



# MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 5(r)

- Arrangements for public hearings and timed presentations must be made with the Clerk of the Board in advance of public/media noticing
- Agenda Summaries must be submitted no later than *noon* Monday, 15 days prior to the meeting date (along with electronic submittals)
- Send 1 complete original single-sided set and 1 photocopy set – Items must be signed-off by appropriate departments and/or Co. Co.  
*Note: If individual supporting document(s) exceed 25 pages each, or are not easily duplicated, please provide 7 hard-copy sets)*
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- Electronic Transmission Checklist: ☐ Agenda Summary ☐ Records ☐ Supp. Doc. ☐ If applicable, list other online information below
- Executed records will be returned to the department within one week. *Arrangements for expedited processing must be made in advance*

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: November 23, 2011

FROM: Department of Transportation MEETING DATE: December 13, 2011

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Howard N. Dashiell PHONE: 463-4363 Present ☐ On Call ☒

Consent Agenda ☒ Regular Agenda ☐ Noticed Public Hearing ☐ Time Allocated for Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**■ AGENDA TITLE: Approval of Request to have Caltrans Conduct a Speed Zone Study on State Route 1 Between Approximately Post Mile (PM) 59 to PM 59.5, and Approve Correspondence to State Organizations and Government Officials to that Effect (Fort Bragg Area)**

**■ PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** Fourth District Supervisor Smith Reported during the Board's Regular meeting of November 8, 2011 that the new roundabout at Simpson Lane, south of Fort Bragg, is believed to be a traffic calming feature making this a prudent time to measure speed conditions on State Highway 1, north to the intersection of State Highway 20.

**■ SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Provisions of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) establish legal speeds on California roads. In all cases, speeds on California roads are governed by the Basic Speed Law – "No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property" (CVC 22350). The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) states that speed limits should be established at or near the 85-percentile speed measured during a radar survey. The rationale for using the 85-percentile speed is that the majority of drivers comply with the basic speed law and disregard regulations which they consider unreasonable. Speed zones are intended for the top fringe of drivers who are inclined to be reckless, unreliable, or have faulty judgment and must be controlled by enforcement. Speed limits set at or rounded to the 85-percentile speed provide law enforcement officers with a means of controlling the drivers who will not conform to what the majority considers reasonable and prudent. The request will be made jointly by the City of Fort Bragg and the County of Mendocino.

**■ SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:** None.

**■ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE):** ☐

FISCAL IMPACT:			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
General Fund	Unknown - small	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**■ SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☒ 5 ☐ All ☐ **■ VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Majority ☒ 4/5ths ☐

**■ RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** By Minute Order, request Caltrans to conduct a Speed Zone Study on State Route 1 between approximately Post Mile (PM) 59 to PM 59.5 and the sending of a joint letter to Caltrans concerning the proposed request. Authorize and direct the Chair to sign appropriate correspondence.

**■ ALTERNATIVES:** An alternative (not recommended) would be to not approve the request.

**■ CEO REVIEW (NAME):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** 463-4441

**BOARD ACTION (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_):** ☐ Approved ☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDS EXECUTED:** ☐ Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_