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BRIDGE 11C0057 OVER SALT CREEK ON COUNTY ROAD 306 CLOSURE, UPDATE #4

On January 23, 2023, Cal-Trans Structure Maintenance & Investigations met with Glenn County Public Works Agency staff to evaluate the bridge substructure (footings, abutments, subgrade, approaches, and scour). On January 31, 2023 Cal-Trans closed the critical finding issued for this bridge, confirming that the scour had not progressed significantly and that once the approaches have been repaired, the structure will be stable and can be reopened to traffic.

On February 1, 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency issued Amendment No. 6 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration. The amendment includes Glenn County among those areas determined to have been affected by the declared disaster and qualifies the county to leverage federal resources and funding.

Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) program provides funds for road and bridges that suffered serious damage from the declared disaster. Emergency Relief funding supplements resources from States, localities and other Federal agencies to help in the repair of facilities damaged by eligible events. Roads and bridges that are damaged as a direct result of a natural disaster are eligible for ER funds.

The Glenn County Public Works Agency is finalizing one of the most important phases of the project development process, Preliminary Environmental Study (PES), which is the full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable federal environmentally related laws. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE), Initial Site Assessment, and Cultural Resource Compliance have all been completed and reviewed by Caltrans. The Natural Environment Study (NES), has been submitted to Caltrans for review and approval. The required Location Hydraulic Study, Floodplain Evaluation Report, and Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report are all being finalized by consultants for Caltrans submittal.

Once Caltrans has reviewed and approved the PES phase, a Categorical Exclusion (CE), a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or a Record of Decision (ROD) in relation to the project will be issued.

This process is a critical pathway to receiving approval from the FHWA to proceed with the requested emergency repairs.

The bridge will remain CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC until the approaches can be repaired.

We understand the impacts of this closure to the residents in the community, however, the safety of our residents and motorists is priority.

For additional information, please go to our website https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/public-works/road-bridge-maintenance/news or call at 530-934-6530.