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Collaborative Effort Leads To Warning Lights On Highway 99 Near Truck Stop

YUBA CITY--Flashing warning lights have been installed on Highway 99 south of Yuba City near a truck stop that has created hazardous traffic conditions when large trucks enter and exit the highway.

The lights were installed near the intersection of Oswald Road by Caltrans this month as a compromise after efforts to have a traffic light installed were denied, said Fifth District Sutter County Supervisor Barbara LeVake. She said she and Planning Commissioner Zac Repka and Assemblyman James Gallagher discussed the traffic issue with Caltrans, but they were informed a traffic light was not suitable at the location.

"I would like to thank Barbara and Zac for really pushing on this safety issue and (District 3 Caltrans Director) Amarjeet Benipal for taking action," Assemblyman Gallagher said. "We want to continue to work on this and are hopeful the new traffic signals will help keep motorists alert."

The Commander of the Yuba-Sutter California Highway Patrol said the warning lights will save lives.

"Thank you to all of our fellow stakeholders that made the safety enhancements to the 99 corridor a reality," said Capt. Shon Harris of the CHP. "Experience has shown that any step we can take in this direction will undoubtedly save lives. I am confident that our community will see positive results due to this collaborative effort."

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