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Re: Camino Area Parallel Capacity/Safety Study

Dear Ms. Mathew:

This letter is in response to EDCTC's request for Caltrans position on the feasibility of signals on mainline US50, specifically at the Still Meadows Road (PM22.05), Camino Heights/West Carson Road (Lower PM 23.40), and East Carson Road (Upper PM 24.05) intersections.

The preliminary/draft operational analysis dated June 26, 2003 prepared by CT Rural Highway Operations for the SR50 Freeway Conversion Project concluded that, for the 'No Build' scenario (existing configuration), no signal warrants would be satisfied through the year 2029 at the West Carson Road and East Carson Road intersections. Presently, the Still Meadows Road intersection does not meet signal warrants and likely nor will it meet any warrants through the Year 2029.

US50 through this area is a high-speed facility situated in a mountainous area. Installing signals in this area could increase safety problems, not decrease them. Considering the steep terrain and safety implications, doing a study for the installation of signals at the above locations is not recommended by Caltrans.

If you have any questions or need further information please e-mail ([rick\\_montre@dot.ca.gov](mailto:rick_montre@dot.ca.gov)) or call Mr. Rick Montre at (530) 741-5745.

Sincerely,

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