



Caltrans®

Strategic Partnering: Homeless Encampments During COVID 19

*Opportunities to assist Persons
Experiencing Homelessness
(PEH)*

**Safety is
the first
priority**

Safety

Safe Relocation

Active Partnering

Collaboration: roles and responsibilities

**Minimize number of
encampments and
encamped.**

**Maximize use of parcels
for shelter.**

**Responding to
the Challenge:
Active
Partnership**

**Transition unsheltered to shelter
and housing.**

How are PEH relocated?

Individual housing that follows CDC, CDPH, CalHR, guidelines.

- ✓ COVID-19
- ✓ Shelter in place at current location,





ENCAMPENT PRIORITIZATION LEVEL ONE

➤ **Emergency**

- People in travel lanes.
- People in confined bridge cells.
- Tapping into electricity.
- Need to perform emergency inspections.



ENCAMPMENT PRIORITIZATION LEVEL TWO

➤ **High/Urgent**

- Combustible materials or unauthorized vehicles such as RVs under structures.
- Only access to camps is by crossing live traffic; gore points.
- Damage to stability of slope or structures by digging into embankments or slopes.
- Concealment that blocks access to structures.

ENCAMPMENT PRIORITIZATION LEVEL THREE

➤ **Mitigate Before Relocating**

- Work with CAL FIRE & CHP to monitor severity of safety threats.
- Consider mitigation first.
- Focus on relocation with local governments.

ENCAMPMENT PRIORITIZATION LEVEL FOUR

➤ Mitigate Location

- Trash cleanups.
- Coordinate with local governments.
- Increase sanitation and cleanliness.
- Engage people to help people, collectively.



Encampment Prioritization



➤ Abandoned Encampments

- Locations without unsheltered individuals with only litter and debris.
- Location not occupied by unsheltered for over 48-72 hours.

➤ Debris Removal

**Relocation of
Unsheltered
Individuals
Experiencing
Homelessness
Requests**

Coordination for requests should be streamlined by city/county Point of Contact through Caltrans Liaison on Homelessness.