

As we continue to find creative ways to share good news about Caltrans, we are launching a new electronic publication, CT Update, which will be a quick glimpse at some of the hot items happening at Caltrans and in the world of transportation.

We hope you will all take a moment to peruse this new publication and perhaps even consider forwarding it on to a friend, so they can subscribe as well. You can expect to see the newsletter in your inbox about every other week.

There are some good things happening at the department, so stay in the know!



## *Keeping Our Highways Safe*

Caltrans Crew Clears Roads of Snow, Rocks

**(Mountain News, Lake Arrowhead)**

Keeping the 161 miles of mountain highway open and safe for the motoring public is a gargantuan task-one the crew at the Burnt Mill maintenance station is more than up to.

[Read More](#)



Photo c/o Mountain News

## *VIDEO: Smoothing the Way for Super Bowl 50*

See how Caltrans worked with its partners to prevent the Super Bowl Sunday traffic from overwhelming Bay area highways and keep traffic moving smoothly.



## *Public Input Sought on Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan*

Deadline is March 29 for comments



Add your input to the California Transportation Plan (CTP), the statewide, long-range plan laying out how California will meet its future mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The CTP will be the common policy framework that will guide transportation investment and decisions by all levels of government, the private sector and other stakeholders. [Learn More](#)

The public can review and comment on the plan via [www.californiatransportationplan2040.org](http://www.californiatransportationplan2040.org) or by email to [ctp2040@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ctp2040@dot.ca.gov)

## *Caltrans Launches California State Rail Plan*

Public Input Sought to Determine Priorities for Plan



Caltrans is beginning work on the next California State Rail Plan, which will provide the framework for California's rail network and set the stage for new and improved rail and community connections in the state for the next 20 years.

The department is proactively seeking public input early during the planning process to understand the public's priorities for improvements to passenger and freight rail networks.

## How YOU can GET INVOLVED:

This Rail Plan planning process is being designed to allow for early and meaningful public participation throughout, with several options for input and feedback.

- **Sign up** to receive e-mail updates and notifications on the Rail Plan planning process
- **Provide comments** through the website's online comment form
- **Fill out the online survey**, (available in early 2016)
- **Attend public meetings (in person or online)**, and provide feedback on the Draft Plan during the Public Comment Period in Spring of 2017
- **Bookmark the website** and check it often for updates: [www.californiastaterailplan.com](http://www.californiastaterailplan.com)

The public survey will be available on the new California State Rail Plan website ([www.californiastaterailplan.com](http://www.californiastaterailplan.com)) through Friday, March 4, 2016.

The online survey can also be accessed directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018railplan>.

---

## Regional Transportation Safety Summits

Participate in regional safety summits to:

- Learn about the newly updated California Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Learn about the top traffic safety problems in your region
- Learn about safety activities underway in your region
- Participate in workgroup discussions about priority safety strategies and actions for your region

### Upcoming Summits

**Redding, CA:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016

8:30am-12:30pm

The McConnell Foundation

Lema Ranch

800 Shasta View Drive

Redding, CA 96003

**Sacramento, CA:** Thursday, April 7, 2016

8:30am-12:30pm

California Highway Patrol Headquarters

Building B Training Rooms

601 North 7th Street

Sacramento, CA 95811

**Oakland, CA:** Friday, April 8, 2016

8:30am-12:30pm

Alameda County Commission

1111 Broadway, Suite 800

Oakland, CA 94607

[For More Information...](#)

---

## *Waterwise: Motorists Can Help Reduce Water Contamination*

Tips from Caltrans to Keep Pollutants Off Our Highways and Out of Storm Drains and Water Supply

**(Visalia Times-Delta)** The California Department of Transportation is encouraging motorists to help in reducing water pollution during the rainy season. Continued vehicle maintenance, securing transportation loads and observing proper trash disposal habits will go towards reducing pollutants filtering into the waterways, Caltrans stated. [Read More](#)



## *CA's Excise Gas Tax to Drop - Highway Projects May Be Delayed*

**(KTTV- Fox, Los Angeles)** As you know gas prices are down and, soon so will be the tax by 2.2 cents a gallon. That was the 3 to 2 decision Tuesday by the Board [of Equalization] meeting in Culver City. Drivers we spoke with thought it was great although none thought they'd feel the 2-cents. When we told them there would be an impact on highway projects and public transportation they said they'd rather pay higher taxes. [Read More and Watch Video](#)



## *ICYMI: Congressional Budget Office: Tolls, Mileage Fees Would Better Fund Roads*

**(The Hill)** The federal government would get more bang for their buck if U.S. drivers were charged directly for their use of highways through tolls or mileage fees, a new study from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says. The report from Congress's budgetary scorekeepers says current "spending on highways does not correspond very well with how the roads are used and valued." [Read More](#)

## *Have You Signed Up Yet?*

Volunteers Still Needed for Road Charge Pilot Program

The road charge pilot program is an opportunity for drivers to participate in a meaningful study to help determine if a road charge model (drivers pay to maintain the

roads based on how much they drive rather than how much gas they consume) could be an equitable, sustainable and adaptable way to fund the future maintenance and repair needs of California's roads and infrastructure.

[Learn More About the Pilot](#)

[How to Sign Up](#)



Join Our Mailing List!

Contact: **Caltrans Public Affairs**  
1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA  
| 916.657.5060

