



SR 65 Widening Project

Community Open House Summary

July 24, 2012

Lincoln City Hall, First Floor Community Room, 600 6th Street, Lincoln

Introduction

The State Route 65 (SR 65) Widening Project proposes improvements on SR 65 from north of Galleria Boulevard/Stanford Ranch Road to Lincoln Boulevard. SR 65 is experiencing operational problems caused by traffic congestion, particularly during peak commute hours. The SR 65 Widening Project is an important link in Placer County that will relieve congestion, improve operations, and enhance safety to this segment of the freeway.

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) is taking the lead on this project to gain federal and state environmental approval, and also Caltrans approval of the project.



Open House

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) is holding a community open house to provide an overview of and solicit input about the State Route 65 (SR 65) Widening Project. The project proposes improvements on SR 65 from north of Galleria Boulevard/Stanford Ranch Road to Lincoln Boulevard. SR 65 is experiencing operational problems caused by traffic congestion, particularly during peak commute hours. The SR 65 Widening Project is an important link in Placer County that will relieve congestion, improve operations, and enhance safety to this segment of the freeway.

The project team will provide a presentation of the project concepts and provide information from PCTPA and the project team that you will be available to answer questions.

Thursday, July 24, 2014
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Lincoln City Hall
First Floor Community Room
600 6th Street, Lincoln

Sign up for project updates

For More Information
Visit PCTPA web site at <http://pctpa.net/projects/sr65widening/>
Email PCTPA at pctpa@pctpa.net
Call PCTPA at 530.223.4520

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Open House Purpose

This open house was the first of two meetings being planned by PCTPA to involve the public and obtain input during the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. The purpose of the open house was to introduce the project to the community, receive feedback, and answer questions.

Publicity & Noticing

Community meeting flyers were sent via e-mail to local jurisdictions (Cities of Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, and Placer County); interested agencies; organizations and businesses in

the region; and interested individuals. The notice was posted to PCTPA's website. Meeting information was also included in the PCTPA July e-newsletter.

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The Roseville Chamber of Commerce included the meeting information in their blog on July 16, 2014.



Press releases were sent via e-mail to the following publications:

- Auburn Journal
- Lincoln News Messenger
- Roseville Press Tribune
- Sacramento Business Journal
- Sun Senior News
- The Sacramento Bee
- The Sacramento Press
- Capital Public Radio
- KFBK 1530AM
- KMAX-TV Channel 31
- KOVR CBS Channel 13
- KXTL Fox 40 Channel 40
- KXTV ABC Channel 10 (News10)

Open House Format

Over thirty community members attended the open house meeting. Celia McAdam, PCTPA's Executive Director, began the presentation by providing a brief background of the project and the PCTPA's recently completed projects including the SR 65 Lincoln Bypass and the I-80 Bottleneck. Luke McNeel-Caird, PCTPA project manager, then provided an overview of current traffic congestion conditions along the corridor. Matt Brogan, with Mark Thomas & Company, outlined the project's goals and the preliminary concepts, highlighting benefits and considerations of each:

- General Purpose Lane Concept
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Carpool Lane Concept
- "Hybrid" Lane Concept



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The proposed concepts would reduce travel time between I-80 and Ferrari Ranch Road by 5 to 7 minutes in both the northbound and southbound directions.

Following the presentation, attendees were encouraged to ask questions and discuss concepts with the project team. Attendees were provided with an informational brochure and feedback form to provide input on the concepts presented. These forms could be turned in at the workshop, or returned via email, fax, or mail.

Community Input:

General Project Comments:

- Thank you for these informative presentations
- Supportive, forward thinking
- Whatever happens please keep the auxiliary lanes! They will help with congestion and keep everyone safer. I am concerned about how we are going to pay for this huge project. The costs should be borne by everyone, not just folks who happen to own property in the area. People in apartments will use this freeway and should pay their part directly if not via increased rent.
- You stated you have zero funds available at this time to fund the project. How are you getting paid to complete this multi-year study? You stated that the commute time averages 7.5 minutes in the improvement area. You propose to reduce by 5-7 minutes. It's not realistic to commute in .5 minute. Your facts come across as questionable.



Concept 1: General Purpose Lane Concept

- Least contested lane.
- All lanes should be general purpose lanes. Very few people use the HOV lanes.
- Best value for all residents
- Given the dynamics of Placer County residents I think this lane would be the most beneficial. Idealists may find HOVs appealing but the reality of the drivers along this corridor is one per car.
- Best option.

Concept 2: HOV/Carpool Lane Concept

- Probably need more data to make a more accurate assessment of these lanes.
- I doubt the value of this lane, since residents of Placer Co. are so car-oriented.
- Will remain mostly empty and cause additional frustrations.



Concept 3: "Hybrid" Lane Concept

- Yes, it seems to be controversial.
- This would relieve congestion merely because of the extra lane. However, I don't believe it will fully recover the time and expense of the project because of the smaller number of cars carrying two or more people versus all the other cars.
- Better than HOV, but general purpose still better.