

Project Description

The project proposes to improve traffic circulation during both peak and off-peak periods on Route 50 within the City of Placerville in El Dorado County. To achieve this goal the project includes the following features:

- Eastbound Route 50 auxiliary/acceleration lane from the Placerville Drive on-ramp to east of Bedford Avenue
- New Placerville Drive to Main Street connector
- Realigned eastbound Placerville Drive on-ramp
- Signal upgrades at intersections with Route 50
- Street widenings at the Route 50 intersections to increase vehicle storage
- Lengthening of left-turn lanes and median improvements to Route 50
- Removal of sewer lines from Hangtown Creek and other utility relocation work
- Replacement of two Route 50 bridge structures, widening of Hangtown Creek Bridges at Canal Street and Route 49 (Spring Street), replacement of bridge at Bedford Avenue, a new bridge on the new connector, and six new retaining walls
- Various "context sensitive" aesthetic features and transportation enhancement activity (TEA) grant improvements

Schedule

- February 8, 2006: sealed bids from prospective contractors will be opened and analyzed
- March, 2006: Construction contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bid contractor who can meet all necessary
- April 2006: Project construction to begin
- Fall 2009: Project construction complete

Traffic Impacts

Generally most work will be performed during daylight hours, to reduce night-time noise levels. Some night time work and closures are necessary to reduce severe traffic delays and to expedite the project.

Traffic Control

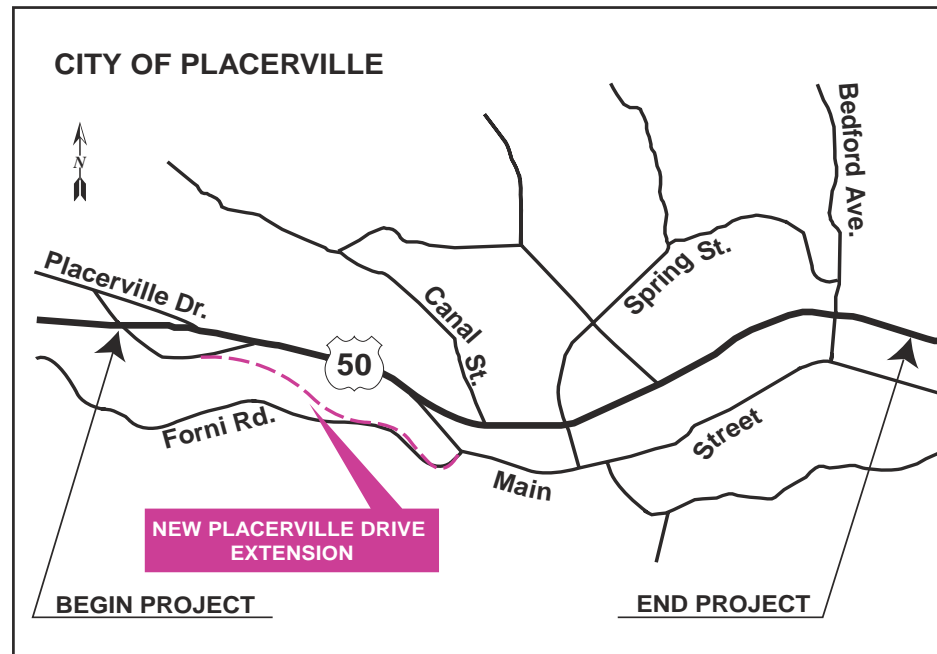
Traffic control will depend on the type of work and the project segment being constructed. Traffic volumes, pavement width, and lanes available determine the type, length, days and hours when traffic control can be implemented. Most work will be done behind temporary barriers to limit lane closures. Restrictions implemented include:

- Short term lane closures with most traffic interfering work performed

at night
• Closures restricted around holidays to minimize traffic impact.

Closures

When ramps and streets are closed for reconstruction advance warning and detour signage will be utilized to minimize confusion and impacts to motor



vehicle traffic, bicycle traffic, and pedestrians. Long-term closures include:

- Eastbound Placerville Drive on-ramp-45 days
- Westbound off-ramp to Placerville Drive-15 days, but new Placerville Drive Connector to be complete
- Northbound Bedford Avenue between Route 50 and Main Street
- Multiple single-night closure and detour of Route 50 between Spring and Broadway
- Closure of Canal, Spring, Center, and Bedford not allowed concurrently

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Special Events

Construction will be halted or limited to minimal activities during special and regional events such as the Apple Hill season, El Dorado County Fair, Hot August Nights and others identified.

Transportation Management Plan (TMP)

A TMP has been developed for the project to address project construction issues and implement strategies designed to maintain acceptable levels of traffic flow, public awareness, and congestion relief.

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