



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
By: DeDe Cordell, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

DATE: March 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Presentation from Caltrans regarding the "Raise80" project

Action Requested

Receive a presentation from Caltrans on the "Raise80" project affecting portions of Interstate 80 in Placer County.

Background

In order to improve access on I-80 through the Sierra for interstate commerce and national security, Caltrans is raising the vertical clearance of nine structures in Placer County that cross Interstate 80. The overcrossings include eight vehicle bridges and one railroad trestle from the Brace Road overcrossing in Loomis to the Magra Road overcrossing east of Colfax.

The vertical clearance of these structures is being raised to a height of 16-feet 6-inches to meet current standards. Six structures will be raised using a complex system of jacks and reconstruction, while the roadway under the remaining three structures will be dug down to create the required clearance.

Work began in September of 2014 and will go through the fall of 2015. Each of the six raised structures will require I-80 to be completely closed overnight for two nights, and the overcrossings will be closed for up to 22 days. Structures requiring the highway to be dug lower will require multiple long-term lane and ramp closures. Traffic detours will be in effect during the construction work in the communities of Loomis, Penryn, Newcastle, Weimar and Colfax.

For a list of overcrossings with detailed maps and schedules visit the Caltrans website www.Raise80.com.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact from this informational presentation.

