



# EL DORADO COUNTY

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Dear Carson Crossing Drive Community Resident,

My name is Rafael Martinez, and I am the Director of Transportation for El Dorado County. I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address an important issue that has been a growing concern for many of you: the safety of both pedestrians and drivers within the Heritage and Carson Creek Region.

We understand that the increase in vehicular traffic through your community raises concerns about potential increased risk or hazard. I want to assure you that the Department would never allow thresholds to surpass unsafe levels for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. However, in response to your concerns, we are actively pursuing a variety of traffic calming measures designed to slow down traffic and create a community environment for everyone.

Our initiatives include, but are not limited to:

- Analyzing Speed Surveys/Setting Speed Limits/Stop Signs:** The Department is responsible for sanctioning speed limits and determining if stop signs are warranted within the County. Although the Department cannot arbitrarily set a speed limit or place a stop sign (it is calculated/determined based on state criteria and must be processed through the Traffic Advisory Committee), we will reassess posted speed limits after incremental changes in vehicular traffic to ensure they are current and continually evaluate areas within the county, to determine if a stop sign is warranted (Heritage Way at Carson Crossing included).
- Enhanced Signage and Road Markings:** Clear and visible signs, as well as road markings, will be strategically placed to delineate vehicles from pedestrians and restrict truck traffic on Carson Crossing, reducing cut-through traffic.
- Pedestrian Crosswalks and Signals:** We will analyze crosswalks and pedestrian signals on Carson Crossing and Palmdale to determine whether they meet the threshold for grant opportunities for flashing beacons or median improvements. However, please note that meeting the threshold for a grant does not guarantee a grant award. DOT applies and competes with other agencies, and it is determined based on many factors outside of our control. But, if the project is not awarded, we can, and we do, reapply when appropriate.
- Traffic Enforcement:** In working with the CHP, we will request increasing patrols and enforcement of traffic laws to deter speeding and reckless driving.
- Community Engagement and Education:** We encourage residents to engage with their HOA representatives and stakeholder community groups, like APAC, to learn about projects and what El Dorado County Department of Transportation is doing to hold them to state and federal standards. Additionally, you can follow the Board of Supervisors' meeting agendas and access DOT's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) page at <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/County-Projects/CIP-TIF-Program/Capital-Improvement-Program>, to get project information.

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6. **Implementation of Roundabouts:** We will recommend roundabouts as traffic-calming devices at appropriate locations. Currently, we are looking at both ends of Carson Crossing.

Currently, we cannot restrict truck traffic on Carson Crossing Drive due to ongoing construction projects in the area. These projects require the use of soil transport trucks to deliver materials essential for the completion of the work. Limiting truck traffic at this stage would significantly delay progress and extend the duration of construction, ultimately causing prolonged inconvenience for all residents. However, I want to assure you that we have a clear plan in place to address this issue once the construction is completed. At that time, we will install signage to forbid semi-truck traffic on Carson Crossing Drive, thereby restoring some tranquility to your neighborhood.

Safety is our utmost concern, and we are dedicated to making Carson Crossing a calmer place for everyone. Again, I encourage you to participate in community meetings and provide your feedback on these measures, as your input is invaluable to us.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we work together to improve all modes of transportation in our community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [dotengineering@edcgov.us](mailto:dotengineering@edcgov.us), or you can email me directly at [Rafael.martinez@edcgov.us](mailto:Rafael.martinez@edcgov.us).

Sincerely,  
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