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IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT NUMBER: 1-07-038

APPLICANT(S): California Department Of Transportation, Attn: Melinda Molnar

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Convert an existing segment of Highway 101 from a four-lane expressway to a four-lane freeway, from just north of the Van Duzen River Bridge (Post Mile 57.0) to just north of the intersection of Highway 101/Drake Hill Road (Post Mile 59.1). Construct an elevated interchange with ramps at existing at-grade intersection of Highway 101 and Route 36, close seven (7) at-grade intersections, construct frontage roads west of Highway 101, install median barriers, lighting, and new pavement overlay. Demolish (burn) an existing residence and numerous commercial structures, permanently remove 8 billboards (no replacements would be allowed by Caltrans), and after-the-fact application for the demolition of a vintage redwood barn near the southwestern quadrant of the proposed interchange and for removal of a gate, boulders and signage presently blocking a coastal access road to the Van Duzen River.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Intersection of State Routes 101 and 36, at Alton, south of Fortuna, unincorporated Humboldt County (APN(s) 201-211-04, 201-221-01, 201-221-10, 201-231-01, 201-232-01, 201-232-03, 201-232-05, 201-232-06, 201-232-07, 201-232-08, 201-232-13, 201-232-18, 201-233-01, 201-233-03, 201-233-04, 201-241-08, 201-241-09, 201-241-14, 201-241-15, 201-241-16, 201-261-03, 201-261-07, 201-261-08)

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:

DATE: Thursday, June 12, 2008
TIME: Meeting begins at 9:00 AM ITEM NO: Th 21c
PLACE: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA

HEARING PROCEDURES:

This item has been scheduled for a public hearing and vote. People wishing to testify on this matter may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date. The Coastal Commission is not equipped to receive comments on any official business by electronic mail. Any information relating to official business should be sent to the appropriate Commission office using U.S. Mail or courier service.

AVAILABILITY OF STAFF REPORT

A copy of the staff report on this matter is available on the Coastal Commission's website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html>. Alternatively, you may request a paper copy of the report from Melanie Faust, Senior Staff Analyst, at the North Coast District office.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS:

If you wish to submit written materials for review by the Commission, please observe the following suggestions:

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- We request that you submit your materials to the Commission staff no later than three working days before the hearing (staff will then distribute your materials to the Commission).
- Mark the agenda number of your item, the application number, your name and your position in favor or opposition to the project on the upper right hand corner of the first page of your submission. If you do not know the agenda number, contact the Commission staff person listed on page 2.
- If you wish, you may obtain a current list of Commissioners' names and addresses from any of the Commission's offices and mail the materials directly to the Commissioners. If you wish to submit materials directly to Commissioners, we request that you mail the materials so that the Commissioners receive the materials no later than Thursday of the week before the Commission meeting. Please mail the same materials to all Commissioners, alternates for Commissioners, and the four non-voting members on the Commission with a copy to the Commission staff person listed on page 2.
- You are requested to summarize the reasons for your position in no more than two or three pages, if possible. You may attach as many exhibits as you feel are necessary.

Please note: While you are not prohibited from doing so, you are discouraged from submitting written materials to the Commission on the day of the hearing, unless they are visual aids, as it is more difficult for the Commission to carefully consider late materials. The Commission requests that if you submit written copies of comments to the Commission on the day of the hearing, that you provide 20 copies.

ALLOTTED TIME FOR TESTIMONY:

Oral testimony may be limited to 5 minutes or less for each speaker depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES:

The above item may be moved to the Consent Calendar for this Area by the Executive Director when, prior to Commission consideration of the Consent Calendar, staff and the applicant are in agreement on the staff recommendation. If this item is moved to the Consent Calendar, the Commission will either approve it with the recommended actions in the staff report or remove the item from the Consent Calendar by a vote of three or more Commissioners. If the item is removed, the public hearing described above will still be held at the point in the meeting originally indicated on the agenda.

No one can predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items or how many will be postponed to a later date. The Commission begins each session at the time listed and considers each item in order, except in extraordinary circumstances. Staff at the appropriate Commission office can give you more information prior to the hearing date.

Questions regarding the report or the hearing should be directed to Melanie Faust, Senior Staff Analyst, at the North Coast District office.