

# **Palm Desert General Plan Reference Guide for 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program**

## **Mobility Element**

**This Element describes the City's goals and policies related to transportation. The transportation system includes the city's roadways, bus stops, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and trails.**

### Goals

1 – Livable Streets. A balanced transportation system that accommodates all modes of travel safely and efficiently.

3 – Pedestrian Facilities. Integrated pedestrian pathways that connect residences, businesses, and educational community uses.

4 – Bicycle Networks. Well-connected bicycle network that facilitates bicycling for commuting, school, shopping, and recreational trips.

6 – Sustainable Transportation. A transportation network that can be built, operated, and maintained within the City's resource limitations.

### 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.

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 – Monitoring. A process to regularly monitor the performance of City transportation 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

## Safety Element

**This element identifies priority public safety issues in Palm Desert and addresses potential hazards to people and property. Issues in this element include both natural and human-caused hazards. Goals, policies and actions in the Safety Element seek to enhance the safety of the community and foster long-term resilience to potential hazards.**

### Goals

1 – Leadership. City leadership that promotes collaboration within the region that sustains maximum resilience to emergencies and disasters.

3 – Flood hazards. A community where flooding and inundation hazards are contained within areas reserved for open space.

### Policies

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

**This Element establishes the City’s long-term goals and policies for producing, managing, and maintaining its infrastructure systems and public utilities. The Public Utilities & Services Element provides background research, goals, and policies to guide the provisions of public utilities and services to support existing and new development in Palm Desert.**

### Goals

5 – Telecommunications and Utilities. A city with high quality telecommunications services and utilities

### Policies

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

**This element presents priorities, objectives, and goals for health and wellness improvements throughout the community. It includes goals and policies that address existing community health concerns as well as innovative solutions to ensure city streets, parks, and public spaces are safe and comfortable now and in the future.**

### Goals

1 – Public Park Facilities. A network of parks with safe and convenient access and resources for everyone

5 – Healthcare and Social Services. Affordable, accessible, and high- quality health care and social services for all residents.

### Policies

*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.

*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.