



A CAUSEWAY over the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area leading to the state capital has become a test about the future of highway expansion.

Underneath the Yolo Causeway near Sacramento, where a nearly half-billion-dollar effort is underway to add toll lanes to Interstate 80 and ease congestion, swollen rivers fill wetlands in the winter season and bat colonies roost in the bridge's grooves in warm months.

More than a century old, the road that connects the Bay Area to the state capital has become a symbol and a test of both the future of highway expansion in California and the climate change policies that seek to restrict it.

"It's a bellwether project," said Carter Rubin, director of state transportation advocacy at the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the groups suing Caltrans to stop the expansion.

Environmentalists push back against freeway expansion

Caltrans wasn't supposed to build a lane without an environmental review, but many believe that's exactly what it did

By Rachel Uranga

"But it's also the tip of the iceberg."

Dozens of major highway projects are in the pipeline, including one along the 5 Freeway in Orange County and an express lane on the 10 Freeway in eastern Los Angeles County, that could result in even more cars clogging state roadways. The lane additions on I-80, Rubin argued, should be a cautionary warning: State officials who have promised to halt the expansion of traffic-inducing freeways that contribute to climate change are the same ones overseeing them in the name of relieving gridlock.

The California Department of Transportation has projected that the project will add 110 million vehicle miles traveled annually on [See Freeway, A9]

BALLOT MEASURE ON TAX HIKES IS BLOCKED

California high court says the proposal to require voter approval of increases violates state Constitution.

By Kevin Rector and Taryn Luna

A ballot measure that would have required voter approval for any future state tax increases violates the state Constitution and will not be allowed to appear on November ballots as planned, the California Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Justice Goodwin Liu, the author of the opinion for the unanimous court, wrote that the changes proposed by the measure "would substantially alter our basic plan of government" and could be enacted only through a revision to the state's Constitution.

The rare ruling by the state's highest court to remove an otherwise qualifying ballot measure comes just days before ballots must be finalized. It is a major last-minute victory for Democratic leaders and labor unions, which had warned the measure would hamstring good governance in favor of corporations if passed.

State leaders, who brought the lawsuit challenging the measure, had also argued that the measure usurped their authority.



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JJ REDICK, right, shown in February at an NBA game in Orlando, will become the seventh head coach hired by the Lakers since Phil Jackson left in 2011.

Lakers' newest coach is one with no experience

Team to hire Redick, a former player turned analyst

By Dan Woike

The Lakers agreed to hire JJ Redick as their next head coach Thursday, people with knowledge of the situation but unauthorized to speak publicly confirmed to The Times — ending a prolonged search that was widely believed would end at this destination, only for a dramatic detour to emerge in the middle.

Redick, who turns 40

Lakers' latest hire is the wrong move

They're on road to nowhere by hiring Redick as coach, Bill Plaschke writes. **SPORTS, B10**

next week, has no formal coaching experience but impressed Lakers officials and general manager Rob Pelinka with his vision for the team and for Anthony

Davis and LeBron James.

After first offering the job to Connecticut coach Dan Hurley, a surprise candidate who turned the perception of the search on its head, the Lakers reengaged with Redick, hosting him for an interview last Saturday.

Redick is a former 15-year pro and current broadcaster.

Regarded as a bright, analytical basketball mind, Redick quickly ascended as [See Lakers, A6]

'Soothing acronym' obscures drug's risks

Doctors urge focus on ARIA, a potentially fatal side effect of an Alzheimer's medicine.

By Melody Petersen

Seventy-nine-year-old Genevieve Lane volunteered to take the Alzheimer's drug Legembi in a clinical trial because she was forgetting words and misplacing her keys.

Infusions of the drug gave her headaches so severe they sent her to bed. A week

after the third dose, she was at a restaurant with her best friend when her speech slurred and she had a seizure. Five days later she was dead.

An autopsy found that Lane died of a mysterious side effect that has a name that sounds as if it might be part of an Italian opera, but has doctors on edge.

The complication called ARIA has nothing to do with music. It is a term adopted by an influential group of pharmaceutical executives and academic scientists to describe potentially fatal [See ARIA, A7]

Izzy Gardon, a spokesperson for Gov. Gavin Newsom, said in a statement that "the Governor believes the initiative process is a sacred part of our democracy, but as the Court's decision affirmed today, that process does not allow for an illegal constitutional revision."

Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) said he was "very pleased" the court had "rejected this unlawful and extreme effort to take power away from local communities to pay for essential services like police and firefighters."

Business interests and taxpayer advocacy groups had championed the measure and collected the signatures needed to put it on the ballot, arguing its passage was vital for continued job creation and company retention in California.

In a joint statement, several major backers of the measure, including Rob [See Taxes, A6]

USC student won't be charged

Prosecutors say he felt an "imminent threat" when he killed alleged car burglar on fraternity row. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Baldwin accused of gun 'horseplay'

Ahead of actor's July trial in Santa Fe, prosecutors allege he acted recklessly on the set of "Rust." **BUSINESS, A8**

Weather
Some sun.
L.A. Basin: 85/63. **B6**

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TOWERING PRESENCE

Actor Donald Sutherland, star of "MASH" and "The Hunger Games" and a Hollywood mainstay for 60-plus years, has died at age 88. **CALENDAR, E1**



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