

Regarding Upcoming US 50 Closure

PLACERVILLE, Calif. —

Drivers heading to South Lake Tahoe could run into some traffic trouble this fall.

Caltrans is planning to shut down Highway 50 for two weeks in October. Crews are working on the bridge at Echo Summit.

Here's what you need to know about the construction and road closure:

Q: When is the highway expected to close?

A: According to Caltrans, about a half-mile of Highway 50 at Echo Summit is expected to be closed from Oct. 18 through Oct. 31.

A Caltrans spokesperson said it's possible the exact dates could change, depending on the contractors and conditions.

Q: How long is the detour?

A: The detour is 90 miles.

Q: How can I get to South Lake Tahoe?

A: Several detours will be available for drivers.



Drivers can take Highway 16 or Highway 49 to Highway 88, then head east to Highway 89 to get to South Lake Tahoe.

Drivers can also take Interstate 80 east to either Highway 267 or Highway 28.

People heading from the Bay Area can also get on Interstate 580 east to Interstate 205 before getting onto Interstate 5 north and then connect to Highway 88 east to Highway 89.