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**Mt. Murphy Road Bridge OPEN ~~CLOSED~~**  
**September 25, 2021 until Repaired**

**UPDATE:** October 8, 2021

The Department of Transportation has opened up Mt. Murphy Bridge to the public after a successful load test this morning. However, restrictions continue to exist due to weight limits. Two-axle vehicles which exceed 12 tons and three-axle vehicles which exceed 19 tons are prohibited from using the bridge.

The Department of Transportation and Supervisor Lori Parlin will still hold a virtual Town Hall Meeting related to the Mt. Murphy Bridge.

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 6 pm

Via: Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89807998339>

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Thank you for your understanding as we worked diligently to safely identify and resolve the damages to the bridge.

October 7, 2021

At this time, the Mt. Murphy Bridge is still closed to the public, which includes pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles.

Repairs: Crews finished repairs to the bridge. A load test is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, October 8, 2021, to determine if the bridge can be safely reopened. Our goal is to open the bridge on a conditional basis by Friday afternoon. However, the load test will be the determining factor.

Evacuation Plan: The El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services partnered with CodeRED emergency notification service to alert residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email, and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents. Please sign up for CodeRed here, <https://ready.edso.org/>, or call 530-621-5895. You can also obtain downloadable copies of the flyers attached to this post at the above-referenced web address.

Community Meeting: The Department of Transportation and Supervisor Lori Parlin will hold a virtual Town Hall Meeting to address public concerns related to the Mt. Murphy Bridge.

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Thank you for your understanding as we work to safely resolve the damages to the bridge as a result of an accident on 9/25/2021.

October 6, 2021

At this time, the Mt. Murphy Bridge is still closed to the public, which includes pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles.

**Repairs:** Crews are finishing maintenance to the bridge railing and structural members today. **A load test is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2021**, to determine if the bridge can be safely reopened. Our goal would be to open the bridge on a **conditional basis** by Friday afternoon. However, the load test will be the determining factor.

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October 5, 2021

**Repairs:** DOT Bridge Crew is still in the process of repairing the wood railing on Mt. Murphy Bridge.

**Evacuation Plan:** Emergency personnel and County staff have a scheduled meeting this week to draft an evacuation plan.

**Community Meeting:** A community meeting will be scheduled for late next week via zoom to share updates, review the evacuation plan, and address public concerns.

The Mt. Murphy Bridge is still closed to the public, which includes pedestrians, bicycles and motorized vehicles.

October 4, 2021

DOT's engineering staff continues to work with the consultant and contractor to determine necessary repairs for the Mt. Murphy Bridge. Similarly, DOT Bridge Crew is actively replacing the wood railing. Through the assessment process, DOT is now hopeful the timeframe to complete all necessary repairs will be less than originally anticipated.

Please remember, pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles are not authorized to be on Mt. Murphy Bridge. We are sorry for the inconvenience and hope to have a solution in the near future.

October 1, 2021

DOT's structural engineering consultant and contractor are actively analyzing the damage to the Mt. Murphy Bridge. Through the assessment process, potential repairs will be determined. DOT anticipates identifying one or more possible solutions within a week. We hope to have a fully developed evacuation plan within the same timeframe. DOT does not recommend any pedestrian or bicycle traffic on the bridge.

With the weekend on the horizon, DOT will continue updates on Monday, October 4th. We appreciate the local community's input and patience through this process.

September 30, 2021

DOT is continuously responding to calls and emails in regards to the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge closure. We have successfully identified a structural engineering consultant and contractor to evaluate the current condition of the bridge. Once the evaluation is completed, DOT will notify the public of the anticipated closure timeline.

As a reminder, on October 4th, at Noon, the Coloma Resort is coordinating a caravan with the El Dorado County Sheriff and DOT to escort RV's still needing to exit the resort. Please call the Coloma Resort if you would like to be a part of the caravan. Locals should be aware of the caravan as it will impact the local community until the remaining RV's are successfully escorted out.

Once again, the only routes in/out of the area are Bayne Road, which is paved, and Mt. Murphy Road, which is a dirt road. Due to the narrow one-lane road condition of Bayne Road, only local traffic is advised. Vehicles larger than 30 feet should not access these roads without a police escort.

For questions regarding this closure, please contact the County's Transportation main line at (530) 621-5900 or (530) 642-4909.

September 29, 2021

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** -- Mt. Murphy Bridge is still closed due to severe structural damage caused by an accident on September 25, 2021. DOT is working hard to coordinate restoration plans.

DOT met with the Coloma Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and other emergency personnel, to proactively plan for emergencies during the closure. Once the emergency ingress and egress plan is developed, a community zoom meeting will be held. We anticipate holding the meeting within the next two weeks.

As a reminder, the only routes in/out of the area are Bayne Road, which is paved, and Mt. Murphy Road, which is a dirt road.

**\*\*Due to the narrow one-lane road condition of Bayne Road, only local traffic is advised.**

**\*\*Vehicles larger than 30 feet should not access these roads without a police escort.**

**\*\*\*El Dorado Disposal has been notified of the bridge closure. Should local residents require additional services, such as propane, etc., please contact the company in advance and notify them of the bridge closure to ensure the most appropriate route is traveled.**

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September 28, 2021

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** -- Mt. Murphy Road Bridge is still closed due to severe structural damage caused by an accident on September 25, 2021. Transportation is working hard to coordinate restoration plans, but we are currently waiting on structural engineering availability to survey the bridge with specialized equipment that can detect damage not visible to the eye. We are hopeful they will be out this week.

Transportation is also meeting with the Coloma Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol, and the Sheriff's Office to proactively plan for emergencies during the closure. We will post an update as soon as there is more information to share on emergency access.

Currently, the only routes in/out of the area are Bayne Road, which is paved, and Mt. Murphy Road, which is a dirt road. Due to the narrow one-lane road condition of Bayne Road, only local traffic is advised. **Vehicles larger than 30 feet should not access these roads without a police escort.** The Coloma Resort is coordinating a caravan with the El Dorado County Sheriff and Transportation to escort RV's still needing to exit the resort on **October 4, 2021, at Noon.** Please call the Coloma Resort if you would like to be a part of the caravan.

We want the community to know that we are diligently working on this emergency. We recognize this closure causes residents safety concerns and challenges, and we are doing our best to resolve this issue as safely and as quickly as possible.

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September 27, 2021

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** -- El Dorado County's Department of Transportation has closed Mt. Murphy Road Bridge over the South Fork American River in Coloma due to severe structural damage caused by a reckless driver running into one of the main columns of the bridge at an excessive rate of speed, significantly deforming it and cracking a tension bar, on Saturday, September 25, 2021. The bridge will remain closed until it can be repaired due to safety concerns. The completion date is unknown at this time, but it is estimated that the closure will last several months. Transportation staff is currently working to gather all the information needed to put a restoration plan in place as soon as possible and working with all of the resources available to us. Fortunately, Transportation Maintenance bladed Mt. Murphy this summer, so it is in good condition and is currently the alternate route in and out of the Coloma Resort, as well as Bayne Road, which is paved.

The County sincerely appreciates the cooperation and patience of motorists that use this bridge and we apologize for any inconvenience as a result of this closure.

For questions regarding this closure, please contact the County's Transportation main line at (530) 621-5900 or (530) 642-4909.

September 25, 2021

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** -- El Dorado County's Department of Transportation has closed Mt. Murphy Road Bridge over the South Fork American River in Coloma due to damage to the bridge. Motorists are advised to use Mt. Murphy Road to Marshall Road in Garden Valley in order to exit the northeast side of the river. Vehicles over 30 feet are not advised on Mt. Murphy Road. Motorists should also allow extra time when traveling through the detour in order to arrive at their destinations on time. Due to the narrow one lane road condition of Bayne Road, only local traffic is advised.

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