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Caltrans reaches milestone at Last Chance Grade

Normal traffic to flow freely after a near-decade absence

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The California Department of Transportation released an essential environmental document that could lead to the construction of the long-anticipated project to permanently repair Last Chance Grade, the stretch on U.S. Highway 101, south of Crescent City.

The Last Chance Grade Permanent Restoration Project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes the Draft Section Evaluation, an essential document to seek a permanent solution.

"The evaluation analyzes two proposed alternatives," said District 1 Cal Trans Director Matt Brady. "One involves a bypass inland with a tunnel: the other would re-engineer the existing alignment."

Public input is sought on the viability of both options.

The document is available for review at lastchancegrade.com and the Del Norte County Library on the Price Mall as well Caltrans Dist. 1 offices.

The public is also invited to attend a virtual meeting on Last Chance Grade, Monday, January 29, between 5:30-7 p.m. After logging on to lastchancegrade.com, those seeking to share comments will have until Tuesday, February 13, by 5 p.m., to do so.

Director Brady stated that if all goes according to plan, construction will begin in 2030.