

Mendocino Council of Governments
Tour of Round Valley/Covelo Area Projects
November 4, 2024
(Subject to Modifications/Additions)

Our tour of transportation projects will focus on projects in the Round Valley/Covelo area. MTA will once again provide a bus for Board members, staff and other participants. Local agency and Caltrans staff will be present during the tour to discuss projects implemented by their agencies. More detailed handouts on certain projects may also be provided. There will be an additional opportunity to discuss the projects and sites at the MCOG meeting following the tour.

Projects on SR 162 outside of the Covelo Area

Caltrans is implementing several projects on SR 162 between US 101 and Round Valley. These can be seen on the trip into or leaving the valley. Details on these projects are included on the separate information sheet and a map provided by Caltrans. The projects include:

1. Covelo Pavement Rehabilitation
2. Multiple Culvert Rehabilitation/Repair Projects
3. Eel River Bridge Replacement
4. Rodeo Creek Slide II Roadway Stabilization Project
5. Middle Mile Broadband Projects

Projects within Round Valley

Leaving the Library, we will walk to the first two projects on the tour. The bus will meet us at Biggar Lane, where we will then drive to see the end of the trail project and mitigation site. We will then proceed on the bus to the Hill Road Bridge project. On the way to/from the bridge project, we will have an opportunity to drive over the speed tables installed as part of the Clean California project and to drive along other County roads, including through the local school zone. After viewing the bridge project, we will return to the library to conclude the tour and depart.

6. Clean California Project. We will walk through downtown Covelo to view the site of the Caltrans implemented Clean California Covelo Downtown project. The recently completed project was funded by Governor Newsom's Clean California Initiative to clean up and prevent litter, beautify California communities and create jobs. Through online and in-person public meetings and community input, slowing traffic was determined to be a high priority, as was creating a sense of community downtown. Caltrans added speed tables (as a pilot project) and median islands near Howard to slow traffic. Decorative solar lights hold changeable banners and provide a decorative community feel downtown. Caltrans worked with the tribe to design decorative crosswalks and banners using the Yuki Basket design. Traffic has definitely slowed since the improvements were installed. Clean California program coordinator Julia Peterson will be on hand to provide information on the project.
7. Covelo SR 162 Multi-Purpose Trail Project. The Covelo SR 162 Multi-Purpose Trail Project consists of a 2-mile long, 10-foot-wide Class I multi-use trail with 2-foot shoulders adjacent and perpendicular to State Route 162. The project is broken up in two phases. Phase 1, from East Lane to Biggar Lane, is approximately 1.5 miles long in total, and includes a 0.5-mile-long east-west segment connecting SR 162 to Henderson Road. Phase 2 is approximately 0.5 miles long and includes a 240-foot-long pedestrian bridge spanning over Mill Creek.

This project was first identified in 2010 as part of community planning project initiated by the Round Valley Indian Health Center. In 2012, in partnership with Caltrans, MCOG completed a needs assessment and feasibility study, building on the efforts from 2010. The project currently under construction was identified as the top priority in both planning efforts, due in large part to the collision history along this stretch of road. Between 2009 and 2022, there were a total of 33 collisions, 9 of which involved bicyclists or pedestrians. Those 33 collisions resulted in 45 injuries, including 5 fatalities, 3 of which were bicyclists or pedestrians. Prevailing factors in many of these collisions included alcohol, high rates of speed, and a lack of lighting.

Following the completion of the feasibility study in 2014, MCOG successfully applied for approximately \$3.7M in funding for the project through Cycles 1 and 2 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). At that time, MCOG was the only willing agency that was eligible to apply for ATP funding. The environmental phase began in 2015 and concluded in December 2017, with the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The design and right-of-way phases for the project began in 2018 and concluded in early 2022. The project went out to bid for construction in late 2022, with groundbreaking occurring in May 2023.

During the environmental and design phases, work that was unforeseen in the original ATP applications took place, resulting in MCOG contributing \$415,000, in addition to the \$97,000 originally committed, of local funds to the project. As the design and right-of-way phases progressed, it became apparent that the project was underfunded, leading to Caltrans contributing \$4,328,000 in Complete Streets funds to the project, \$500,000 for right-of-way and the remainder for construction.

More information: <https://www.mendocinocog.org/covelo-sr-162-corridor-multi-purpose-trail>

8. Bridge Replacement on Hill Road. The proposed project will replace the existing structurally deficient single-lane bridge with a new two-lane bridge and widened roadway approaches. The new bridge will be approximately 147 feet long and 27 feet wide, which would be 27 feet longer and 9 feet wider than the existing bridge. The horizontal alignment of the new bridge would match that of the existing bridge. The new bridge will be similar in character to the existing bridge, namely a single-span, steel truss structure. In addition to the new bridge, approximately 200-foot section of the eastern roadway approach and 300 feet of the western approach prior to the bridge will be improved with two 10-foot-wide travel lanes and 2-foot-wide shoulders. County of Mendocino staff will be on the tour to discuss the project.

Project/Site Photos

Clean California Project:



Pre-construction



During construction

Covelo SR 162 Multi-Purpose Trail Project:

Pre-construction



During construction



Hill Road Bridge Project:



Existing one-lane bridge



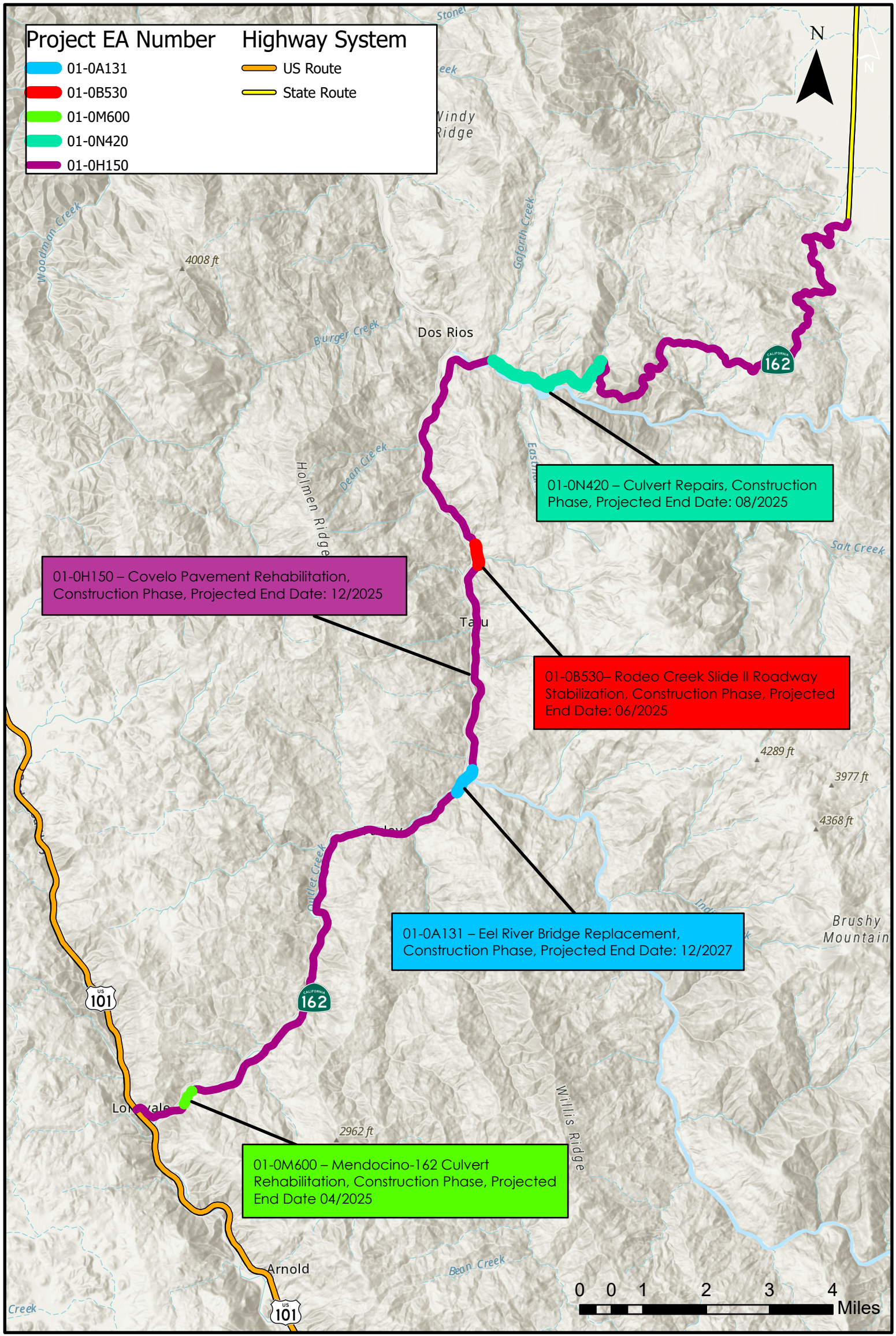
Example of new bridge

State Route 162 Caltrans Projects - PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

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Project Name	Covelo Pavement Project - 0H150	Eel River Bridge Middle Mile Broadband Project - 0M191		Eel River Bridge Replacement 0A131			
Work Description	Rehabilitate pavement, enhanced surface friction, guard rail, signage	Middle Mile Broadband		Bridge Replacement			
Project Description	Near Longvale, US 101 to 1.1-miles south of Poonkinney Road near Covelo	Near Laytonville from 0.3-mile west to 0.2-mile east of South Eel River Bridge (PM 8/8.4)		Near Longvale from 8.0-miles to 8.4-miles east of US 101 at the Eel River Bridge			
Project Total Cost	\$49,089,900	\$17,400,000		\$28,175,100			
Begin Construction	05/13/2024	09/01/2023		07/03/2023			
End Construction	12/01/2025	11/01/2026		12/01/2027			
Program	SHOPP - Pavement	Broadband		SHOPP			

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Project Name	SR 162 Culvert Rehabilitation - 0M600	Culvert Repairs - 0N420		Rodeo Creek Slide II - 0B530			
Work Description	Rehabilitate Culverts	Culvert Repairs		Stabilize Roadway			
Project Description	At various locations from 0.8-miles east of US 101 to 1.1-miles west of Corral Creek Bridge	Near Dos Rios from 0.4-miles east of the Middle Fork Eel River Bridge		Near Dos Rios from 1.4-miles east of Rodeo Creek Bridge (PM 11.5/11.8)			
Project Total Cost	\$824,700	\$1,960,000		\$31,911,100			
Begin Construction	07/08/2024	08/14/2023		11/30/2021			
End Construction	04/14/2025	08/13/2025		06/01/2025			
Program	Maintenance	SHOPP - Emergency		SHOPP			

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Project Name	Covelo Multiuse Trail - 0F970		
Work Description	ATP, culverts, drainage, bridge access, Class I bike, crosswalks		
Project Description	In Covelo from Howard Street to Hurt Road		
Project Total Cost	\$6,500,000		
Begin Construction	04/19/2023		
End Construction	01/01/2025		
Program	Active Transportation Program, SHOPP		



State Route 162 Construction Projects Fall 2024



MCOG Board Tour

