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## **Yolo Awarded \$1.485 million in Road Safety Funds**

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County was recently awarded \$1,485,000 by Caltrans to fund two projects that will enhance safety measures on County Road 140 (South River Road) between County Roads 141 and 142, and on County Road 23 between County Roads 86A and 86B. Under Caltrans' High Risk Rural Roads (HR3) competitive program these projects were awarded based on improving road safety, as well as timely deliverability. Yolo County's projects were among the 45 statewide that received awards out of 68 applications.

HR3 projects require a 10% match and the most awarded per project is \$900,000. The project on South River Road is estimated to cost \$1,100,000 and the grant awarded for this project is \$900,000. South River Road is a narrow levee road with curves and fast traffic. This safety project will widen the road, where possible, for approximately 2.5 miles, and will install centerline and bicycle-friendly shoulder "rumble strips" to help drivers keep within the traveled lane. The project will also install guardrail at selected locations. The design process will begin in late 2007 with construction scheduled for late 2008 or early 2009.

The project on County Road 23 is estimated to cost \$650,000 and the grant awarded is \$585,000. County Road 23 is also a narrow country road with fast traffic. This project will widen the road for one mile and also install bicycle-friendly shoulder "rumble strips." The design process and construction schedule is expected to mirror the South River Road project.

"Both these projects are on roads that provide connectivity within the county and which also showcase some of our beautiful rural areas," noted Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. "Scenic rural roads can be deceptively quiet yet are often times among the most dangerous. These projects will provide additional safety measures for our commuters and agricultural traffic as well as for visitors to Yolo County."

"Yolo County roadways, once used exclusively for farm equipment are now being used by a growing population with a variety of vehicle types," noted Yolo County Planning & Public Works Director, John Bencomo. "Our roadways are now populated by bicycle enthusiasts and naturalists seeking the country experience, as well as commuters and agricultural traffic. We are grateful for these funds to better ensure the safety on some of our rural roads."

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