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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1090
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RE: PRESENTATION AND PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF MITCHELL CREEK AREA
SECOND CONNECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT (FORT BRAGG AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

The County Department of Transportation (DOT), through Drake Haglan and Associates, Consulting Engineers, has recently completed a feasibility study for the Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection, south of Fort Bragg. The project will: (1) Provide a reliable, all-weather secondary traffic access road into the area served by Simpson Lane and Mitchell Creek Drive for public safety service and emergency response vehicles and provide an alternative evacuation route for disaster situations and (2) complete a needed segment of the regional road system as identified in the Mendocino County General Plan and the Mendocino County Regional Transportation Plan.

By Resolution No. 11-029 (1 March 2011), Board approved award of Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement No. 100021 to Drake Haglan and Associates of Sacramento, California for preparation of a feasibility study for the Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection project.

The primary objective for the feasibility study was to consider and analyze likely alternatives for a Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection. The completed feasibility study would then be used as reference information for a project initiation phase, once funding sources are identified. Due to the projected costs for the Second Connection, it's likely that the project will be constructed in phases, over a multi-year timeframe.

In performing the study, three community meetings were conducted by the Project Development Team. The first meeting (21 March 2011) was to introduce the project and gather comments from residents and other project stakeholders regarding potential routes for the Second Connection. The second meeting (16 June 2011) was to receive comments from the public on the alternative routes resulting from the initial meeting. The final public meeting (11 August 2011) was to present the results of the pre-final feasibility study report to local residents.

The project feasibility study report includes an overview of how the study was conducted, including analysis and refinement of the initially-identified alternative alignments for the proposed Second Connection, identification of potential additional alignments, factors considered by the Project Development Team in choosing the best alignments for detailed characterization and analysis and procedure for rating and ranking the aforementioned alternate alignments.

It is now appropriate for the Consultant to present an overview of the Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection feasibility study.

Based on the foregoing considerations, the Director of Transportation recommends and requests that the Board receive the feasibility study presentation for the Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection project and accept the feasibility study report by Minute Order.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

cc: Project Development Team, Mitchell Creek Area Second Connection
DOT Project C-1004
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