

# DISTRICT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (DSMP)

## System Planning Factsheet

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### About the DSMP

The District System Management Plan (DSMP) is an integral part of the System Planning process. It is a long-range, 20-25 year, policy planning document that describes how the District envisions the transportation system will be maintained, managed, and developed over the next twenty years and beyond. It provides the policy framework that guides the analysis and needs identification conducted in Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs) and Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs). Each district prepares one DSMP by the end of June in odd-numbered years.

#### The DSMP:

- Discusses each mode of the transportation system and evaluates associated transportation issues
  - Establishes District objectives and strategies in support of Caltrans' mission and the vision of the California Transportation Plan (CTP)
  - Provides a management tool for informing Caltrans decision-makers, stakeholder agencies, and the public on District strategic plans for multimodal operations and infrastructure improvements
  - Is a vital communication tool when working and negotiating with our partners, in particular, with regional agencies during Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development and when seeking local sales tax measure funding
  - Provides information that may be used in the development of the CTP, and other statewide transportation plans, policies, reports, and documents that may be required by existing and new State and Federal laws governing intermodal planning
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### DSMP Contents

The DSMP has three main elements: the District Profile, Management Plan, and DSMP Project List.

**District Profile:** The District Profile serves as a high-level resource on the District's current and future characteristics and planning efforts. It includes a description of the State Highway System (SHS) routes, transportation systems, demographics, land use, transportation partners, planning efforts, and environmental setting.

**Management Plan:** The Management Plan identifies the District's goals, describes the methods for achieving those goals, and sets District policies on managing the system. The Management Plan is intended to inform and guide decision-making within the District.

**DSMP Project List:** The DSMP Project List is a listing of multi-modal, SHS projects, which are not fully programmed and are of high priority to the District to receive funding. It is a vital communication tool when working and negotiating with our partners, in particular, with regional agencies during RTP development and when seeking local sales tax measure funding. Districts may include non-SHS projects on the list if they wish to emphasize the importance of non-SHS projects to corridor mobility.

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### DSMP Core Partners

**Office of State Planning:** Provides the policy framework for the DSMP and its development

**Division of Traffic Operations:** The DSMP promotes a partnership with Ops to develop policies and identify projects

**Regional/Local Agencies:** the DSMP is a vital communication tool when working and negotiating with local partners

**Office of Project Scoping Coordination:** Uses the DSMP Project List to develop the Project Initiation Document (PID) Non-SHOPP workload

**California Transportation Commission:** the DSMP Project List provides the basis for the needs assessment submitted to the Commission

## SYSTEM PLANNING FLOW CHART

System Planning is Caltrans long-range (20-25 years) transportation planning process to evaluate current & future operating conditions & deficiencies on the State Highway System (CA Gov. Code 65086). The system planning process is made up of four documents, the District System Management Plan (DSMP), the Transportation Concept Report (TCR), the Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP), and the DSMP Project List. System planning is just one aspect of transportation planning that feeds into project initiation and programming, many activities within transportation planning work together to bring projects to completion. The development of all system planning products is guided by a variety of federal, state, regional, local, and tribal plans, policies, and informational sources. For more information on system planning please see the California Corridor Mobility website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/corridor-mobility/index.html>

