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LAYTONVILLE CURVE IMPROVEMENT COMPLETION CELEBRATION

Eureka – A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Laytonville Curve Improvement project on Route 101 in Mendocino County was held on Friday, November 14, in Laytonville. About 50 people attended the ceremony, and others honked in appreciation as they drove by.

Caltrans worked closely with the Laytonville community to improve safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians by providing improved sight distance, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and high visibility crosswalks. The project also included decorative lighting, landscaping, and enhanced equestrian access with the installation of several hitching posts for residents who prefer to ride their horses to town.

Caltrans District Director Charlie Fielder spoke about how Route 101 is a lifeline to the North Coast, with a lot of traffic that flows from the Bay Area north through Eureka to Oregon. However, it is also the main street through Laytonville so Caltrans took the opportunity to look at a context sensitive solution to address the safety issues.

Caltrans Project Manager Steve Blair spoke about how Caltrans worked closely with the local advisory group. "They selected the final architectural elements included in this project: the crosswalk markings, the decorative street lights, the hitching posts, and also the trees and landscaping," said Blair.

Other speakers included Alison Pernell, Kimber Holmes, and Margaret Andrews from the Laytonville Area Municipal Advisory Council, and Mendocino County Supervisor John Pinches.

Alison Pernell cut the ribbon as it was being held by Charlie Fielder and John Pinches to officially dedicate this project, which is greatly appreciated by the community.

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