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## Caltrans has traffic management plans for Hwy. 50

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An update on traffic management along the Highway 50 corridor was among the agenda items up for discussion at the April 2 meeting of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission meeting. Caltrans was on hand with a PowerPoint presentation of the District 3 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP).

District 3 deals with Highway 50 from I-80 in West Sacramento to the Carson Road interchange in Camino.

CSMP, the buzz word in traffic management, identifies strategies to manage modes of transportation including bus and rail routes and bicycle routes and facilities.

According to Caltrans, CSMPs are the cutting edge of intelligent transportation technologies. CSMPs increase efficiency and improve mobility through ramp metering, coordinated traffic signals, dynamic message signs for traveler information, incident management, bus and carpool lanes, carpool and vanpool programs, transit strategies and traveler information services.

The point of CSMPs are to have the commuter/driver spend less time in the car and less time on the road, allowing for more time at the start and finish points.

The specific improvements Caltrans has planned to expedite traffic on the Highway 50 corridor are to complete the bus and carpool lane system, to double track the light rail to Folsom, to grade separate (provide crossings at) light rail, to extend high capacity transit services to El Dorado Hills, to provide auxiliary lanes between interchanges, to provide full highway and roadway services as applicable, to implement signal synchronization and to interlink with freeway ramps and bicycle connectivity across barriers and to transit.

Broader strategies include creating a multi-agency corridor management team; developing and using micro-simulation traffic modeling; implementing a full set of traffic monitoring and detection, traffic operations and traveler information systems on highways, roads and transit; implementing a continuous bus and carpool lane network; expanding transit options by double tracking the entire light rail line and closing gaps on key bicycle routes.

The commission did not take any action on the Caltrans presentation, which was for information and discussion only.

When contacted for information, Transportation Commission Executive Director Kathryn Mathews referred the Mountain Democrat to the Caltrans PowerPoint presentation posted on the Website.

Those who wish to examine the Caltrans PowerPoint presentation in its entirety can go to [www.corridormobility.org](http://www.corridormobility.org).

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission members are Chairman Carl Hagen, Vice Chairman John Knight, Commissioners Mark Acuna, Patty Borelli, Ray Nutting, Jack Sweeney and Alternates Ron Briggs for the Board of Supervisors and Dave Machado for Placerville City Council.

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