

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFY ISSUANCE OF A COMMENT LETTER ON DRAFT 2024 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE (CAPTI) ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the comment letter addressed to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) regarding the Draft 2024 Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Actions.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Draft 2024 CAPTI Actions were released on November 1, 2024, soliciting public feedback by December 13, 2024. This plan outlines proposed transportation investment strategies intended to meet state climate and equity goals. It includes significant shifts in funding priorities, particularly affecting roadway and highway investments funded through Senate Bill 1 (SB 1).

Recognizing the potential regional impacts of these proposals, the City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, consisting of Mayor Quintanilla and Mayor Pro Tem Harnik, authorized the immediate issuance of a comment letter on November 26, 2024. This letter emphasizes Palm Desert's concerns over certain proposals within the draft CAPTI Actions, particularly those deprioritizing highway investments and codifying CAPTI principles into statute without further analysis.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Comment Letter on Draft 2024 CAPTI Actions, dated November 26, 2024
2. Draft CAPTI Actions & Descriptions