

South Tahoe's Caltrans project gets green light

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The much talked about Highway 50 improvements from Trout Creek to Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe are moving forward.

The California Transportation Commission approved the Caltrans project on June 30. It will start next summer.

The project includes class II bike trails, lighting, walkways and an improved driving surface.



The barrier on Echo Summit will be replaced in May 2011. Photo/Kathryn Reed

The multi-million dollar project will take three years to complete.

In other Caltrans news, South Tahoe Public Works Director John Greenhut told the City Council this month that a deal has been struck with the state agency for the city to have possession of the rock wall on Echo Summit that will be dismantled beginning next May.

Caltrans officials will address the council again before that project begins. It calls for shutting down the summit to one lane of traffic for at least May 2011 while the rock wall is doubled in height.