

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are the project limits of this plan?

The limits address the high demand corridor between Auburn and the Grass Valley/Nevada City area.

2) How were the project limits determined?

The segment between Auburn and Grass Valley present one of the most unique challenges in terms of congestion and operations in the state. These limits experience some of the highest annual average daily traffic (AADT) for a rural corridor in all of California.

3) Why are we doing this transportation plan?

The purpose of this plan is to establish a unified vision for the corridor as one complete transportation system connecting communities, jobs, services, and healthy lifestyles. Caltrans wants to ensure for safe and efficient travel in the corridor as well as using resources wisely and effectively.

4) What other priorities will the plan consider?

Safety remains Caltrans' number one priority. Caltrans is working to keep SR 49 safe for all users of the system. The plan will be guided to maintain safety on the SR 49 corridor while improving mobility, efficiency, connectivity and accessibility.

5) How will Complete Streets be effective for the SR 49 Corridor?

In order to connect people across and along SR 49, all modes and users within the corridor have to be considered. Expanding the amount of transportation choices for travelers in the corridor can help relieve congestion on the roadways, which will make it easier for people to make short trips by walking, bicycling, and riding transit. If multimodal choices are available, the first- and last-mile transit trips can be better supported and integrated to the transportation system.

6) How will this plan address climate change?

The plan aims to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and therefore also lower greenhouse gas emissions caused by vehicles.

7) How soon can we expect to implement improvements once the study is completed?

Caltrans is working with NCTC and PCTPA to identify high performing solutions that could be prioritized for funding in both counties' constrained Regional Transportation Plans. The outcome of the study will inform future funding availability but will not directly initiate transportation projects.

8) How can I be involved in the plan?

Caltrans is currently developing the engagement strategy for the plan. For now, you can visit the website below, which will be updated with additional content and opportunities to provide input as the plan develops. Please bookmark this page and stay tuned for future announcements and updates.

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