

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG) ACCESS INDIAN CANYON DRIVE PROJECT AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the Letters of Support for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) ACCESS Indian Canyon Drive Project and the Coachella Valley Multimodal Corridor Plan.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) requested letters of support for two projects. At the direction of the City Council Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Trubee and Mayor Harnik, these letters were issued on December 27, 2024. The City Council is now asked to ratify their issuance.

The **ACCESS Indian Canyon Drive Project** (Addressing Climate Change, Emergencies, and Sandstorms) focuses on improving infrastructure resilience and mobility. Key components of the project include the construction of two all-weather bridge systems to minimize road closures caused by water and sand accumulation. Additionally, the project features undercrossings to support a wildlife corridor, ensuring interconnectivity for threatened and endangered species. Other enhancements include sand fencing to protect roadways from windblown sand and an active transportation pathway to increase mobility and access to rail services.

The **Coachella Valley Multimodal Corridor Plan** (CVMCP) is an initiative designed to improve regional connectivity, promote sustainable transportation, and enhance mobility for residents and visitors throughout the Coachella Valley. The plan emphasizes the integration of multimodal transportation networks, including roadways, public transit, pedestrian pathways, and cycling infrastructure, to address the region's evolving transportation needs.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letters of Support