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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Clear Lake Area received a Notice of Completion and Environment Document Transmittal for State Clearinghouse (SCH#) 2025070290. The documents provided reference the Middletown Safety South Project, a proposed construction project by Caltrans on State Route 29 between Post Miles 5.0 and 5.9 in Lake County.

The CHP works closely with Caltrans on construction projects that affect traffic or an emergency response by public safety agencies through construction areas on state routes. Based on the documents submitted, Caltrans plans to notify all emergency response agencies of the project construction schedule and will allow access through the construction zone for emergency response during construction. Caltrans anticipates no potential impacts to transportation or traffic.

Traffic Impact:

State Route 29, north and south of Middletown in Lake County, is a major thoroughfare for commute traffic coming and going to Sonoma and Napa counties from several nearby communities including Hidden Valley Lake and Cobb. It is our recommendation that night construction be considered by Caltrans to lessen the impact of commuter traffic entering and existing the construction zone during morning and afternoon commute hours. The project could impact local CHP operations due to increased traffic congestion, which would necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential for increased traffic related incidents. It is difficult for CHP Clear Lake Area to estimate the impact that construction work will ultimately have on commute traffic entering and exiting the construction zone.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the California Highway Patrol Clear Lake Area office at (707) 281-5200.



Sincerely,

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