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Subject: California Department of Transportation Cancels Upcoming Project on State Route 121 Near Schellville, Sonoma County

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has cancelled the State Route 121 Safety Improvements Project located on State Route (SR) 121, 1.8 miles north of Tolay Creek and just south of Yellow Creek, near the community of Schellville, Sonoma County (Project). The Project was originally scheduled to begin construction in December 2020 and included the following work: widening the highway and shoulders to standard widths, installing rumble strips, adding a two-way left-turn lane, and realigning a curve to reduce the chance of head-on collisions.

Caltrans has revised the determination of the preferred build alternative from the Final Environmental Document to select the No-Build Alternative, canceling the Project due to significant delays during Project design, and the construction of interim safety-related projects that have resolved the safety deficiencies of the SR 121 corridor within the Project limits. These interim projects added rumble strips to the highway centerline and shoulders (2017), and a high-friction treatment to the highway surface (2018). Collision data (2017-2020) collected since the completion of the interim safety-related projects demonstrate that the safety deficiencies along this portion of the corridor have been addressed. Caltrans has determined the SR 121 Safety Improvements Project is no longer needed.

Therefore, because the Project purpose and need has already been met Caltrans has selected the No-Build Alternative and will no longer pursue construction of the Project.

Routine maintenance and monitoring at this and other locations on SR 121 will continue as planned.

Sincerely,

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