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## FMCSA and the U.S. DOT Grant Waiver for Proof of Interstate Driver's Medical Certification

On Monday the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** extended a waiver to allow for interstate commercial drivers and motor carriers to rely on a paper copy of the medical examiner's certificate (MEC) as proof of the driver's certification for up to 60 days after the certificate was issued.

**This waiver extends the following until January 10th, 2026:**

- The ability of a motor carrier to continue or use a copy of the MEC as proof of the driver's medical certification for up to 60 days from the date the certification.
- The ability of a driver to continue to use a copy of the MEC carried on his or her person as proof of the driver's medical certification for up to 60 days from the date of the certification.
- The ability of a motor carrier to use a copy of the MEC in the driver qualification file for up to 60 days from the date of the certification.

Interstate CDL holders, CLP holders, and motor carriers are covered under this waiver without further action.

Click [the link here](#) or the button below to review the full waiver released by FMCSA and the U.S. DOT.

[View the Waiver Text](#)

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## New ATRI Research Confirms the High Costs of Cargo Theft to Industry

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** last week released new research on the growing problem of cargo theft. The research obtained detailed cargo theft data from motor

carriers, logistics service providers (LSPs), insurers and other stakeholders to understand and quantify the scale and causes of cargo theft, covering:

- How and where cargo theft occurs
- Financial costs of cargo theft to the industry
- Cargo theft prevention strategies
- Strengthening partnerships with law enforcement
- The role of insurance in shaping cargo theft risk management



The report also includes a series of case studies documenting the real-world cargo theft experiences of shippers and motor carriers.

The research documents the high cost of theft to both motor carriers – who average more than \$520,000 in annual theft losses, and to LSPs – who average more than \$1.84 million in annual losses. The **annualized cargo theft cost to the industry is as high as \$6.6 billion, or more than \$18 million per day.**

The full report is available on [ATRI's website here](#).



## Caltrans District 3 Winter Ops Meeting This Morning

With rain and snow in the forecast for California this week, the annual **Caltrans District 3 Kingvale Winter Operations Meeting** comes at a perfect time. Scheduled for **this morning from 10am to noon at 51121 Donner Pass Road**, the meeting will cover process and procedures for the upcoming cold weather season in D3.

If you operate over the Donner Pass on I-80 between California and Nevada, then you don't want to miss this meeting!

**CTA will continue to share Caltrans alerts throughout the winter season** to ensure our members are up to date on the most recent closures, chain requirements, and delays. Look for this news in email, our social media pages, and right here in the Caltrux 5th Wheel.



## San Joaquin Unit to Host Dealer Appreciation Night 2025 Tomorrow

Come join the San Joaquin Unit tomorrow night to visit with area trucking friends for some food, some fun, and some fundraising for **CARGO PAC!**

- See the latest truck & trailer equipment from our local, CTA-allied dealers
- Enjoy delicious catered food and drinks
- View Ed Rocha's classic truck collection
- Bid on great items at the live and silent auction
- Support CARGO PAC's mission to elevate the issues vital to the trucking industry

**Click the button below to register!**

**Thursday, October 16th  
5:30 to 9:00**

Rocha Valley Enterprises  
178 Albers Rd., Modesto  
(Look for the big blue barn!)

Admission is \$75 per couple,  
\$40 per person

(Proceeds benefit CARGO-PAC #760458 -  
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Government)



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## Payentry: Your HR Solution for Operations Confusion

Caltrux Business Solutions knows our members have so little time to do so much. That's why we're always looking for the "easy button" to address your payroll and workforce management services needs.

Payentry offers complete payroll, HR services, retirement plan services and workforce management solutions. Their solutions streamline the payroll process so you can focus on what matters most - growing your business. Their straightforward, easy-to-use tools ensure compliance, accuracy, and peace of mind.

Interested? Don't miss [this week's webinar](#) on building employee handbooks and an effective workplace violence plan.

You can also click below to request a quote from **Payentry**: Caltrux Business Solutions' preferred payroll provider.

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## AMC Early Bird Discount Offered for Two More Weeks!

CTA's **72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26)** is less than 100 days away. Let that sink in.

As we face a new year, an uncertain economy... and a need to collect, connect, and confer, join us under the theme "*Driving the economy, steering the future*" **January 21 to 23** for California trucking's largest educational conference!



Also consider taking advantage of our early bird discount of **\$100 off of each registration secured through October 31**. If you're already planning to attend, why not sign up now? [Click here to register!](#)

**REGISTER NOW!**

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Over this three-day event, participate in informative sessions by day and relax among the extensive amenities by evening in and around the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

Enjoy engaging new experiences with all the classic comfort and quality at this iconic oceanfront luxury hotel. With dozens of things to see and do within walking distance this won't only be a business trip, but also an invigorating change of pace.

We'll have details soon on our speakers and programming for AMC26.

The **discounted group room rate of \$289 plus taxes and fees expires on January 5th, 2026**. [Visit Monterey Plaza Rooms](#) to reserve your room online.

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## Reminder: Vote in Unit Elections by Oct. 31

Earlier this month CTA sent all eligible members an email with a specialized link to vote in their local unit elections. That online ballot features the candidates for unit officers and directors nominated by each unit's steering and planning committee.

Complete your ballot by selecting the member candidate listed or write-in a member candidate in the space provided.

**One vote is allowed per member in good standing.**

All votes must be sent in by **Friday, October 31**.



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# Delivering THE ROAD AHEAD TOGETHER

## CTA Webinar Event

Building Effective  
Employee Handbooks  
for the Trucking Industry  
& The Workplace Violence  
Prevention Plan

**October 16, 2025**

**10:00 AM PT**

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### Webinar: Accident Preventability Review

Accident preventability isn't just a technical term; it's a key factor in protecting your company's safety record and compliance standing.

**Does the classification of preventable versus non-preventable really matter? (It does.)**

In this interactive webinar, we'll break down how accidents are classified, why preventability matter, and how misclassifications can impact your SMS scores.

**Tomorrow - Thursday, October 16**  
**10:00 - Noon**

Presenters **Jay Johnson** and **Paul Morris** provide practical examples and will sharpen your ability to review accidents and strengthen your overall compliance strategy.

[Click Here to Register](#)

**CTA's Leadership Academy Offers Development for Your Future Leaders**

Time is running out to register for **CTA's Leadership Academy** - an exclusive, thoughtfully-designed program to provide our industry with a new generation of leaders.

This two-day curriculum offers the latest practical techniques and tools to help participants unlock their leadership potential. Participants will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and further develop their personal and professional characteristics. These new skills will give them more confidence and self-assurance to be even stronger leaders in their organization and all aspects of life.



## October 21 & 22 SC Fuels Orange, CA

The program is **open to CTA members only**, and it is limited to 25 participants to ensure that everyone has a meaningful and substantial experience.

[Click for More Information](#)



### Clean Truck Check Webinar

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** staff invite the public to participate in a webinar covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024 and places requirements for owners of trucks registered in California.

**Wednesday, October 29**  
**1:00 - 3:30 pm**

[Register Now](#)

### Forum Mobility Webinar Rescheduled

The **Forum Mobility** webinar scheduled for Thursday, October 23 has been postponed a week to better meet the needs of our members.

Join **Forum's Chief Commercial Officer, Matt Schrap**, for a timely and informative webinar on the MILLIONS of dollars in incentive funding now available for heavy-duty zero-emission trucks.



**Thursday, October 30**  
**10:00 - 11:00 am**

The **Forum Mobility** team will lead a conversation covering:

- The different incentive programs available to support motor carriers

- How Forum's products - charging and trucks -- can meet or beat diesel on TCO
- How new technology is expanding use cases for electric trucks - and how Forum can help you take advantage of it.
- HVIP as well as other programs with significant funding - many of which are stackable

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the programs and technology that can help shape your future fleet.

[Register for this Webinar](#)



## Oakland Zero-Emission Showcase + Ride & Drive Event

Join the **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** and **CALSTART** next month for a free Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive event at the Oakland Coliseum.

**Wednesday, November 5**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

- Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment
- Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies
- Check out dozens of Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment
- Receive information on incentive opportunities and the **Cal Fleet Advisor** technical assistance program

CARB staff will be available to answer questions regarding a range of programs including **Advanced Clean Fleets** applicable to state and local government fleets, **Clean Truck Check**, and **Off-Road Diesel**, among others.

Free on-site Clean Truck Check Testing. Please note that testing availability is limited and will be performed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS/FUNDRAISERS**

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**2026**

**Thursday, February 5**  
**The Dana at Mission Beach**  
**San Diego**

**Now Rescheduled for February!**

[Details Coming Soon](#)



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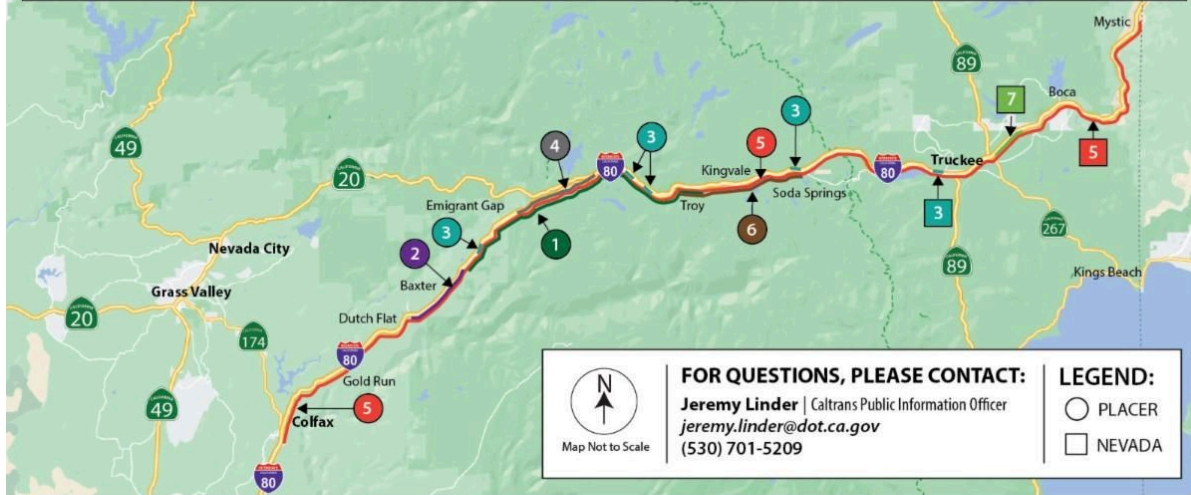


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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**



# Interstate 80 Projects - 2025 Construction Season



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|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>1 Drainage Restoration</b>       | <b>4 Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge</b>     | <b>7 WB I-80 Restripe</b> |
| <b>2 Monte Vista Pavement Rehab</b> | <b>5 Wrong Way Driver Prevention Safety Impr.</b> |                           |
| <b>3 CMS Sign Replacement</b>       | <b>6 Soda Springs Pavement Rehab</b>              |                           |

Caltrans is reminding motorists of various lane and ramp closures in multiple locations along Interstate 80 (I-80) and State Route 20 (SR 20) as several projects continue in Placer and Nevada counties.

Motorists may experience delays between 30 to 45 minutes and are encouraged to factor in additional travel times along the I-80 Sierra corridor.

Here is the breakdown for this week:

## Eastbound I-80

### Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project

- Between Monte Vista and Drum Forebay, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, October 13 through 11 a.m. Friday, October 17 and from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 18.
- Baxter on- and off-ramps are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Drum Forebay and return westbound on I-80 to Baxter.

### Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project

- Between Yuba Gap and the junction with SR 20, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 12 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 17.
- Yuba Gap off- and on-ramps and eastbound I-80 off-ramp to SR 20 are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and return westbound on I-80 to SR 20 or Yuba Gap.

**Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Troy and Soda Springs**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, October 12 through noon Friday, October 17.

## Westbound I-80

- **Emergency Work between Floriston and Hinton Road**, various lane closures are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, October 13 through Thursday, October 16 and from 7 a.m. to noon Friday, October 17.
- **Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Soda Springs and Troy**, various lane closures are scheduled from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, October 13 through Friday, October 17.

- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project between the junction with SR 20 and Yuba Gap**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 12 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 17.
- **Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Drum Forebay and Monte Vista**, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, October 13 through 6 a.m. Sunday, October 19.



## Eastbound SR 20

### Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project

- **SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80**, intermittent traffic holds are scheduled from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 5 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 10. Motorists will experience 30-minute delays during these traffic holds.
- **SR 20 on-ramp to westbound I-80**, will be intermittently closed until further notice. When closed motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.

## HELP DESK

### Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

Remember to use the “Help Desk Online Contact Form” when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

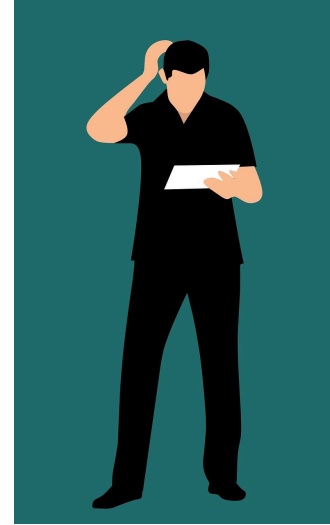
The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help with assisting various questions including:

- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions
- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations

- Hazardous materials regulations

Visit [www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/](http://www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/), or email [helpdesk@caltrux.org](mailto:helpdesk@caltrux.org).

Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. CTA's Government Affairs team will do their best to get back to you in timely manner.



[Contact the Help Desk](#)

## DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

### Brush Up on Safety Issues With TREDS

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDS\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

TREDS offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

- Scope of the problem
- Risk & consequences
- Rules & regulations
- Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
- Work zone safety



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

- Scope of the problem
- Contributing factors
- Risks & consequences
- Laws & testing procedures
- Strategies to drive-drug free

[Learn More](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 15 - [Los Angeles/Orange Unit Oktoberfest Happy Hour!](#)
- October 16 - [San Diego/Imperial Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Day](#)
- October 16 - [Virtual Safety Seminar: Accident Preventability review](#)

October 16 - [Webinar: Building Effective Employee Handbooks for the Trucking Industry & The Workplace Violence Prevention Plan](#)

October 16 - [San Joaquin Unit Dealer Appreciation Night CARGO Event](#)

October 23 - [Webinar: New for Electric Trucks: More Funding, More Range](#)

October 25-28 - [2025 American Trucking Associations Management Conference & Exhibition \(MCE\)](#)

[Upcoming events can be accessed via CTA's Events Calendar](#)

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