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CALTRANS PRESENTS EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARDS TO LOCAL AND STATE GROUPS

Eureka – Caltrans presented plaques and certificates for two Excellence in Transportation Awards on Wednesday, September 24, during an onsite meeting at the Hammond Trail in McKinleyville. The Excellence in Transportation competition is conducted annually by Caltrans to recognize superior transportation design, construction, traffic operations, maintenance, planning, and improvements throughout California. Both of the awards presented reflect Caltrans' commitment to multiple modes of transportation, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

The first award was given for the “Hole in the Hammond” Multi-Use Trail Extension. Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), County of Humboldt Public Works Department, and the California Conservation Corps all received plaques for their outstanding contributions. Other partners honored with certificates included the State Coastal Conservancy and New Heart Community Church. The McKinleyville Community Services District, the California Resources Agency River Parkways Program, and local landowners who contributed right of way were unable to attend but also honored.

The second award was for the Pacific Coast Bike Route Modified Delineator Demonstration Project. This innovative project installed roadside signs designed for bicyclists along the Pacific Coast Bike Route in Mendocino. RCAA received a plaque for inspiring this project.

Caltrans District 1 Deputy Director for Program and Project Management Matthew Brady presented the awards. Noted guests at the event included State Assemblywoman Patty Berg, her local representative Connie Stewart, and Chief Deputy Director of the California Coastal Commission Susan Hansch.

Fourteen Excellence in Transportation Awards are given across the state. Caltrans District 1 (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake Counties) received four of those in 2008. The other two awards were for the Fernbridge Emergency Bridge Rail Replacement project (Route 211 in Humboldt County) under the Historic





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Preservation/Cultural Enhancement category and for Noyo River Bridge (Route 1 in Mendocino County) under the Seismic category.

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