



Freeway Service Patrol now in El Dorado County

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Freeway Service Patrol now Available in El Dorado County!

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) is a program managed by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) providing emergency roadside assistance on freeways. The FSP program is funded through Department of Motor Vehicle

Registration fees and the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways. The FSP is designed to increase roadway safety, reduce motorist delay, congestion, and air pollution, as well as improve the overall efficiency of freeway operations.

On December 2, 2010, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission contracted with Extreme Towing to provide this service which began on December 13, 2010.

The service area is US 50 from the El Dorado County line to the Greenstone Road interchange Monday through Friday during peak periods. In 36 days, Extreme Towing assisted 113 motorists on this stretch of US 50.

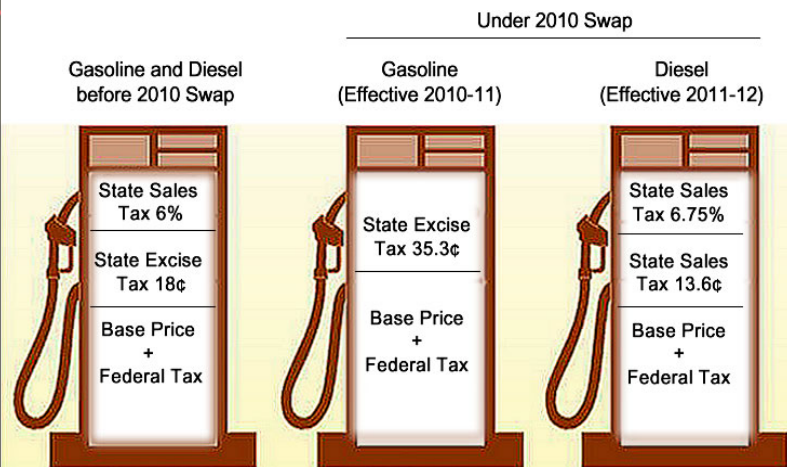
EDCTC staff has received online surveys and numerous phone calls from assisted motorists, all of which rated the service as "excellent".

Gas Tax Swap

The Legislature enacted a package of changes known as the "fuel tax swap" to achieve General Fund relief. However, the passage of ballot measures (Props 22 and 26 in November 2010) potentially undoes portions of the tax swap package.

In response to these ballot measures, the Governor's January 2011-12 Budget proposes statutory changes to recapture the use of transportation funds to help balance the State's budget. Absent Legislative action to reenact the tax swap, the excise tax increase would be repealed by Prop 26 in November, but the sales tax it replaced, which supports local streets and roads, would not necessarily be reinstated. Similarly, General Fund relief anticipated in 2011-12 and future years would also not occur.

The Impact of the Fuel Tax Swap on State Gasoline *



* Revenue Neutral - The Gas Tax Swap is NOT a new tax.



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The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for El Dorado County and the City of Placerville and is the forum for making policy decisions about the regional transportation system in El Dorado County. Those decisions are reflected in the Commission's planning and programming of local, state, and federal transportation funds.

The Commission generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Building C Hearing Room, 2850 Fairlane Court in Placerville.

Please go to <http://www.edctc.org/Calendar.html> for up-to-date schedule information.

What We Do

EDCTC programs and allocates local, state, and federal funds for a variety of transportation projects in El Dorado County. The projects improve highway and road maintenance, safety, relieves traffic congestion, and promotes economic development. Examples include: airport projects, air quality improvement projects, bicycle paths, roadway and highway improvements and beautification, pedestrian walkways, congestion mitigation, new traffic lanes, pavement, and local public transit systems.

EDCTC-Controlled Fund Sources

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

STIP projects are capital projects needed to improve transportation. Typical STIP-funded projects include state highway and local road improvements, public transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, transportation system management, transportation demand management, sound walls, intermodal facilities, safety, and environmental enhancement and mitigation.

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)

A broad variety of transportation projects and modes are eligible for RSTP funds, including: highway projects, bridge projects, transit capital improvements, carpool, parking, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety improvements, research, traffic management systems, surface transportation planning, transportation enhancements, and environmental mitigation.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

Eligible CMAQ projects include public transit improvements, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, Intelligent Transportation Systems infrastructure, traffic management and traveler information systems, employer-based transportation management plans and incentives, traffic flow improvement programs, shared ride services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Transportation Enhancements (TE)

TE projects must be over and above required mitigation and normal transportation projects, and the project must be directly related to the surface transportation system. TE funds are intended to provide a means to creatively and sensitively integrate transportation facilities into their surrounding environment. The objective is to create a transportation experience that is more than merely adequate.

Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance funds comprise the TDA. The primary focus of TDA funds is to operate transit systems. LTF is funded from a quarter cent of sales tax collected within the County.

Did you know EDCTC staff is available to speak at your event on transportation-related issues? Call 530.642.5260 or e-mail edctc@edctc.org.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

El Dorado County Rural Transit Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Plan



In close cooperation with El Dorado Transit, EDCTC is preparing the El Dorado County Rural Transit Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SSEPP). EDCTC followed Caltrans' Rural Transit Emergency Planning Guidance to develop the plan, which was funded through the Transit Technical Planning Assistance grant program. The guidance, and the subsequent plan, are based upon the following emergency industry 'best practice' focus areas: Preparation, Prevention, Response, and Recovery.

The Preparation phase of the plan identifies and ranks Critical Assets (people, information, and property), categorizes Threats (accidents, incidents, acts of nature, etc.), and utilizes

the resulting data to develop a Prioritized Vulnerability Index. The Prioritized Vulnerability Index highlights and ranks El Dorado Transit's vulnerabilities and serves as the basis for the development of a Risk Reduction Plan. The Risk Reduction Plan is a discussion of current levels of protection and documents areas in need of improvement. The SSEPP includes a county-wide mapping effort that highlights primary routes, identifies one-way in/one-way out roadways, unpaved roads, and potential staging locations.

The plan includes inventories of neighboring transit agency capabilities and emergency contact lists. In addition to El Dorado Transit, the plan was coordinated with the El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services, the El Dorado County Disaster Council, the EDCTC Social Service Transportation Advisory Council, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Transit Coordinating Committee.

Go to www.edctc.org for details on projects and funding information.

Ongoing Projects in El Dorado County



Weber Creek Bridges

Missouri Flat-Weber Creek Bridges

US 50 / Missouri Flat Interchange Project Phase 1B – The project will provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities and widen the US 50 Weber Creek bridges to three lanes between the Missouri Flat Road and Forni Road Interchanges. Phase 1B is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011.



White Rock Road Widening

White Rock Road Widening and Signalization

The White Rock Road Widening and Signalization project is located in El Dorado Hills in the vicinity of the El Dorado Hills Boulevard/Latrobe Road interchange and the planned future Silva Valley Parkway interchange. The project includes widening White Rock Road from two undivided lanes to four undivided lanes through the intersection of Post Street. Depending upon weather, construction is expected to be completed by May 2011.

Durock Road/Business Drive Intersection Improvements

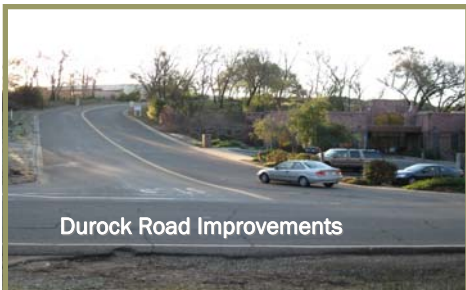
The Durock Road/Business Drive Intersection Improvements project is located in Cameron Park at the intersection of Durock Road and Business Drive. The project includes widening the existing "T" intersection and shoulders, installing a traffic signal including countdown pedestrian signals, and improving vertical and horizontal curve alignments. Depending upon weather, construction is expected to be completed by May 2011.

Silva Valley Parkway Widening

The Silva Valley Parkway Widening project is located in El Dorado Hills and will extend the existing four-lane section of Silva Valley Parkway from Entrada Drive to US 50. The project is an important element needed for the future US 50/Silva Valley Parkway interchange. Depending upon weather, construction is expected to be completed by September 2011.

Point View Drive

This project will extend Point View Drive from its current terminus near the US 50 undercrossing to Jacquier Road. The project includes improvements to the US 50 undercrossing and the new intersection at Jacquier Road/Smith Flat Road/Point View Drive. The project is anticipated for construction between June 1 and October 15, 2011.



Durock Road Improvements



Point View Drive

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Updates

Local airports play an important role in the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of communities. They are a critical element of the regional transportation network and as such must be maintained as development pressure grows and communities expand. The EDCTC understands the importance of local airports and the necessity to effectively plan airport area land uses that function in agreement with airport operations.

On July 3, 2008 the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) was designated as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for El Dorado County. As the designated ALUC, EDCTC provides technical and advisory support to the Georgetown and Placerville Airports, and the Cameron Park Airpark District. The EDCTC ALUC serves four primary functions.

- Develop and adopt land use standards to minimize public exposure to safety hazards and excessive levels of noise;



Cameron Park Airpark



Georgetown Airport



Placerville Airport



- Prevent encroachment of incompatible land uses around public-use airports;
- Prepare an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the area around each public use airport defining compatible land uses for safety, density, height, and noise;
- Perform land use consistency determinations for proposed projects within each ALUCP.

On Friday January 20, 2011 the CTC awarded funding to the EDCTC ALUC to update the ALUCPs for the Georgetown, Placerville, and Cameron Park Airports. The CTC awarded \$225,000 for the updates through a Caltrans Division of Aeronautics Acquisition and Development Grant. EDCTC will work closely with airport managers and technical staff from

the City of Placerville and El Dorado County throughout the update process.

EDCTC anticipates the updates will commence with contract award, scheduled for approval at the April 7, 2011 EDCTC meeting and continue through June 2012. Once the ALUCPs are approved and adopted by the EDCTC, the ALUC will utilize the plans to execute ALUC land use reviews and responsibilities.

The last Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans were prepared in 1987.

Diamond Springs-El Dorado Vision

Diamond Springs-El Dorado Area Mobility and Sustainable Community Vision and Plan

The State Route 49 Realignment Study, Coloma to El Dorado identified the need to take a more focused look at segments within the State Route 49 (SR 49) corridor, including mobility issues within the Diamond Springs-El Dorado area. In 2009, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors created the "Diamond Springs-El Dorado Advisory Committee" and appointed members of the local community to serve on the committee for the purpose of engaging the community in a dialog about transportation, land use planning, economic development,

community identity, and identifying approaches to preserve cultural, historic, and environmental resources.

The Diamond Springs-El Dorado Area Mobility and Sustainable Community Vision Project will address the mobility issues identified in the SR 49 Realignment Study, review existing historical documents, relevant plans, community identity policies, historic district guidelines, and begin developing a streetscape plan. The Diamond Springs-El Dorado Area Mobility and Sustainable Community Vision Project will engage the Diamond Springs and El Dorado community to draft a community vision through

meeting with stakeholders and by engaging the community in a visioning workshop.

The project will feed directly into EDCTC's future planning effort in the Diamond Springs and El Dorado community that will consider the nexus between transportation, land use, economic development, and community identity in order to create a sustainable community.

Million Mile Challenge

Ride your bike to work in May. Look for local events at www.mayisbikemonth.com