



MEDIA ADVISORY

LIBERTY UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY LINES ALONG APACHE AVE; DRIVERS ADVISED OF POTENTIAL DELAYS

Lake Tahoe, CA. May, 2019. A contractor for Liberty Utilities is currently conducting work along Apache Avenue in South Lake Tahoe that could result in traffic delays.

Approximately 2,500 feet of overhead power lines (as well as communication lines owned by AT&T and Charter Communications) are being relocated underground along Apache Avenue from Highway 50 north to East San Bernardino Avenue. The work is expected to continue through mid-October this year, and will be completed next year during the allowed construction time period of May-October.

The project is made possible through Rule 20.A, a program first implemented by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in 1967. Under Rule 20.A, the Commission requires an electric utility to provide undergrounding allocations each year for converting overhead power lines to underground power lines. El Dorado County, working with the utilities, identified the area to underground and created an “Undergrounding Utility District.” Eligible areas eliminate unusually heavy concentrations of overhead lines, involve a street or road with a high volume of public traffic, benefit a civic or public recreation area or area of unusual scenic interest or are listed as an arterial street or major collector.