

**STAFF REPORT**  
**CONSENT ITEM**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**MARCH 9, 2010**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

**FROM:** BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/TOWN ENGINEER 

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 16, 2010

**SUBJECT:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)  
BRIDGE RAISING PROJECT – UPDATE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For informational purposes only. 

**ISSUE STATEMENT AND DISCUSSION:**

As you recall, Caltrans gave a presentation on the Interstate 80 Bridge Raising Project at the July 14, 2009 Town Council meeting. Since then, staff has attended two Caltrans meeting (12/15/09 & 1/14/10) to go over the project status. At the last meeting, the following tasks were discussed and the percent of completion given:

Environmental – 40% complete, tentatively scheduled to circulate the Neg. Dec. in July 2010.

Design – 40% complete, still looking at the cost differences of raising the bridge to lowering the road.

Structure Design – 60% complete, no widening of the bridge.

Traffic control plans – 40% complete.

Landscape design – 50% complete, staff mentioned to the group that the Town has wanted the on & off ramp loops at the Horseshoe Bar Interchange landscaped for years.

Staff discussed with the group the financial hardship the Town will go through when closing the bridge for two months. Staff also asked Caltrans to provide spreadsheets showing the difference in cost and scheduling between raising the bridge and lowering the road.

Caltrans plans to have workshops in Colfax, Newcastle and Loomis in March. The Loomis workshop is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the Depot (see attached public notice).

**CEQA REQUIREMENTS:**

The Environmental document is scheduled to circulate in July of 2010.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost at this time.



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## INTERSTATE 80 VERTICAL CLEARANCE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

### THE PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is developing a project to increase the vertical clearance of eight overcrossings (OC) and one railroad underpass (UP) on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Placer County. The overall goal of this project is to bring clearance up to the current standard of 16 feet 6 inches.

The nine selected structures are:

Bridge No. 19-0096	Brace Road OC	(PM 8.13)
Bridge No. 19-0097	Horseshoe Bar OC	(PM 8.72)
Bridge No. 19-0098	King Road OC	(PM 9.53)
Bridge No. 19-0099	Penryn Road OC	(PM 10.35)
Bridge No. 19-0101	Gilardi Road OC	(PM 12.30)
Bridge No. 19-0102	Newcastle Road OC	(PM 13.81)
Bridge No. 19-0103	Newcastle UP	(PM 13.99)
Bridge No. 19-0083	Weimar Cross Road OC	(PM 29.32)
Bridge No. 19-0092	Magra OC	(PM 37.78)

Insufficient mainline vertical clearance impedes commerce on I-80 in Placer County. The purpose of this project is to enable permit height loads to continue along the I-80 corridor.

In advance of this project Caltrans will be holding three open houses to present construction and traffic management plans and collect comments from the public

### WHEN AND WHERE

Three open houses will be held for this project:

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Colfax Train Depot Building  
99 Railroad Avenue, Colfax

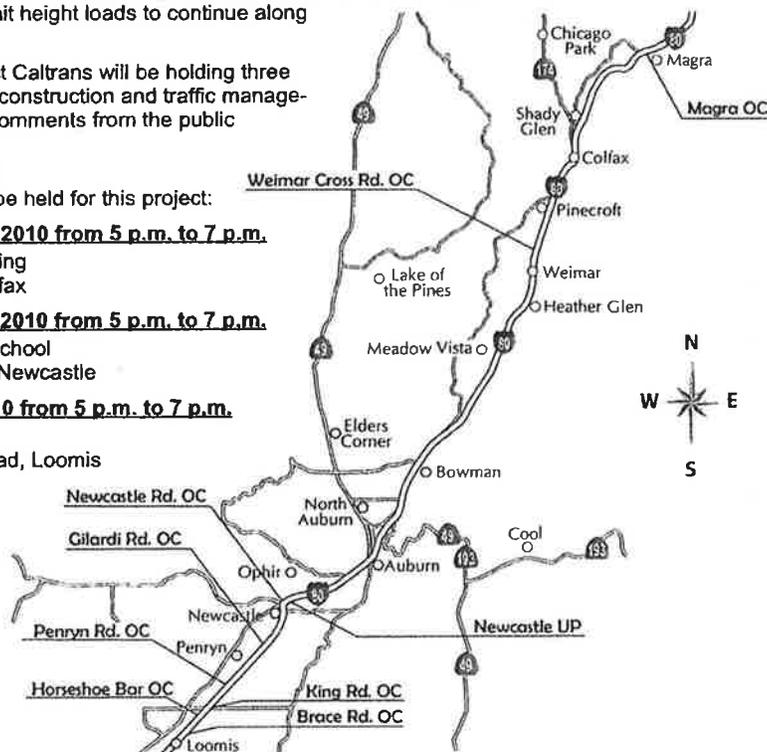
**Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Newcastle Elementary School  
8951 Valley View Drive, Newcastle

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Loomis Depot Building  
5775 Horseshoe Bar Road, Loomis

Caltrans staff will be available to answer questions and exchange information about the project. The public is invited to drop by anytime during the open house.



### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Services for individuals with disabilities can be provided such as sign language interpreting, real-time captioning, note-takers, reading or writing assistance.

To obtain such services, please call or write prior to the event. Please contact: Mark Dinger, Public Information Officer, Caltrans District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901, (530) 741-4572 (voice phone) or (530) 741-4509 (TTY).

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