

I-80 Auxiliary Lanes Project

May 2015 Focused Community Meetings Summary

Two Focused Community Meetings were held on May 4th and May 7th, 2015, in order to inform the public about the proposed I-80 Auxiliary Lane Project and provide opportunity to answer any questions. The meetings were held with the purpose of:

- Presenting Project Alternatives to the public
- Receiving feedback from public regarding the proposed project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed project improves two locations on I-80 within Placer County. Improvements at Location 1 are proposed on eastbound I-80 between State Route 65 and Rocklin Road and include the addition of an auxiliary lane (on-ramp to off-ramp). Improvements at Location 2 are proposed on westbound I-80 between Douglas Boulevard and Riverside Avenue and include the addition of either an auxiliary lane (Alternative 1) or an additional through lane (Alternative 2). The proposed project is needed due to continued growth in the region and throughout the State, which has increased traffic volumes along I-80. This increase in traffic causes congestion in the project area on a regular basis. The proposed project will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on I-80. Preliminary design and technical studies for the project have been completed. The project is now in the environmental documentation phase.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The focused community workshops were advertised to the public in a variety of mediums. Notices of the workshops were published in the Placer Herald, circulated in the City of Rocklin, on April 30th, 2015, and published in the Roseville Press Tribute on May 1st, 2015. Additionally, invitations for the workshops were mailed out to all property owners and tenants within 1,000 feet of the proposed project, which included both residents and businesses, and other organizations that may have interest in the I-80 Auxiliary Lanes Project. Further, the focused community workshops were posted on the PCTPA website, and invitations were emailed to all individuals on the interested parties' mailing list for the proposed project. Please find the public notices mailed to the public attached.

LOCATION 1 MEETING SUMMARY

The Location 1 meeting was held at the Rocklin City Council Chambers located at City of Rocklin City Hall, 3980 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677 on May 7th, 2015, between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Project Alternatives Exhibits for both Location 1 and Location 2 were available for review, along with exhibits displaying the Project Status. A powerpoint presentation was used to answer questions from the attendees regarding project information.

The following is a list of participants from the project team that were present for the Location 1 community workshop:

Project Team Representatives Present

<u>PCTPA</u>	<u>Dokken Engineering</u>
Ceila McAdam	Liz Diamond
Luke McNeel-Caird	Nathan Donnelly
	Namat Hosseinion
<u>Caltrans</u>	Zach Liptak
Rod Murphy	Amanda Lee
<u>City of Rocklin</u>	<u>Fehr and Peers</u>
Dave Palmer	Dave Stanek

Public Comments:

A number of public comments were received during the Location 1 focused community meeting. Example comment cards can be found attached. The comments received are summarized below:

Comment 1: *We want to promote construction of a soundwall along I-80 WB at Rocklin Cemetery.*

Response 1: Soundwalls along westbound I-80 at Location 1 are not a part of the proposed project. The potential for an increased volume of noise reflecting off of the eastbound soundwalls was studied and found that no additional soundwalls are needed along westbound I-80; however, as part of the separate I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project, additional soundwalls along the westbound location are currently being studied.

Comment 2: *The eastbound (I-80) wall needs to be extended. Sound does travel on that creekbed. I know westbound is stated to be extended yet no houses are that far west yet.*

Response 2: The project studied the existing and predicted noise volumes as a result of the I-80 Auxiliary Lanes project for homes along eastbound I-80. For homes east of the existing soundwall along China Garden Road, it was found that the existing topography adequately abates the sound for the homes at this location. The topography will continue to adequately abate the sound in 2040 at this location with the addition of the proposed auxiliary lane. Additionally, the existing soundwall along China Garden Road is proposed to be extended westward as anticipated noise volumes in 2040 as a result of the proposed auxiliary lane necessitate noise abatement.

LOCATION 2 MEETING SUMMARY

The Location 2 meeting was held at the George Cirby Elementary School Multipurpose Room located at George Cirby Elementary School, 814 Darling Way, Roseville, CA 95678 on May 4th, 2015, between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Project Alternatives Exhibits for both Location 1 and Location 2 were available for review, along with exhibits displaying the Project Status. A traffic simulation was shown on the projector which displayed a comparison of travel times between Alternative 2, the westbound through lane, and Alternative 3, the no-build, for the 2020 AM peak hour travel times on Westbound I-80. Additionally, a powerpoint presentation was used to answer questions from the attendees regarding project information.





The following is a list of participants from the project team that were present for the Location 2 community workshop:

Project Team Representatives Present

<u>PCTPA</u>	<u>Dokken Engineering</u>
Ceila McAdam	Liz Diamond
Luke McNeel-Caird	Rosa Griggs
	Namat Hosseinion
<u>Caltrans</u>	Zach Liptak
Rod Murphy	Amy Storck
<u>City of Roseville</u>	<u>Fehr and Peers</u>
Rhon Herndon	Dave Stanek

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Comment 1: *Alternative 2 - Best Alternative. Replace wall first! Before construction of freeway lanes.*

Response 1: We will take your comment into consideration during selection of the preferred alternative. A minimization measure will be included in the environmental document stating that the soundwalls should be reconstructed prior to construction of the interstate improvements.

Comment 2: *Sound wall should be built before the road. Retain as many trees as possible.*

Response 2: A minimization measure will be included in the environmental document stating that the soundwalls should be reconstructed prior to construction of the interstate improvements. The environmental document will also contain a measure to minimize the removal of trees and vegetation to the greatest extent feasible.

Comment 3: *Get to lose my trees, not happy, please build wall 1st. Maybe not lose my trees*

Response 3: A minimization measure will be included in the environmental document stating that the soundwalls should be removed and reconstructed prior to construction of the interstate improvements. The environmental document will also contain a measure to minimize the removal of trees and vegetation to the greatest extent feasible.

Comment 4: *Will existing wall extend down past Charter Hospital? It is no longer charter Hospital. Make sure wall is same height as existing wall*

Response 4: It is proposed that a new soundwall will extend over Cirby Creek and extend down to the Placer County Health and Human Services System of Care Cirby Hills Facility (the old Charter Hospital). This potential soundwall is proposed to be 2 feet taller than the existing 10 foot soundwall to adequately abate the predicted noise volumes in 2040.

Comment 5: *Alternative 2 - 5th Lane very close to wall*

Response 5: The two alternatives, the auxiliary lane (Alternative 1) and the 5th lane extension (Alternative 2), are both the same distance from the existing wall. Sections of the existing wall have to be removed and replaced in-kind to accommodate the new lanes. The existing shoulder widths will be maintained to adequately allow for use as an emergency stopping lane.



NEXT STEPS

The environmental document is currently being prepared and planned to be circulated for public comment in the fall of 2015. The document will take the comments received at the focused community meetings into consideration during evaluations of impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This environment document will also include a detailed analysis of potential impacts to various components of the environment, including air quality, biological resources, community impacts, cultural resources, noise including vibration, traffic, and water quality, as well as incorporate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures in to the project to reduce the potential for impacts associated with the project. Prior to the start of pubic circulation of the environmental document, further information regarding where the document will be available for review and comment will be provided to the public as well as all interested parties.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



PLACER COUNTY
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Monday, May 4

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

George Cirby Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room

814 Darling Way, Roseville, CA 95678

Drop By! Stop by anytime during the workshop to review the exhibits, provide input, or get your questions answered.

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The project proposes to improve:

- Location 1: EB I-80 between State Route 65 and Rocklin Road with the addition of an auxiliary lane (on-ramp to off-ramp)
- Location 2: WB I-80 between Douglas Boulevard and Riverside Avenue with the addition of either an auxiliary lane or an additional through lane.

The proposed project would reduce congestion and improve safety on Interstate 80.



For More Information:

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



PLACER COUNTY
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Thursday, May 7

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Rocklin City Hall
Council Chambers, Second Floor
3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677

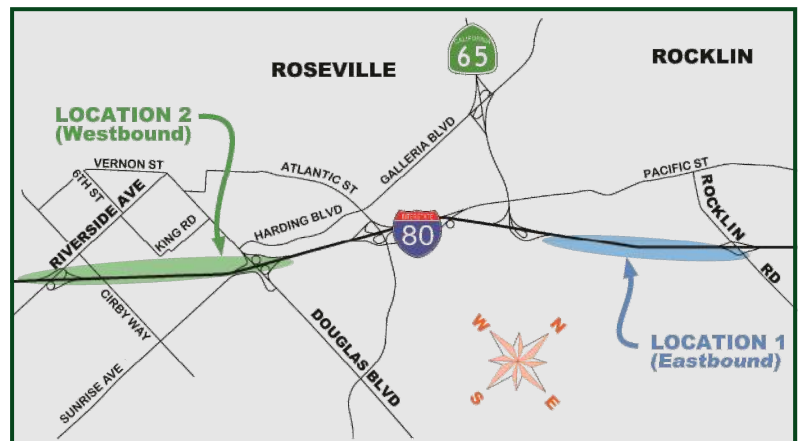
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Location 2: Douglas Boulevard to Riverside Avenue

Comment Card – May 4, 2015

Name: _____

Telephone (Optional): _____

Affiliation (Optional): _____

Alternative 1 (Auxiliary Lane) Comment: _____

Alternative 2 (Through Lane) Comment: _____

Other Comments: _____

Address (Optional): _____

Do you want to be added to the project contact list?

YES

NO



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Location 1: SR 65 to Rocklin Road

Comment Card – May 7, 2015

Name: _____

Telephone (Optional): _____

Affiliation (Optional): _____

Alternatives 1 and 2 (Auxiliary Lane) Comment: _____

Other Comments: _____

Address (Optional): _____

Do you want to be added to the project contact list?

YES

NO

