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Dear CCOG Board Members:

I appreciate the opportunity to update you about transportation topics of mutual interest on issues related to the State Highway System in Calaveras County. Here is a summary of Caltrans District 10 actions underway or planned in Calaveras County:

Maintenance Updates

Highway Maintenance projects are delivered to help extend the life of existing infrastructure including pavement, bridges, and culverts. These projects include preventive and corrective maintenance strategies that exceed the scope of what our Field Maintenance crews typically manage.

- **SR 26/Glencoe Drainage #2 (EA 10-1Q660: Cal-26-21.5, 23.6)**

This maintenance culvert project (\$313,000) is a continuation of State Route (SR) 26/Glencoe Drainage #1 (EA 10-1L530). It is located near Glencoe from 0.1 mile east of Gill Haven Drive to 0.1 mile west of Sky High Drive at two (2) locations. The project achieved Ready to List (RTL) in January 2023 and was awarded in February 2023. Construction began in October 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in June 2025.

- **SR 12/Valley Springs Overlay (EA 10-1S650: Cal-12-2.5/9.9)**

This maintenance overlay project (\$1.3 million) is in and near Valley Springs from Southworth Road to the SR 26 Junction/Laurel Street. This project proposes to repair and overlay the existing pavement. The project achieved RTL in February 2025 and is scheduled to award in June 2025.

- **SR 4/Westley Drainage (EA 10-1N240: Cal-4-35.6, 37.5)**

This Minor B project (\$460,000) will rehabilitate by upsizing the culvert at Post Mile (PM) 45.63 from 12" to 24", removing and replacing the culvert at PM 37.47 and 37.51, and upsizing the two (2) culverts at PM 37.35 from 18" to 24". It should be noted that the system at PM 35.63 is on federal lands and a federal review may be needed at this

location. The project is anticipated to RTL by August 2025 and award in November 2025.

- **Emergency Fence Replacement and Security Enhancements (Project No. 1S520: MPA, CAL, AMA-140,49,88,124)**

This emergency project (\$2,001,000) is in Mariposa, Calaveras, and Amador counties, on SR 49, 88, 124, and 140. The project proposes to replace existing fences and gates with security steel fence and gates to enhance security. The project is being executed by Ranch Fence, Inc. Construction began in August 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in June 2025.

Field Maintenance has transitioned from winter operations to spring and summer maintenance activities. Maintenance is still prepared and ready to respond to any late season weather events at high elevations.

With pass opening operations completed, maintenance crews will be sweeping, cleaning drainage, filling potholes, repairing signs and delineation. Maintenance crews will be focusing heavily on mowing the next upcoming months before fire season.

District 10 spray crew is winding down spring spraying of pre-emergent along state highways, providing a fire strip barrier between the travel way and grasses/weeds. Alongside the spray crew, our vegetation management crew has been cutting brush and reducing ladder fuels on the state R/W.

District 10 continues to work on filling any vacancies to ensure we can support maintenance activities on state highways.

Our District 10 Division of Equipment continues to support our crews by repairing equipment and light duty fleet to ensure we can support the local communities during the spring and summer months. Maintenance crews will also be prepping equipment and supplies to be ready for Public Safety Power Shutoffs events or if called to assist with traffic control for fires.

Traffic Operations Updates

- **SR 26 Between PM 23.410/30.690**

A Traffic Safety investigation was initiated by the Cross Over Collision Monitoring Program. An investigation was conducted to evaluate the collisions identified by the monitoring report. Installation of chevron signs and advisory speed limit signs were recommended. It was also recommended to install high friction surface treatment throughout the location. A conceptual report is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of July 2025.

- **SR 49 PM 7.164/7.401 (Angels Camp)**

A Traffic Safety investigation was initiated through a Customer Service Request (CSR) concerning two (2) crosswalks near the Post Office where near misses at the crosswalks were reported. This investigation was completed in July 2024 and recommended enhancing the existing crosswalk at Church and Pine street with a ladder style high visibility thermos, enhance and modify existing pedestrian signage and remove/replace existing "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" with new "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" sign. Signs have been delivered and were installed in November 2024. Requests to traffic engineering were submitted in July 2024 for the high visibility ladder crosswalk and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of July 2025.

- **SR 49 PM R20.496 (SR 12 intersection in Calaveras County)**

This investigation was initiated at the request of former CCOG Director, Amber Collins, for a safety investigation due to recent collisions and a concern about vehicles abusing the privilege of a passing lane in that area with speeds of 70 miles per hour or faster. The request is for lower speed limit or a stoplight at the intersection of SR 12, SR 49, and Pool Station Road. The investigation was completed in February 2024 with a recommendation for a permanent intersection control enhancement. A conceptual report is underway. The investigation also placed interim recommendations for enlarging signs and adding markings. Target date for the sign and marking installation is June 2025.

Project Program Updates

- **Calaveras County Bridge Rehab (EA 10-0X740: Cal-12-17.30)**

The Calaveras County Bridge Rehab project proposes to replace the North Fork Calaveras River Bridge to current standards on a new alignment adjacent to the existing structure. The existing bridge has exceeded its design life and has other structural and geometric deficiencies in alignment, superelevation, and sight distance that warrant its replacement. This project is programmed in the 2022 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for a total project cost of \$23 million. The project is RTL and on the agenda to allocate construction funds at the June CTC meeting. Due to winter permit restrictions, Caltrans anticipates construction operations to begin in early summer 2026.

- **Valley Oaks Intersection Improvement (EA: 10-1J820, CAL-12-PM: 9.9/10.3)**

The intersection improvement project proposes to install traffic signals on SR 12 at the Valley Oaks Road intersection in Calaveras County in the town of Valley Springs. This project will include sidewalks connecting the SR 12/Valley Oaks Road intersection to the SR 12/26 intersection and driveway to the trailer park. The project is programmed in the 2020 SHOPP cycle as a carryover from 2028 SHOPP with a total project cost of \$9,525k. The project was awarded in March 2025. Construction is anticipated to start in early summer 2025.

- **SR 49/ Calaveras Mobility Improvement (EA 10-1H010: Cal-49-8.3/9.1)**

The Calaveras Mobility Improvement Project proposes to improve mobility on SR 49 between SR 4 and Francis Street in the City of Angels Camp by constructing a hybrid roundabout at the SR 4/49 intersection and a single lane roundabout at the SR 49/Francis Street intersection. The project is programmed in the 2022 SHOPP cycle with a total cost of \$20 million. The project is currently in the Design and Right of Way (R/W) phases, which is scheduled to be completed in October 2026 with construction operations likely beginning in spring 2027.

- **SR 49 Angels Camp Complete Streets (EA: 10-1H700, CAL-49-PM: 7.4/9.5)**

The SR 49 Angels Camp Complete Streets project proposes to construct and reconstruct sidewalks, driveways, and curb ramps. This project also includes traffic calming measures such as landscape buffers, planting, enhanced crosswalks, and 11-foot lanes. The project is programmed in the 2020 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$11,665k. The contract was awarded to George Reed for \$7,061,213. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2025.

- **SR 49 San Andreas Complete Streets (EA: 10-1G270, CAL-49-PM: 18.7/20.2)**

The SR 49 San Andreas Complete Streets project proposes to construct and reconstruct sidewalks, driveways, and curb ramps. This project also includes traffic calming measures such as raised median islands, landscape buffers, enhanced crosswalks, and 11-foot lanes. Planting and irrigation installations are also proposed pending approval of a Maintenance Agreement. The project is programmed in the 2020 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$17,974k. The project is currently in the Design and R/W phases, which is delayed due to the large number of parcels requiring appraisal and acquisition. R/W agents have started to contact property owners. The targeted Design and R/W phases are scheduled to be completed by November 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026.

- **SR 4 and SR 26 Bridge Rail Upgrades (EA: 10-0X751, CAL-VAR- PM-VAR)**

This project proposes to upgrade the bridge barrier rails for the South Fork Mokelumne River Bridge (Bridge #30-0022) at CAL-26-PM 30.00 and North Fork Mokelumne River Bridge (Bridge #30-0049) at CAL-26-PM 38.31 to standardize and seismically retrofit the South Fork Mokelumne River Bridge in Calaveras County. This project is programmed in the 2020 SHOPP with a total project cost of \$10,103k.

- **Bridge Replacement (EA: 10-1H500, CAL-4-PM: 15.90/16.30)**

This Bridge Replacement project proposes to remove and replace the existing West Branch Cherokee Creek Bridge (Bridge # 30-0036) located on SR 4 at PM 16.15 in Calaveras County with a new bridge. The project is programmed in the 2018 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$9,664k. The project is currently in the construction phase. Construction is currently on hold due to the Wagon Trail oversight project delays with a target date to resume in June 2025.

- **HWY 26/49 Intersection Control Improvement (EA: 10-1K820, CAL-26-PM: 18.10/18.10)**

The HWY 26/49 Intersection Control Improvement project proposes to construct a roundabout at the intersection of SR 26 and SR 49 in the town of Mokelumne Hill in Calaveras County to reduce the number and severity of broadside collisions at the intersection. The project is programmed in the 2022 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$18,952k. The project is currently in the Design and R/W phases, which is targeted to be completed in June 2025. The project requested a two (2) month time extension due to the uncertainty regarding the federal approval timeline associated with the R/W certification.

- **CAL 26 Slope Stabilization (EA: 0V480, CAL-026 PM 21.4-30.3)**

The proposed project will stabilize failing and eroded slopes at eight (8) locations on both sides of SR 26 in Calaveras County, between PM 21.4 and 30.3. Locations 1 (PM 21.75), 7 (PM 30.16), and 8 (PM 30.25) will use hydraulic and landscape treatments; and Locations 2 (PM 22.33), 3 (PM 22.50), 4 (PM 22.58), 5 (PM 22.70), and 6 (PM 22.75) will use special design retaining walls with barrier slabs and concrete barriers. The project is re-programmed in the 2022 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$7,742k. The contract was awarded to Viking construction company for \$7,197k in October 2024 and construction is anticipated to be completed by July 2025.

- **CAL SR 4 ADA Improvement (EA: 10-1Q380, CAL-4-PM: 29.22/29.38)**

The CAL SR 4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement project proposes to build approximately 1,050 feet of sidewalks, upgrade/install 10 ADA curb ramps, and upgrade/install crosswalks for pedestrians, school children and people with disabilities. The project is programmed in the Minor A 2025/2026 with a total project cost of \$3,288k. The project is currently in the Design and R/W phases, which is scheduled to be completed in December 2025. The Calaveras County will contribute to improve the pedestrian crosswalk in front of the school.

- **CAL 4 Culvert Replacement (EA: 10-1G620, Cal-4-PM: 32.42/37.35)**

The CAL 4 Culvert Replacement project proposes to replace culverts or install cured in place pipe liners in Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties on SR 4 & 49 at various locations. The project is programmed in the 2020 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$8,127k. The project is currently in the Design and R/W phases, which is targeted to be completed in June 2025. Caltrans anticipates construction operations to begin in late spring or early summer 2026.

- **CAL SR4 CAPM (EA: 10-1L410, Cal-4-PM: R0.0/R10.3)**

The CAL SR 4 Capital Preventive Maintenance project proposes to cold plane the existing lanes and shoulders to a maximum depth of 0.15' and overlay with 0.15' Rubberized Hot Mixed Asphalt (Type G) to preserve, repair, and extend the life of the

existing pavement, on SR 4 between PM R0.0 and PM R10.3 in Calaveras. The project is programmed in the 2022 SHOPP cycle with a total project cost of \$19,904K. The project is currently in the Design and R/W phases, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2026. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin spring 2027.

- **Wagon Trail Realignment Eastern Segment (EA: 10-1Q290, Cal-4-PM: 32.42/37.35)**

The Wagon Trail Realignment project proposes to realign SR 4 between Stallion Way and approximately 1.6 miles west of SR 4/49 Junction near Stockton Road in Calaveras County. This local oversight project has been allocated \$4,500k for the Plans, Specs, and Estimates phase and has \$7,500k programmed for the R/W phase. Design and R/W work has been paused as the western segment (Phase 1) is nearing completion in construction. Discussions are being held with Caltrans to evaluate whether the current and subsequent phases can be administered by Caltrans.

We appreciate your leadership in transportation for Calaveras County and your strong transportation partnership with Caltrans. If there are any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Caleb Brock, Acting Deputy District Director, Planning, Local Assistance, and Environmental Support, at (559) 981-7283 or by email at Caleb.Brock@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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