

# Memorandum

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Action Item

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Ref: **SUMMARY – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 101 IN MENDOCINO COUNTY – REALIGN HIGHWAY NEAR LEGGETT**

## **ISSUE:**

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) is being asked to review and comment at the December 2005 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 01-Men-101, PM 98.9/R100.8. Realign highway near Leggett. The proposed project would realign a portion of US 101 in Mendocino County to bypass a rockslide.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

This project is fully funded in the 2004 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for \$75,846,000, for construction in FY 2005-06.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

In addition to the No-Build Alternative, there are three build alternatives on slightly different alignments. All three of the build alternatives would realign the highway to the west and construct two bridges to span the South Fork of the Eel River.

## **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

- Community impacts
- Visual impacts
- Biological impacts
- Cultural resource impacts

An Environmental Impact Report was prepared due to the potentially unmitigable visual impacts associated with the placement of new bridges over a designated Wild and Scenic River.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Construction windows to avoid impacts to fish species.
- Remove the bypassed portion of existing U.S. 101.
- Retaining walls to avoid tree removal.
- Replacement planting.

Attachment

Figure 1.1 Project Location

