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Nakanishi to address Highway 12 safety

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Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi (R-Lodi) will host a Highway 12 Town Hall meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Lodi Public Library. Nakanishi, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol will be discussing plans to make the highway safer.

The meeting comes two weeks after three people died on Highway 12 in three separate vehicle accidents. The CHP reports that over 51 fatalities have occurred on the highway from 2000-03 in Solano, Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties.

"In light of the recent deaths on Highway 12, I wanted to give the members of the community and the commuters that drive Highway 12 a forum to express their concerns," Nakanishi said in a statement released Wednesday. "I encourage anyone interested in Highway 12 or valley transportation to attend."

Other local officials confirmed to attend include San Joaquin County Supervisor Ken Vogel, Councilmen Larry Hansen and Council of Governments Executive Director Andy Chesley.