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Caltrans Project Wins ASCE Award

Vertical clearance project wins top honors from Sacramento civil engineers

MARYSVILLE – Caltrans is pleased to announce its bridge vertical clearance project, nicknamed “Raise 80”, was selected as the 2016 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) – Sacramento Section’s “Outstanding Roadway and Highway Project of the Year”. The award will be presented at the Sacramento Section’s Project Awards Banquet tonight at the Grand Sheraton Sacramento Hotel.



The \$36 million project increased the vertical clearance of nine older overcrossings in south Placer County to meet the new state and federal height requirement of 16 feet, 6 inches - improving the efficient flow of goods and commodities on Interstate 80 for today’s larger trucks. Seven of the overcrossings were raised between 16 and 21.5 inches, while the roadways underneath two overcrossings – one a Union Pacific railroad trestle – were excavated an average of 18 inches each to achieve the required clearance.

The ASCE - Sacramento Section selected the “Raise 80” project for honors in part because of the innovative construction process used to detach overcrossings weighing millions of pounds from their foundations, successfully lift them to the required height,



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and reattach them to the newly elevated roadways. Using this innovative method, instead of demolishing and constructing new overcrossings, allowed Caltrans to save over \$100 million in design and construction costs.

The award also focused on the extraordinary amount of coordination between Caltrans, state and local agencies, commuters, truckers, and community members to maintain public safety as well as address and minimize required road closures and multiple traffic concerns. The successful collaboration also resulted in community and architectural improvements. The highly visible project was successfully completed in November 2016.

A full list of award winners is available on the ASCE – Sacramento Section’s newsletter webpage at: http://asce-sacto.org/news.php#Project_Awards_Dinner. Information about the “Raise 80” project is available on the project’s website at www.raise80.com. For more information on Caltrans District 3, go to www.dot.ca.gov/dist3 or follow us on Twitter [@CaltransDist3](https://twitter.com/CaltransDist3) and on [Facebook at CaltransDistrict 3](https://www.facebook.com/CaltransDistrict3).

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