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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1090
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND EXECUTING CALTRANS
RELINQUISHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY FOR A SHORT SEGMENT
OF U.S. 101 AT POST MILE (PM) 47.522 TO PM 48.721 (WILLITS AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

The Willits Bypass Project will redirect northbound traffic on State Route 101 (SR-101) around the City of Willits where existing traffic is very congested during peak travel hours. By Caltrans performing this project, this leaves a segment (PM 47.522 to PM 48.721) of road that can be relinquished to the County. This relinquished segment of U.S. 101 will become a County Maintained extension of Main Street named North Main Street (future CR 300).

Previous Freeway Agreements have made it possible to regulate and limit the number of egress points. The Willits Bypass Project will reduce the number of local road access points and create a northerly interchange that employs a roundabout intersection with the existing State Highway.

During the processing of the project various consents may be necessary on the part of the County to keep the project moving. Thus, the Department of Transportation requests that the Director of County Transportation or his designated representatives be empowered to execute on behalf of the County those processing documents necessary to accomplish processing in an expeditious manner. Caltrans staff personnel have prepared and recommend approval of the proposed relinquishment.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

cc: CR 300 (Future) File
Board Corres. File