

HIGHWAY 197/199 SAFE STAA ACCESS

PROJECT UPDATE – JULY 2014

The Highway 197/199 Safe STAA Access project is the result of over 20 years of hard work and planning by the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, elected officials, and the Del Norte community. The project will remove 32-year-old restrictions on commercial truck traffic, improve public safety, and encourage economic development. It remains the top priority for the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, and would not have been possible without the widespread and unwavering support of the community.

Unfortunately, an injunction requested by the Friends of Del Norte has put the project on hold. Although not formally named in the lawsuit, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission has a vested interest in defending this project and has voted to retain counsel in the ongoing lawsuit. We feel it is our duty as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to make sure the community's voice is heard and the project is not unnecessarily delayed.



Oncoming Truck Traffic on US199



Existing Curves on the Middle Fork Smith River Bridge

There is a lot at stake for the community with the current injunction, which jeopardizes over \$34 million in past, present and future transportation funding for the Del Norte region. The Del Norte Local Transportation Commission has tied up 8 to 10 years of funding to see these improvements through to construction, all of which could be lost to the region if project deadlines are not met.

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