

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2890

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 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 a 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 20, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the City's proposed Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2025-2026 ("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 2025-2026 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 patterns 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

Policies

- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

Public Utilities & Services Element

- 5.1 Plan for Fiber. During construction of streets, pathways, etc., and when feasible, conduit for future fiber optic cable shall be installed.
- 5.2 Quality telecommunication services. Support the creation of a broadband service throughout Palm Desert.

Health & Wellness Element

- 1.1 Park amenities. In the design of parks or open spaces, provide paths, running tracks, playgrounds, sport courts, and drinking fountains.
- 1.7 Design for safety. Utilize CPTED design techniques such as providing clear lines of sight, adequate lighting, and wayfinding signs, to ensure parks are safe.
- 1.9 Open space trails. Develop and enhance existing open space and trails that provide City residents and visitors access to undisturbed desert and mountain environments, while preserving these resources, including sensitive plant and animal species, in their natural environments.

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- 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.

SECTION 3. New Projects. The projects listed in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program and Projects 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
CRB00001	Cook and Gerald Ford Retention Basin	Capital Drainage Funds	Safety	3.3
CLS00005	Country Club Median Landscape Improvements	Capital Bond Fund	Health and Wellness	7.1
CST00024	El Paseo Street Rehab & Mid-Block Crossing	Gas Tax, Measure A, Capital Bond Fund	Mobility	1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 4.2, 6.3, 7.1
CST00023	El Dorado Drive Rehab	Gas Tax, SB1, Measure A	Mobility	6.3, 7.1
CPK00005	Homme Adams Park Improvements	Capital Bond Fund	Health and Wellness	1.1, 1.7
GDR00001	North Sphere Floor Control	Measure G	Safety	3.3
CPK00009	Randall Henderson Trailhead Improvements	Capital Improvement Fund	Health and Wellness	1.9, 7.1
CTS00007	Traffic Signal Improvements	Gas Tax	Mobility	7.1, 7.2

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CPL00004	University Park Street Improvements	Gas Tax	Mobility	6.3, 7.1
MPK00006	Bump & Grind Trailhead Improvements	Capital Improvement Fund	Health and Wellness	1.9, 7.1

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CSS00001	Citywide Entry Monument Signage	Capital Bond Fund	Health and Wellness	7.1
CST00013	El Paseo Parkway Improvements	Capital Improvement Fund	Health and Wellness	7.1
CEQ00006	Fiber Optic Communication Upgrades	Measure A	Public Utilities and Service	5.1, 5.2
MPK00001	Freedom Park Improvements	Capital Improvement Fund	Health and Wellness	1.1, 1.7
MPK00008	Ironwood Park Improvements	Capital Improvement Fund	Health and Wellness	1.1, 1.7
MLS00003	Golf Course Tree Pruning	Golf Capital	Health and Wellness	7.1

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.

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. Rosie Lua, 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.

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ADOPTED ON May 20, 2025.

RON GREGORY
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

ROSIE LUA
SECRETARY

I, Rosie Lua, Secretary of the City of Palm Desert Planning Commission, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2890 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 20, 2025, 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 ____, 2025.

ROSIE LUA
SECRETARY