

# **HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP)** **CAMINO SAFETY PROJECT ON US HIGHWAY 50**



## **Project Description**

This project is located on a segment of US Highway 50, between Still Meadows Road and Upper Carson Road, in the Community of Camino. This segment experiences collision rates that are much higher than the state average, including several recent fatalities, leading to this becoming a priority project for both Caltrans and El Dorado County. The Caltrans share of the project will install a concrete median barrier closing off five local road intersections with US 50, widen the outside shoulders, and install several acceleration/deceleration lanes to decrease potential vehicle conflicts. The project will mitigate the closure of the five intersections by constructing an undercrossing at Ponderado Road. Additional work will include local roadway widening, intersection improvements, upgrading intersections and restricting left-turn crossing of center line turning movements at multiple intersections, upgrading drainage, and creating bicycle and pedestrian access north and south of US Highway 50 in conjunction with the new undercrossing.



## **Current Project Status**

The preliminary planning effort was completed with the approval of the Project Study Report on December 1, 2015. Funding for the project has been programmed for the remaining phases of work and a Memorandum of Understanding has been executed documenting both Caltrans and El Dorado County roles and obligations. El Dorado County received a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to fund the local improvements portion of the project. The project development team has been meeting regularly on this effort. Furthermore, a public meeting was held at the Camino School on May 4, 2016 to present the project and receive public input. EDCTC and El Dorado County participated in a Value Analysis Study to explore alternative solutions and options which was held over six days in late June 2016. A public meeting was held on September 20, 2016 at Camino School to discuss project alternatives. Another public meeting was held at Camino School on December 15, 2016 to discuss project alternatives on the north side of US 50 adjacent to Carson Court. The Environmental Document for the project is complete. All the alternatives which were considered can be viewed at the following link under the "Documents" tab: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-us-50-camino-safety-4e620>.

EDCTC has pursued federal grant funding to construct the preferred Camino project, Alternative 4.7, by submitting four federal infrastructure grants outlined below, none of the grant requests have been awarded.

July 2018: Requested Federal BUILD Funding \$15,812,880  
 March 2019: Requested Federal INFRA Funding \$20,700,000  
 July 2019: Requested Federal BUILD Funding \$18,400,000  
 February 2020: Requested Federal INFRA Funding \$29,000,000

Caltrans has started construction on Phase 1, which includes the median barrier mainline improvements, plus an under crossing located near Golden Chain Drive. Travel lanes are shifted and reduced in some areas on US 50 to perform construction work on the undercrossing and median barrier. Travel lanes will be restored to the original four lanes no later than September 15, 2021 in order to accommodate Fall recreation and tourism travel.

## **Upcoming Activities:**

- Fall 2022: Conclude Phase 1 construction

<b>PROJECT FUNDING DETAIL</b>				
<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Caltrans Share</b>	<b>El Dorado County Share</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Total</b>
PA&ED	\$2,500,000	\$160,000	SHOPP/HSIP/Local	\$2,660,000
PS&E	\$3,500,000	\$230,000	SHOPP/HSIP/Local	\$3,730,000
ROW	\$3,200,000	\$630,000	SHOPP/HSIP/Local	\$3,830,000
Construction	\$37,800,000	\$2,250,000	SHOPP/HSIP/Local	\$40,050,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,270,000</b>		<b>\$50,270,000</b>