



State of California • Department of Transportation

PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN HOUSE FOR STATE ROUTE 49 WIDENING PROJECT

THE PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be holding an open house to present information for a project that proposes to widen State Route (SR) 49 to a four-lane highway from Nevada County post mile (PM) 11.1 to 13.3, with 10-foot shoulders to improve traffic operations and safety.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety, traffic operations, and pedestrian and bicyclist mobility through the project limits as well as upgrade shoulder widths to the current standard.

WHEN AND WHERE

The open house will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Hullender Room at the Grass Valley City Hall, 125 East Main Street in Grass Valley. Caltrans will be available to answer questions and exchange information about the project. The public is invited to drop by anytime during the open house.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

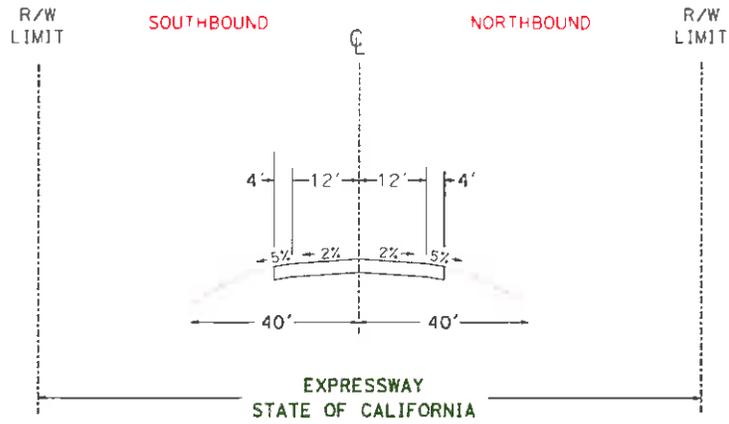
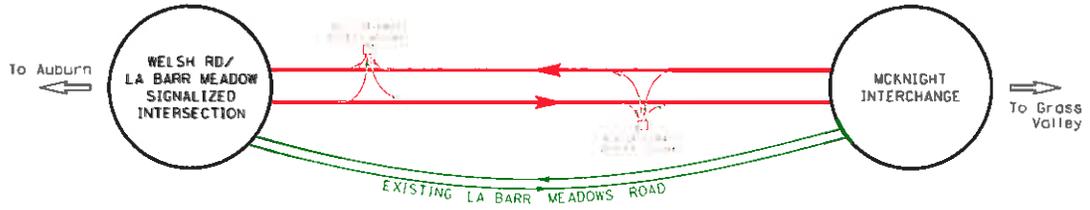
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NO BUILD



NO BUILD

LOOKING FROM AUBURN TO GRASS VALLEY



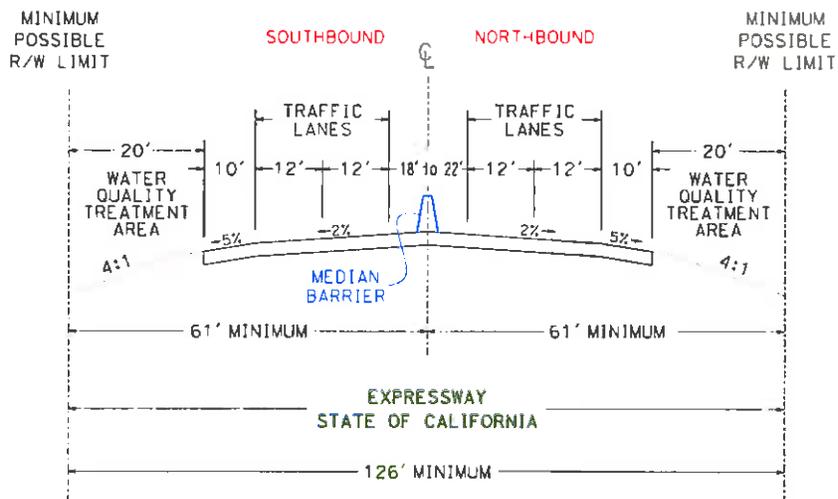
EXISTING HIGHWAY 49 SHOWN

WITHIN PROJECT LOCATION

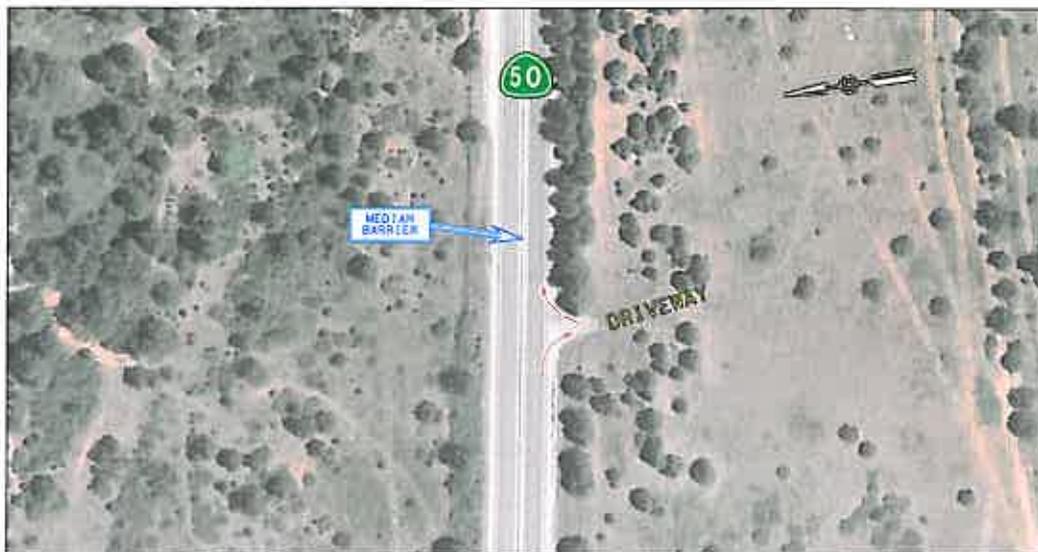
OPTION 1



**4 LANE FACILITY
RIGHT IN / RIGHT OUT
NO FRONTAGE ROADS**



CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY DESIGN
LOOKING FROM AUBURN TO GRASS VALLEY



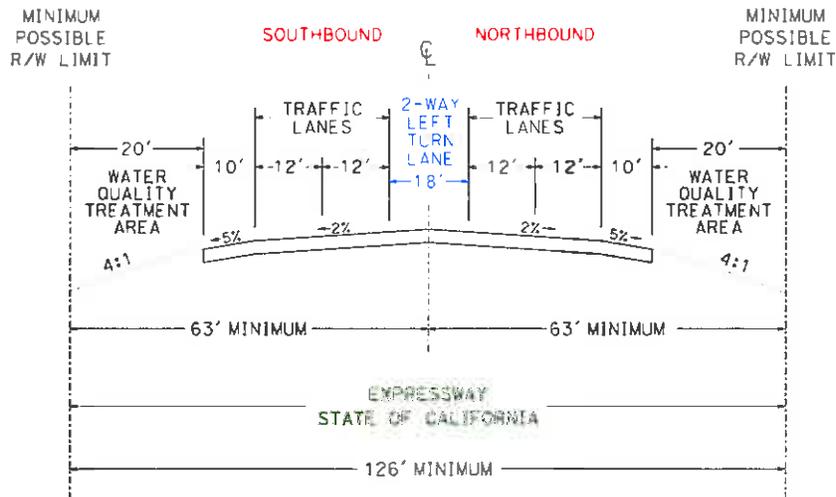
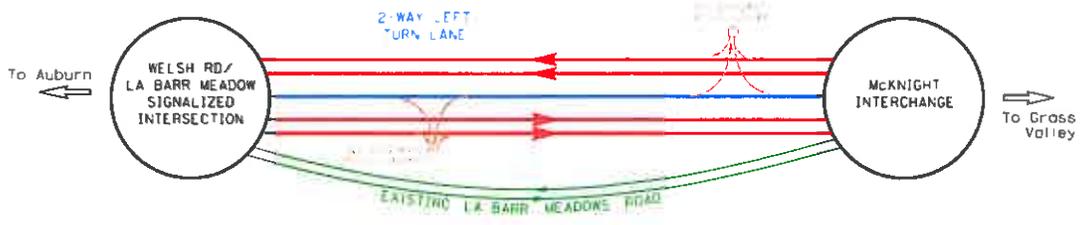
**EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING RIGHT IN / RIGHT OUT
WITH MEDIAN BARRIER**

ON HIGHWAY 50 IN EL DORADO COUNTY NEAR CAMINO

OPTION 2



**5 LANE HIGHWAY
CONTINUOUS 2-WAY LEFT TURN LANE
NO FRONTAGE ROADS
AND OFFSET "T" INTERSECTIONS**



CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY DESIGN
LOOKING FROM AUBURN TO GRASS VALLEY



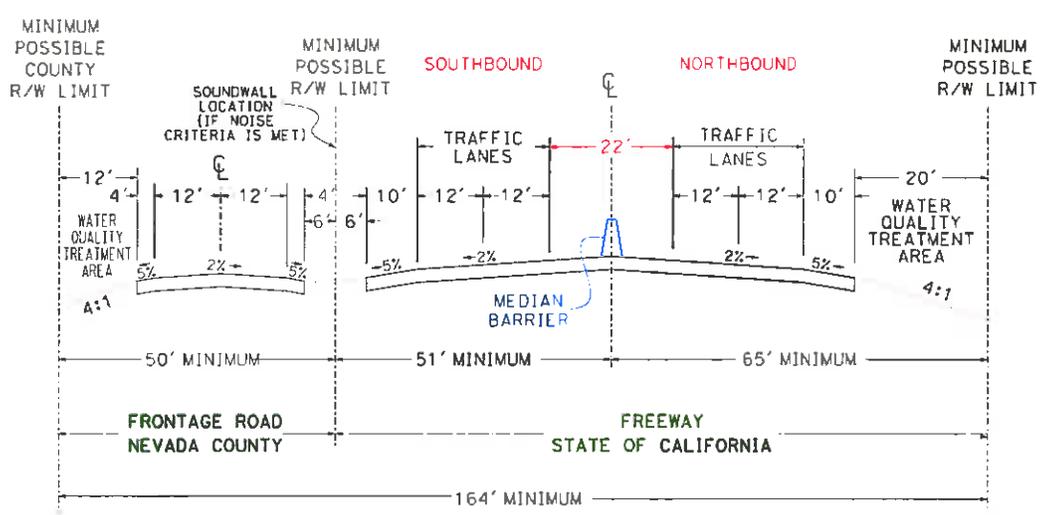
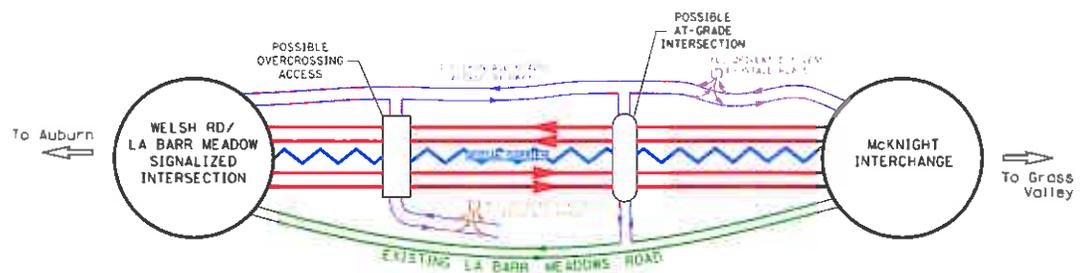
**EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING TWO-WAY TURN LANE
NO FRONTAGE ROADS**

15 MILES SOUTH OF PROJECT IN ELDERS CORNER,
ON HIGHWAY 49, NORTH OF JOEGER ROAD

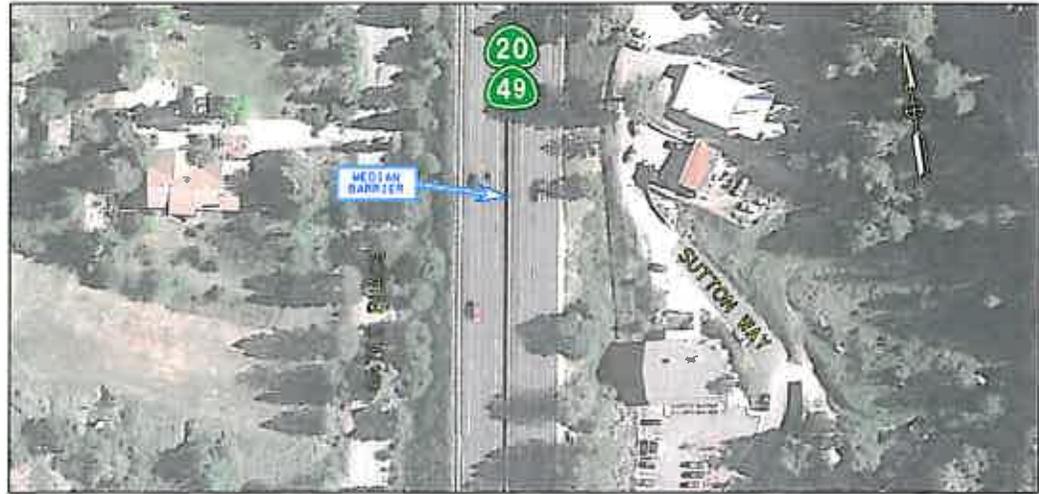
OPTION 3



MINIMUM 22' WIDE MEDIAN FREEWAY WITH MEDIAN BARRIER AND WITH FRONTAGE ROADS



REDUCED FREEWAY DESIGN
LOOKING FROM AUBURN TO GRASS VALLEY

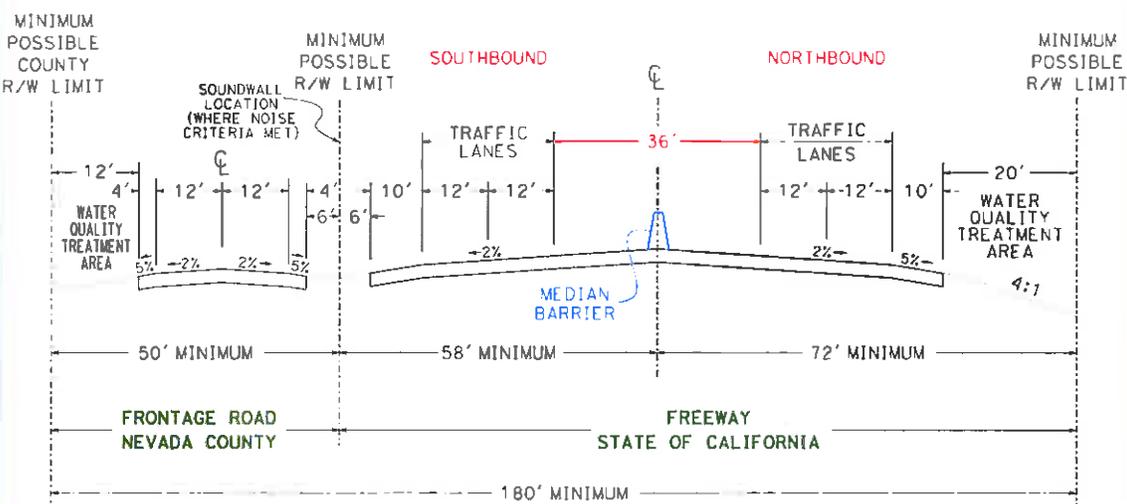
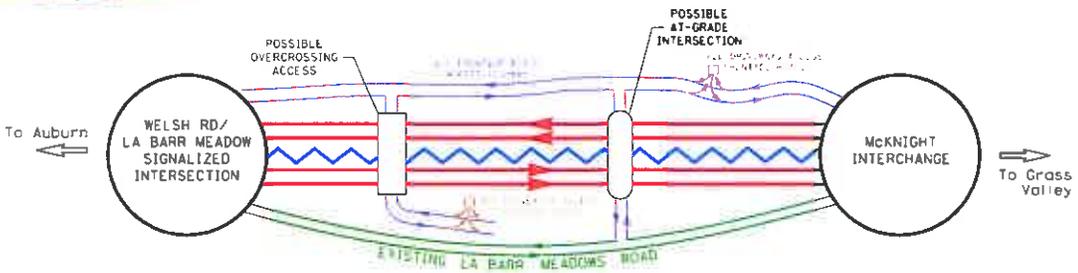


EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING 22' MEDIAN WITH BARRIER
APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES NORTH OF PROJECT IN GRASS VALLEY
ON HIGHWAY 20/49 WITH FRONTAGE ROADS

OPTION 4



36' WIDE PAVED MEDIAN FREEWAY WITH FRONTAGE ROADS



STANDARD FREEWAY DESIGN
LOOKING FROM AUBURN TO GRASS VALLEY



EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING 36' MEDIAN
HIGHWAY 44 IN SHASTA COUNTY

OPTION 5



DESIGN CONCEPT RATING SHEET

Rate from *Most Desired Option (1)* to *Least Desired Option (5)*

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|-------|-----------------|--|
| <hr/> | OPTION 1 | No Build |
| <hr/> | OPTION 2 | 4 Lane Facility
Right In / Right Out
No Frontage Roads |
| <hr/> | OPTION 3 | 5 Lane Highway
Continuous 2-Way Left Turn Lane
No Frontage Roads |
| <hr/> | OPTION 4 | Minimum 22' Wide Median Freeway
with Median Barrier
and with Frontage Roads |
| <hr/> | OPTION 5 | 36' Wide Paved Median Freeway
with Frontage Roads |

Comments:

Where do you live?

- Auburn side of Project
- Between La Barr Meadows and McKnight Way
- Grass Valley side of Project

Email or Address to send Rating Sequence Results to:

Hwy 49 Widening Open House

Rating Sheet Results and Comments (30)

			RANK			
1	2	3	4	5	Not Ranked	
1	0	3	5	10	11	Option 1 - No Build
4	0	7	8	1	10	Option 2 - 4 Lane No Frontage Rds
4	2	8	6	1	9	Option 3 - 5 Lane No Frontage Rds
11	14	1	0	0	4	Option 4 - 22' Median Fwy w/Frontage Rds
10	5	3	0	6	6	Option 5 - 36' Median Fwy w/Frontage Rds

Scenic values should be preserved
 Access control best for safety
 Need deer fences
 Sound is big concern, noisy already
 Absolutely need frontage road
 Option 5 is overkill for the area
 Glad for the widening
 La Barr Road too twisty for a detour - don't use as such
 Don't want stoplights with #4 or #5 - build overpass instead
 Need to be informed when surveyors are coming in advance
 Please provide owner/resident manager with info about why tagging trees
 Put "Welcome to Grass Valley" sign in median if use #4 or #5
 SB approach to La Barr Rd. signal not good sight distance...need advance warning flasher
 Option ? - Frontage Roads but without median
 Option 2 with a couple of turnarounds

Where do you live?	
Auburn Side	5
Btwn LB and McK	20
Grass Valley side	4
Out of Area	1

Public Meeting/Open House 8/5/2015
 Grass Valley City Hall
 @ 50+ attendees



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- BEGIN PROJECT..... JANUARY 2015
- PROJECT SCOPING OPEN HOUSE.....AUGUST 2015
- BEGIN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES..... JANUARY 2016
- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE OPEN HOUSE..... FALL 2016
- CIRCULATE DRAFT PROJECT REPORT..... SPRING 2017
AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
- PROJECT APPROVAL & ENVIRONMENTAL..... SUMMER 2017
DOCUMENT (PA&ED)
- COMPLETE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS &SUMMER 2018
ESTIMATE (PS&E)
- START CONSTRUCTION.....To Be Determined
(Money for Construction
Is not currently Budgeted)