

# **New Highway 4 to Open July 22, 2009**

*Community and Local Businesses encouraged to join the celebration*

Plans are underway to celebrate the newly constructed State Route between Angels Camp, CA and Murphys, CA. Several local and state entities, including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Teichert Construction, Inc., the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) and the City of Angels Camp are working closely together on a ribbon cutting ceremony for July 22, 2009.

The State Route 4 (SR-4) project is the first project in the State of California to be completed with funds provided by Proposition 1B. Upon completion, the new roadway will provide motorists with a streamlined route to the Sierra while creating a pedestrian friendly atmosphere in downtown Angels Camp.

“I wish to extend my thanks and congratulations to Caltrans, Teichert, the CCOG and the City of Angels Camp for the successful opening of the new section of SR-4,” said Jack Lynch, Mayor of the City of Angels Camp. “This is a great example of what can be accomplished when local and state government agencies work together for the betterment of the community.”

Prior to the ribbon cutting on July 22, 2009, the community will gather on July 21, 2009 to begin the celebration. With the support of several local businesses, the fun is slated to begin at 4:00 p.m. on July 21<sup>st</sup> and will include several activities for the public, including the opportunity to be the first to run, walk, skate or ride a bike across the new state route (SR-4). The day will include a kick-off run/walk sponsored by Golden State Cellular, Bear Valley, Greenhorn Creek, Mark Twain Hospital, Black Oak Casino and Calaveras Telephone.

The public is invited to join the activities on both days.

Activities for the 22<sup>nd</sup> include:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and official opening of SR-4 to general public

Activities for July 21, 2009 begin at 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.:

- Welcome address by city officials
- Run, bike, walk, skate or roll across the State Route (non-motorized vehicles only and no animals will be allowed)
- Local vendors on site with information and discounts
- Food, beverages and live music
- Commemorative aerial photograph

The city is also looking for volunteers to help with the community event on July 21, 2009. To get involved please contact the following:

- 1) Interested course volunteers for Walk/Run should contact Darrell Slocum, (209) 770-1557 or email at [darrells@goldenstatecellular.com](mailto:darrells@goldenstatecellular.com)
- 2) Non-profit organizations booth contact: Rosie Sundell at (209) 753-2301 x120 or email at [rosies@bearvalley.com](mailto:rosies@bearvalley.com)
- 3) Vendor Booths and Sponsorships contact: Ashley Hitchcock at (209) 753-2301 x121 or email at [ashleyh@bearvalley.com](mailto:ashleyh@bearvalley.com)

The newly constructed roadway is scheduled to be open to motor vehicles July 22, 2009 following the ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. For more information on the day's activities, visit

[www.angelscamp.gov](http://www.angelscamp.gov).