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New Dates for Newcastle Road Overcrossing Construction Closures

NEWCASTLE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is alerting motorists and community residents that the dates of the previously scheduled overnight closures of Interstate 80 (I-80) in south Placer County for the vertical lifting of the Newcastle Road overcrossing bridge structure have been changed. Interstate 80 will be closed from **11 p.m. to 5 a.m.** on **Tuesday, Mar. 29** and again on **Wednesday, Mar. 30** between the Highway 193 interchange and Sierra College Boulevard. Motorists will utilize an eight-mile detour on Taylor Road through south Placer County.

Additionally, the previously stated dates for the closure of the Newcastle Road overcrossing have been reduced from 23 days to 18 days. The overcrossing closure will begin on **Sunday, March 27** and continue until **Wednesday, April 13**.

The Newcastle Road overcrossing is the last structure to be lifted as part of the “Raise80” project, which is increasing the vertical clearance of nine freeway overcrossings on I-80 in south Placer County. Contractors are currently working to prepare the overcrossing for raising the bridge structure. Work to lower I-80 under the Newcastle Union Pacific Railroad trestle to achieve the required vertical clearance is anticipated to begin in late April or early May.

The nine overpass structures being raised on I-80 are between Magra Road and Loomis in Placer County. Seven of the structures will have the bridge deck raised approximately two feet, and two of the structures will have the roadway lowered to achieve the necessary clearance. When complete, all structures will meet today’s 16 feet, 6 inches federal clearance standards for high-profile vehicles and national defense, eliminating the need for most high-profile vehicles to use local roads as detours.

Raise80.com is the central source for information about construction details, alternate routes, detours, maps and project updates. Motorists can also sign up for project alerts on the website as weather or other unexpected events may prolong the work or cause construction activities to be rescheduled.

Affected businesses are encouraged to visit the Open for Business page (raise80.com/open) to gain free publicity during construction by submitting an offer or discount. *Open for Business* offers are being promoted on Raise80.com and on Raise80 social media:

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