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MEYERS CORRIDOR OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Why is the County concerned with planning/building the Meyers corridor when fixing roads should be the priority?**

The Meyers corridor is one of eight individual corridor plans identified in the [Regional Transportation Plan](#). According to this plan, corridor planning “will address multi-modal transportation solutions, environmental improvement, safety for all roadway users, support for economic vitality, quality of life and accelerated delivery of projects and services.” The project aims to redevelop the transportation system to achieve complete streets, improve circulation and provide opportunities to experience Meyers as a pedestrian or cyclist, while also improving safety and efficiency for motorists. Funding for this work will primarily come from Federal and State sources.

The County’s Transportation Operations and Maintenance unit manages repair, maintenance and replacement of existing County roadway and drainage infrastructure. This unit is responsible for the maintenance of 1,079 centerline miles of roadway, of which 160 centerline miles are the responsibility of the Tahoe Road Maintenance staff. Funding for this work comes from local fund sources.

- 2. When is this project going to be constructed and what is the anticipated cost?**

The project is very early in the planning stages so estimates are very preliminary at this point. The project is most likely to be implemented in phases due to the scale of the proposed improvements, the limited funding sources and the short Tahoe construction season. Implementation can begin as early as 2019.

- 3. In what capacity is Caltrans involved in this project?**

Nearly all phases of the project are on Caltrans property, so Caltrans is an important partner in this effort and continues to provide the necessary support to further this project. The County is in constant communication with Caltrans to ensure the project follows the appropriate processes and strict adherence to local, State and Federal guidelines.

4. Didn't Caltrans just complete a construction project through Meyers in 2014?

Yes. The primary focus of the 2014 project was to construct water quality improvements. These improvements included rehabilitating existing drainage systems and installed new drainage systems, infiltration basins, vegetated swales and water conveyance systems; deployed water treatment Best Management Practices; provided rock slope protection; constructed rock energy dissipators; revegetate bare or erodible areas; and, installed traction sand traps.

5. How is this project related to the proposed improvements at the State Route 89 and US Highway 50 intersection?

Caltrans is the lead agency to implement the improvements at this intersection. More information can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/Projects/4F840-Meyers/prjindex.htm>. The County is part of the project development team and continues to coordinate with the State as the project progresses.

6. How is this project going to help alleviate the weekend or seasonal gridlock traffic out of Meyers?

This project is not intended to solve the peak demand issues experienced by motorists on US 50 on Sunday afternoons. Rather, the project seeks to improve efficiency for all users through the corridor at other times. The primary goals of the project are to improve:

- The corridor operation and design by redeveloping the transportation system to provide intersection improvements to allow for safe cross-traffic movement and transit operation;
- The corridor safety by proposing to decrease the width of the highway and reduce overall traffic speeds while also providing safe pedestrian access points and crossings;
- The multi-modal transportation system to reduce the reliance on private automobile, improve circulation, and provide opportunities to experience the community as a pedestrian or cyclist and expand the local transit system by providing a park-and-ride facility along with a transit service facility; and,
- The environment and to restore disturbed Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) areas and treat storm water runoff to improve water quality to the maximum extent practicable.

A project webpage has been set up to provide updated project related information at:

<http://www.edcgov.us/MeyersCOIP.aspx>