Manzanita Creek Bridge near the community of Big Bar in Trinity County, due to the funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“This section of SR-299 runs along Trinity River, the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, near several recreational spots and popular campgrounds, and it is the key connector between Redding and the Pacific Coast,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “This project is important to the many tourists, residents and commercial trucks that depend on a smooth commute to safely reach their destination.”

SR-299 serves as the main road for the communities of Burnt Ranch, Big Bar and Big Flat. More than 2,000 motorists per day use the rural, scenic highway. Many small businesses dedicated to water rafting, lodging and other tourism services rely on the good condition of SR-299 because it is the main access route to their business. Large commercial truckers use the highway to move goods from Central California and other states through the coast. Local families depend on the state route to transport their child to school and other basic services. The pavement project will provide motorists with optimal road conditions, and a safer and smoother commute.

“Without this SB1 funded project, the pavement would continue to erode and result in costly maintenance repairs,” said Caltrans District 2 Deputy District Director Don Anderson. “Having to constantly patch the road means impacts to traffic and delays. This project will repair the
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roadway, reduce delays, maintenance costs and enhance the ride quality, saving the public time and money.”

The $1.3 million pavement project has been awarded to Tullis, Inc. of Redding, California, who will focus on filling potholes, restoring the roadway and improving traffic safety. Work began the week of June 4 and crews are working Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. One-way traffic control and a single lane closure will continue to be in place throughout the duration of the project, with anticipated delays of approximately 15 minutes. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and Be Work Zone Alert.

Work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues. More information and updates on projects can be found at http://www.dot.ca.gov/d2/projects/, https://www.facebook.com/caltransdistrict2redding/ or on Twitter via @CaltransD2.

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately $1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/.

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