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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans “Raise 80” Project Plants Drought Resistant Landscaping

LOOMIS – Starting in November, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be contracting with landscape crews to begin the installation of native California plants on the embankments of the overcrossings raised for the Interstate 80 vertical clearance project – “Raise 80”.

Drought resistant shrubs and trees will be planted on the slopes surrounding the Brace, Horseshoe Bar, King, Penryn, and Gilardi Road bridge structures. The plantings will replace trees removed to facilitate the lifting of those bridges.



California Coffeeberry

Aside from water received during installation, these shrubs and trees will not require supplemental irrigation. Instead, plants will receive the necessary moisture via potable water held in gel form. Consisting of water and food-grade ingredients, the gel breaks down over time, releasing the moisture directly to the plant roots. This environmentally safe water delivery system is used in environmental restoration projects in order to provide supplemental moisture until winter rains come. Once the plantings go through their first winter, they should thrive without further irrigation.





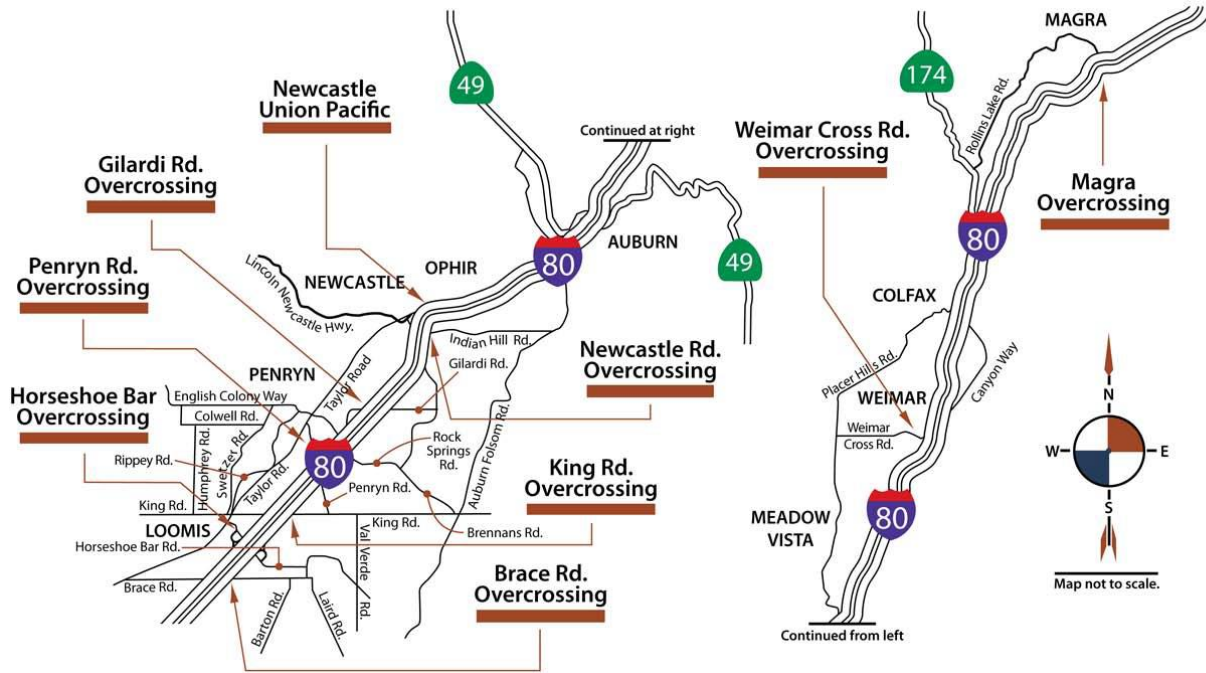
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The “Raise 80” project is a \$36 million project increasing the vertical clearance of nine structures crossing I-80 between Magra Road and Loomis in Placer County. When complete, all structures will meet today’s federal clearance standards for high-profile vehicles and national defense, eliminating the need for most high-profile vehicles to use local roads as detours.



Weather or other unexpected events may prolong the work or cause construction activities to be rescheduled. Motorists are urged to be “Be Work Zone Alert” and to “Slow for the Cone Zone.” Caltrans will issue updates on [Twitter @D3PIO](#) and on [Facebook at CaltransDistrict 3](#). For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans QuickMap at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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