

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2867

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND EACH OF THE PROJECTS INCORPORATED THEREIN, ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PALM DESERT GENERAL PLAN AND A FINDING THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert ("City") has an adopted General Plan, which designates land uses and corresponding building intensities, circulation networks, open space, and public facilities throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 65103(c) and 65401 require the City's proposed Capital Improvement Program budget to be annually reviewed by the City of Palm Desert's Planning Commission to determine its consistency with the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Planning Commission reviewed the City's proposed Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2024-2025 ("CIP") and component public works projects ("Project" or "Projects"), as identified in the staff report and attachments, and incorporated herein by reference, to determine their consistency with the General Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The Planning Commission hereby finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Consistency with General Plan. Based on evidence in the staff report, and attachments, the Planning Commission hereby finds and determines that the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program and Projects are consistent with the City's adopted General Plan as to location, purpose, and extent necessary to facilitate the implementation of the General Plan and provide for orderly development patters and the timely extension and provision of public facilities because the projects identified therein are consistent with the General Plan, specifically the following policies:

Mobility Element

1.1 – Complete Streets. Consider all modes of travel in planning, design, and construction of all transportation projects to create safe, livable, and inviting environments for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transit users of all ages and capabilities.

3.1 – Pedestrian Network. Provide a safe and convenient circulation system for pedestrians that include sidewalks, crosswalks, places to sit and gather, appropriate street lighting, buffers from moving vehicles, shading, and amenities for people of all ages.

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3.2 – Prioritized Improvements. Prioritize pedestrian improvements in areas of the city with community and/or education facilities, supportive land use patterns, expressed community interest in better pedestrian infrastructure, and non-automotive connections such as multi-use trails and transit stops.

4.2 – Prioritized Improvements. Prioritize and capitalize on opportunities to provide bicycle facilities that connect community facilities, supportive land use patterns, pedestrian routes, and transit stations.

6.3 – Operations and Maintenance Costs. Evaluate potential changes in Citywide operations and maintenance costs for transportation facilities prior to the construction of any new facilities.

7.1 – Ongoing Monitoring. Regularly monitor the performance of all major transportation facilities within the City including major roadways, pedestrian facilities, bicycle lanes, and transit stops.

7.2 – Safety Review. Continue to coordinate with law enforcement agencies to identify major accident locations including those affecting vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Regularly publish reports regarding traffic safety conditions in the city.

Safety Element

1.4 – Critical Facilities. Prepare existing critical facilities for resilience to hazards and develop new facilities outside of hazard-prone areas.

3.3 – Stormwater Management. Monitor, update, and enforce stormwater management plans in coordination with regional agencies, utilities, and other jurisdictions.

4.1 – Fire Preparation. Maintain optimal fire readiness and response service in coordination with Riverside County and other agencies. Review interjurisdictional fire response agreements and ensure that the agreements and firefighting resources, including water supply, can meet current and future needs, including increased demand from new development and changing fire regimes.

Public Utilities & Services Element

3.3 – Water infrastructure. Maintain existing water infrastructure to protect the supply, quality, and delivery of portable water.

6.3 – Library space. Ensure adequate library space, services, books and other resources are available to residents and students.

7.1 – Quality of service. Provide courteous, responsive, and efficient police and fire services.

7.3 – Serving new growth. Expand police and fire service coverage in conjunction with new growth to ensure quality of service does not diminish.

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Health & Wellness Element

7.1 – Physical plan. Facilitate the construction of a built environment that supports a healthy physical and social environment for new and existing neighborhoods and strengthens community cohesion.

Housing Element

3– The City shall preserve existing affordable housing units.

3.D – The Housing Authority owns approximately 1,114 existing rental housing units and will strive to maintain its ownership and/or long term affordability of these units by a third party. Should the Housing Authority sell any of its properties, the sale will include a deed restriction assuring that the same affordability levels as occur prior to sale are maintained for a period of at least 55 years.

SECTION 3. New Projects. The projects listed in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program and are consistent with the General Plan Based on the General Plan objective or policy identified therein:

PROJECT CODE	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING SOURCE	GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT	APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN POLICIES
MFA00007	Bridge Inspection & Repair Program	Measure A	Mobility	7.1, 7.2
			Safety	1.4
MFA00006	Citywide Pavement Condition Evaluation	Gas Tax	Mobility	6.3
				7.1, 7.2
CFA00010	Fire Station 102 PA4	Capital Bond Fund	Safety	4.1
			Public Utilities & Services	7.3, 7.8
CFA00017	Fire Station 33 Remodel	Fire Fund	Safety	1.4 4.1
			Public Utilities & Services	7.1, 7.3, 7.8
CFA00019	Fire Station 71 Rebuild	Fire Fund	Safety	1.4 4.1
			Public Utilities & Services	7.1, 7.3, 7.8
TBD	Mountain View Retention Basin	General	Safety	3.3

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PROJECT CODE	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING SOURCE	GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT	APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN POLICIES
CFA00027	New Library Facility	Library Capital Projects	Health and Wellness	7.1
			Public Utilities & Services	6.3
CST00005	PD Link	Measure A	Mobility	1.1
Various	PDHA Replacement Expenditures	Housing Authority	Housing	3, 3.D
CDR00006	Stormwater and Drainage Infrastructure Assessment	Measure A	Safety	1.4
CDR00006 MST00008	Stormwater and Drainage Infrastructure Assessment Street Resurfacing Program	Measure A Gas Tax	Public Utilities & Services	3.3
			Mobility	6.3
MST00008	Street Resurfacing Program	Measure A	Mobility	6.3
CST00002	Walk n Roll PD	Measure A	Mobility	1.1 3.1, 3.2 4.2

SECTION 4. CEQA. The finding of General Plan consistency for the CIP is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility that making this finding may have a significant impact on the environment. The CIP schedules the funding and construction of public facilities including infrastructure construction, rehabilitation projects, and is a component of the proposed City Budget and does not have the potential to cause a significant impact on the environment. No physical changes in the environment proposed by any of the component projects of the CIP will occur until the required environmental analysis is conducted for said project. Further, the action is not considered a project per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction or preempted by state legislation, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Planning Commission hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each and every section, subsection, sentence clause or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to any such decision or legislation.

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SECTION 6. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the City's office at 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Richard D. Cannone, AICP, the Secretary to the Palm Desert Planning Commission, is the custodian of the record of proceedings.

SECTION 7. Execution of Resolution. The Chairperson of the Planning Commission signs this Resolution, and the Secretary to the Commission shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

ADOPTED ON May 21, 2024.

JOSEPH PRADETTO
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

RICHARD D. CANNONE, AICP
SECRETARY

I, Richard D. Cannone, AICP, Secretary of the City of Palm Desert Planning Commission, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2867 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Palm Desert on May 21, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on May ____, 2024.

RICHARD D. CANNONE, AICP
SECRETARY