

197/199 SAFE STAA ACCESS

What You Need to Know

What are the issues?

The 197/199 Corridor is very important for the movement of goods as Del Norte County has neither a railway nor a deep-water shipping port. The Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission, the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors, and the business community firmly believe that economic viability is linked to STAA truck access on the 197/199 Corridor. This concern is supported by the fact that the trucking industry has adopted STAA trucks as the universal standard for shipping. Lack of efficient STAA access would exclude Del Norte County from this trend and would result in negative economic impacts.

How does Caltrans evaluate a route for STAA access?

The route is evaluated using an analysis tool that studies the actual path that a truck takes as it turns. If the path of the truck crosses onto the shoulder or into another lane, then it is "off-tracking." Off-tracking is a condition of turning where the rear tires follow a shorter path than the front tires.

How can off-tracking be improved?

- *Widen the roadway where possible while minimizing environmental impacts.*
- *Ease tight curves.*
- *Realign the roadway so trucks approach turns at an optimal angle.*



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