

### Current platform

#### **COMPLETION OF THE RICHARDSON GROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ALLOWING TRUCKS**

Caltrans is proposing to make minor adjustments to the roadway alignment through Richardson Grove along US Highway 101, which is a narrow two-lane road with large old-growth redwood trees close to the roadway. Industry standard-sized trucks conforming to the Surface Transportation Assistance Act are currently prohibited from traveling on US 101 north of Leggett due to the narrow alignment at Richardson Grove. This stretch of road is critical to the commerce of Humboldt and other surrounding counties. In order to strengthen our local economy and public health it is necessary that larger vehicles be allowed to travel this part of the highway.

The county supports legislation and efforts to complete the Richardson Grove Improvement Project. The county also supports efforts that would allow larger trucks into Humboldt County.

### Proposed new platform

#### **RICHARDSON GROVE HWY 101 PROJECT**

The proposed Hwy 101 project in Richardson Grove is very controversial and has been in the courts for years. This project will be decided by the courts. The community is divided as to its economic value and potential environmental impacts. Hwy 299 from the east and Hwy 101 coming into the county from the north are both STAA Truck accessible. These alternate routes provide ample access to and from the county for economic development. There are impacts from not having STAA access from the south just as there would be impacts from more STAA trucks coming through our county and along Broadway in Eureka. Increased STAA access would also reduce the demand for local trucking firms and local jobs.

The county is divided on whether to support this project or not so it takes no formal stand on the issue.