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## Sheldon-area residents to get say on freeway connector

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Sheldon-area residents are expected to voice their concerns today with the latest proposal to link Interstate 5 with Highway 50 with a highway that limits access to Sheldon homes and businesses.

The recommendation calls for a community-based analysis of a four-lane limited access roadway through Sheldon.

Tom Zlotkowski, executive director of the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority, calls on JPA board members to authorize the study.

Zlotkowski, in his report to the board, also urges dropping an alternative bypass through the Cosumnes River floodplain, citing environmental concerns and excessive costs.

Tom Shine, who represents Sheldon and is one of nine members in the Sheldon-Wilton group studying the issues, said Monday he was disappointed that the bypass is proposed for elimination.

His group warned that limits on local access in Sheldon could undermine local businesses or force their closures.

In nearby Wilton, the concerns are somewhat different.

Bill Kutzer said Wilton residents oppose a bypass that threatens the environment and invite encroachment from Elk Grove toward Wilton.

His group, he said, does support Sheldon residents' concern about the impact on local business.

The Capital SouthEast Connector – the project's official name – is to run east from I-5, loop below Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova, and then tie into Highway 50 in El Dorado County.

Today's meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. in Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive.

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