

You are invited to attend the Holmes-Larabee and McCann Bridge Replacement Projects Public Outreach Meeting. Join us on February 6, 2019 from 6-7:30 PM at the Redcrest Community Center – 115 Sorenson Road, Redcrest, CA.



Holmes-Larabee Bridge



McCann Bridge

### What is the Purpose of this Project Update Meeting?

This meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the two bridge replacement projects, receive an update to the information presented at the outreach meeting in June 2018, ask questions, and provide input to the project team. Your feedback and questions provide valuable insight into important local issues that should be considered.

### Tonight's Agenda

**6:00-6:15pm | Welcome:** Sign-in, review displays, and enjoy refreshments

**6:15-6:45pm | Project Presentation:** Overview from the project team with a Questions & Answers session

**6:45-7:30pm | Continue Open House:** Opportunity to discuss specific project issues with team members

### About the Bridges

#### *Holmes-Larabee Bridge*

The Holmes-Larabee Bridge, built in 1937, is a low-water crossing located between Holmes and Larabee on the Eel River. Currently, the bridge is open formally only 5 months each year due to the Eel River water level rising and flooding the bridge. Because of this, residents have to travel an extra 45 minutes on a steep, narrow gravel logging road across private property and that is prone to landslides.

#### *McCann Bridge*

The McCann Bridge, built in 1965, is also a low-water crossing over the Eel River that gets inundated and is formally open 5 months a year. Residents must leave cars on both sides of the river and use a county-operated ferry boat to cross the river. In addition, several fatalities have occurred at this bridge over the years.

### What is Being Proposed?

The County of Humboldt is proposing to **improve public safety** and provide residents, emergency vehicles, and resource equipment with **year-round access** across the Eel River by replacing the Holmes-Larabee and McCann bridges. Because the Eel River frequently floods out the bridges, people need to have a safe, reliable way to access either side of the river.

The project is continuing the scoping phase. The project team has considered multiple bridge replacement alternatives such as whether to construct the new bridges on adjacent or existing alignments. The new bridges will be designed and constructed to all current bridge design codes and roadway standards.

### How Are the Projects Being Funded?

Both the Holmes-Larabee and McCann Bridge replacement projects are **100% federally funded** through the FHWA Highway Bridge Program utilizing the Toll Credit match, provided the projects meet FHWA and Caltrans criteria.

### What Are the Next Steps?

The design team will continue the Environmental Clearance and Preliminary Engineering process leading to the construction of the bridge replacements. This process is expected to take about 7 years. The following steps to move the project forward include:

- Completing Project Studies & Environmental Documents
- Generating Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
- Obtaining all required regulatory agency permits
- Advertising, awarding & constructing the projects

***Throughout these steps, there will be multiple opportunities for the public to review and comment on various aspects of the projects.***

For more information, please contact Tony Seghetti at Humboldt Public Works Engineering – (707) 445-7377 or [TSeghetti@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:TSeghetti@co.humboldt.ca.us)



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Dear Property Owner,

You are receiving this Notice and Invitation to a Public Outreach Meeting because you own property that is within a 3-mile-radius of one of the proposed bridge replacements.

The McCann low-water crossing/bridge is located on the Eel River near the community of McCann, about 8 miles southeast of Redcrest, CA. The bridge is a summer-only bridge that allows access between McCann Road and Dyerville Loop Road. It is located at GPS Coordinates: **40.326454°**, **-123.838764°**.

The Holmes-Larabee low-water crossing/bridge is located on the Eel River near the community of Holmes, about 1 mile northeast of Redcrest, CA. The bridge is a summer-only bridge that allows access between Larabee Valley and Holmes. It is located at GPS Coordinates: **40.416764°**, **-123.935209°**.

Humboldt County Public Works supports community participation and accepts comments for all their projects. These two bridge replacement projects that are being proposed will be very important projects to the surrounding communities, property owners, the traveling public and emergency services. If you cannot attend the Public Outreach Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> (6pm-7:30pm) at the Redcrest Community Center, you can also provide comments and gather more information at the following websites:

- <https://humboldt.gov/holmeslarabeebridge>
- <https://humboldt.gov/mccannbridge>
- <https://humboldt.gov/publicworks>

We look forward to working with you and other interested parties on these two bridge replacement projects.

Sincerely,



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Humboldt County Public Works

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