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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING ON 197/199 SAFE STAA ACCESS PROJECTS IN DEL NORTE COUNTY

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that a public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Crescent City. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information on four upcoming Caltrans projects in Del Norte County, two on Route 197 and two on Route 199. Together, these four projects will allow safe access to the North Coast from the east by larger, industry standard-sized trucks while minimizing environmental impacts.

The Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982 allows large trucks to operate certain routes. These trucks, referred to as STAA trucks, are currently prohibited on Route 197 and Route 199 in California, with some exceptions such as moving trucks, which are federally exempt. STAA trucks are the nationwide standard and carry larger loads than California legal trucks.

There will be informational displays on the 197/199 Safe STAA Access Projects and project staff present to answer questions. A presentation on the projects, including a question and answer period, will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Hampton Inn is located at 100 A Street in Crescent City. From Route 101, exit westbound onto Front Street and travel one half mile to the hotel. From Route 199, travel south on Route 101 for five miles to Crescent City and turn right onto Front Street. Go one half mile to the hotel.

For more information, please contact Kevin Church, Caltrans Project Manager, at (707) 445-6440.

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