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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Humboldt Area recently received a request to review and respond to the Arcata 101 Merge Improvement Project, (EA: 01-0E890). The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) proposes to improve merging movements by extending the entrance ramp from westbound State Route (SR) 299 onto northbound U.S. 101 to the Giuntoli Lane exit ramp, from post miles 88.3 to 88.6, within the City of Arcata, in Humboldt County. The CHP's primary concern pertains to potential traffic congestion caused by the likely closure of the entrance ramp from westbound SR 299 onto northbound U.S. 101 and the increase in traffic created along detour routes by this closure. A secondary concern is the inconvenience to motorists wanting to transition from northbound U.S. 101 onto Giuntoli Lane by the likely closure of this exit ramp to facilitate construction. The CHP Humboldt Area recommends the following considerations to address these concerns. The primary concern would be significantly mitigated through the simultaneous use of two plausible detours from westbound SR 299 to northbound U.S. 101, State Route (SR) 200 and Giuntoli Lane, as both are in close proximity to the project site and offer direct routes of travel. The primary and secondary concerns would be mitigated by conducting closures overnight or during off-commute hours, and outside of summer months, when the area experiences increased travel due to tourism.

If there are questions regarding the concerns of the CHP Humboldt Area, please contact Sergeant Caleb Carsey at (707) 822-5981.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. L. Barr".

S. L. BARR, Captain
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