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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR SR 299 WEST CORRIDOR HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 will hold a public open house on Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Shasta County Library to discuss highway safety projects being constructed this summer on State Route 299 West (Redding to Eureka). Caltrans staff will be available to discuss the projects and their many benefits, the impact to travelers and the efforts being made to keep the community informed on the progress of construction. They will also share a variety of tools that can be used to help track the progress of the projects and show how travelers can obtain real time information on potential delays.

Due to these safety projects on SR 299 West in Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt counties, the traveling public may, at times, experience delays of up to 1 ½ hours. Motorists are encouraged to be prepared and plan their trips accordingly. Several projects are currently in construction, one near French Gulch and one at the Buckhorn Summit. Other projects will start and complete throughout the summer. A special traffic coordinator has been assigned to the project to mitigate delays, and a public outreach campaign has been implemented to inform drivers, truckers, local businesses and other organizations about the safety projects. There is also a dedicated internet page at caltrans2.info for up to date information as well as by phone at 530-225-3054 or Highway Advisory Radio (1610 AM).

Motorists are reminded to drive with caution in and near the construction area and to slow for the cone zone.

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