



## ***PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING*** ***US 101 / TRINIDAD AREA ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT***

**Tuesday February 20, 2024**  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**The Heights Casino – Bingo Hall**  
**27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad**

### **What is the Project?**

The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) proposes a range of improvements to US 101 and local roads to provide safe and sustainable access to Tribal lands and the surrounding communities along Scenic Drive.; The proposed project improvements include reconstruction of Scenic Drive to accommodate standard lane and shoulder widths and a pedestrian/bicycle path, improved connectivity to US 101 through reconstruction of the existing Trinidad-Main Street interchange or construction of a new interchange adjacent to the Rancheria, and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle path between Tribal lands on the east and west side of US 101. Currently the project is in the environmental review and preliminary engineering process. Three preliminary alternatives, including two Build Alternatives and a No Build Alternative, are under consideration.

### **What is Public Scoping?**

The Trinidad Rancheria, in collaboration with Caltrans, is engaging in a public scoping process to gather comments from the community, resource agencies, and stakeholders on the depth and breadth of issues that should be addressed in the environmental document. While prior public outreach efforts for the project have been informal and provided a valuable setting to engage with the Trinidad community, the public scoping process is a more formal process required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for a project.

### **What Can I Expect at the Meeting?**

The meeting will consist of a short presentation followed by a comment period. The presentation will provide an overview of the purpose and need for the project, preliminary alternatives, environmental process, and schedule. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity to submit public comments pertaining to the proposed project. Comments provided at the meeting will become part of the public record. There will also be the opportunity to submit written comments. **Please note that due to the structure of the meeting there will be no question and answer period.**

The meeting will be held in-person meeting and not hybrid. The Trinidad Rancheria has hired a professional videographer and will make the recording available for viewing following the meeting.