

# Caltrans wants Hwy. 50 near Apple Hill to be safer

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State highway officials are laying the groundwork for a \$50 million safety upgrade of Highway 50 east of Placerville, a continuation of decadeslong efforts to modernize one of the oldest mountain highways in the state.

The key element will be installation of two miles of concrete median divider to separate oncoming traffic in the winding and mountainous section between Placerville and the popular Apple Hill area.

Caltrans officials previously added safety features to Highway 50 west of Placerville and improved highway efficiency through the town, although there still are three traffic lights on the highway.

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