



PCTPA I-80/SR-65

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Progress Report - Improving the I-80/SR-65 Interchange

Project Overview

The I-80/SR-65 interchange is an integral connection and well-used by many people travelling along the I-80 and SR-65 corridors. Congestion created by those using the interchange causes traffic to back-up at



points along these corridors. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), in collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the cities of Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville, and the County of Placer, are looking for ways to improve the situation. The objectives are to reduce congestion and improve operations and safety in the project area, while maintaining access to local streets and businesses within the corridors. The project will be designed and built over several phases and depending on funding availability may take 20 years or more to complete.

Caltrans completed a Project Study Report (PSR) in 2009 which identified a number of proposed revisions. In 2011, PCTPA contracted with the CH2M Hill team to complete the project's next phase; the Project Report Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED). The project team will analyze alternatives, recommend a solution, and secure environmental clearance. This phase is funded by \$3.9 million in construction savings from the I-80 Expansion (Bottleneck) project and is scheduled for completion by 2015.

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Fixing the Congestion while Serving the Community

Property owners and businesses within the vicinity and other stakeholders are also assisting in developing solutions for this area. An April 14, 2011 community workshop was held in Rocklin to introduce the PA&ED phase and to get public input on the existing traffic conditions as well as clarifying what the project goals should be. On August 23, 2011, two Stakeholder Focus Group meetings were held at Cattlemen's Restaurant and the Roseville Civic Center. While addressing the congestion, operation and safety of the I-80 and SR-65 corridors, community members have stressed the importance of maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the community access.

Alternative Concepts

The project team is examining more than 20 alternative concepts including three outlined in the 2009 PSR. Those concepts are being compared and refined based on the project's objectives along with other screening factors such as cost and construction phasing.

Some of the corridor issues being addressed include the 'I-80 congestion problem' in the segment between the Atlantic Street/Eureka Road and SR 65 interchanges where 'weaving' vehicles contribute to the less than desirable operating conditions. Weaving typically occurs between closely spaced interchanges where drivers cross paths, change lanes, and merge as they enter or exit a freeway. Not only does the weaving vehicle contribute to congestion, but in high traffic volume areas, it can become a safety and operational concern as well.

Another consideration is the I-80/Taylor Road Interchange. The I-80/Taylor Road Interchange is an important point of access and circulation to vicinity property owners, businesses and other community members. Because of its close proximity to Eureka Road and SR 65, there are some concerns about the existing traffic weaving patterns and the ability of the interchange to function effectively in its current location. Right now, concept alternatives are being considered that would maintain, modify, relocate or eliminate the Taylor Road Interchange. In addition to modifications to the freeway and the interchange, community access from surrounding areas and potential improvements at Eureka Road, Rocklin Road, and Galleria Boulevard interchanges are being considered with these options in order to improve the overall traffic circulation on the local roads and state highway system.

Immediate Next Steps

Project Partners



Developing traffic solutions requires an accurate assessment of the existing traffic and land use conditions. A dramatic change in existing traffic conditions has resulted from the I-80 Expansion (Bottleneck) project, which opened in early November 2011. Now that the project is completed, we can move forward with an assessment of these new traffic conditions to provide a more accurate and refined analysis to aid in the development of the alternative concepts.

PCTPA is looking for your input

Second Community Workshop - January 25, 2012

The concept alternatives and others, as they are developed, will be refined into a set of potential alternative concepts for public input. A second community workshop to present a progress report on development of the concepts and to get public input is planned for the PCTPA Board's regularly scheduled meeting:

9:00 a.m. -- Wednesday, January 25, 2012
Placer County Board of Supervisors Chambers
(The Domes)
175 Fulweiler Street - Auburn, CA 95603

Your workshop attendance and participation is encouraged. If you cannot attend, the concept alternatives along with a staff memo can be reviewed on the project web site - www.8065interchange.org.

(The nearest public transit stop to The Domes is less than a ½-mile from Auburn Station - near Nevada/Blocker streets. Call 745.7560 for South Placer transit information.)

For more information

For more information regarding this project, or to sign up to receive project updates, please visit the website at <http://8065interchange.org/>

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