



US 101 CRESCENT CITY GATEWAY TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN AND PROJECT STUDY REPORT

PROJECT LOCATION

Crescent City, California

CLIENT

Del Norte Local Transportation Commission
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US Highway 101 is the primary highway serving California's North Coast. The segments entering the Crescent City area from the south and north current create barriers to pedestrian and bicycle travel, do not provide an attractive image to the community, and do little to encourage through travelers to stop to enjoy the region's many recreational and commercial opportunities. It has long been a goal of the region to develop better entrances to the Crescent City area and calm traffic on both entrance corridors.

In 2009, a team consisting of LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. and Design Workshop was retained to prepare a gateway/traffic calming plan. This planning process included the following:

- Extensive public outreach and involvement, including public open houses and an active Study Steering Committee comprised of representatives of local governments, special districts, Caltrans, and the Elk Valley Rancheria
- Extensive data collection, including traffic, pedestrian, bicycle and speed counts as well as accident record analysis
- Review of existing gateway and traffic calming programs in similar California settings and assessment of current plans and guidelines
- Development and evaluation of a wide range of alternatives
- Definition of a series of "regional," "welcome" and "traffic calming" gateways to provide a gradual transition from high speed rural driving to low speed urban driving
- Evaluation of project costs, regulatory issues, financial strategies, and implementation steps

The resulting plan was approved by the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission Board and was used as a basis for design and construction funding applications. In 2012, LSC teamed with Dokken Engineering to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR), in accordance with Caltrans requirements. The PSR was approved in January 2013.