



## **Pusher Truck Program**

A partnership between CTA, CalTrans and the California Highway Patrol

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## ABOUT THE PUSHER TRUCK PROGRAM

### FACT

On average, more than 3,500 commercial motor vehicles traverse Donner Pass every day. In peak winter season, this number is even higher. These trucks share the road with the more than 29,000 cars that also use the pass every day.

### FACT

More than \$4.7 million in goods and commerce are transported on the I-80 corridor *every hour*.

### FACT

When trucks are delayed on Donner Pass due to heavy winter conditions or other issues, between \$5 million and \$7 million is lost *every hour*.

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For more than 30 years, the California Trucking Association (CTA) has partnered with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol on the Pusher Truck Program. Pusher trucks provide trucks with a push or a pull to help them gain traction or help navigate disabled trucks to the side of the road to keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible.

### FACT

The pusher truck service is free for truckers. And thanks to donations from CTA members, Caltrans has two new trucks for this program.

### FACT

Through this unique partnership with Caltrans, CTA provides two pusher trucks, covering the cost of maintenance and service for the trucks. Caltrans covers the cost of fuel, insurance, pre- and post-op inspections of the equipment and qualified pusher truck operators.

## Safe Driving Tips

### DRIVING IN SNOW AND ON ICY ROADWAYS

- \* **Allow enough time.** Trips to the mountains can take longer during winter, especially if you encounter storm conditions or icy roads.
- \* **Keep your gas tank full.** It may be necessary to change routes or turn around during a bad storm or you may be caught in a traffic delay.
- \* **Turn on headlights** when driving to see and be seen.
- \* **Turn off cruise control.** Maintaining control of your vehicle allows you to react to sudden changes.
- \* **Keep windshield and windows clear.** You may want to stop at a safe turnout to use a snow brush or scraper. Use the car defroster and a clean cloth to keep the windows free of fog.
- \* **Use extra caution** on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas; they may freeze first.
- \* **Accelerate and decelerate slowly,** avoiding quick stops, starts and fast turns. Power up hills. Don't stop going up hills.
- \* **Leave enough stopping distance between cars.** Double the normal following distance to eight to 10 seconds. It takes longer to slow down or stop on icy roads.
- \* When stalled, **stay with your vehicle** and try to conserve fuel while maintaining warmth. **Be alert** to any possible exhaust or monoxide problems.
- \* **Drive slowly** to avoid losing traction on the pavement. Even new tires can lose some contact with the road at speeds as low as 35 mph.
- \* If your vehicle begins to **skid, steer in the direction of slide** and **slowly remove your foot from accelerator.**
- \* **Watch carefully for snow removal equipment** and don't crowd the plow. Only pass snow removal vehicles when a safe, legal passing area is available and sight distance is good.





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