

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATING THE MOBILITY (CIRCULATION) ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

CASE NOS. GPA25-0002

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65800 et seq. provides for the amendment of any and all adopted City of Palm Desert (“City”) zoning laws, ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Palm Desert adopted its General Plan on November 10, 2016 via CC Resolution 2016-87; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Palm Desert adopted General Plan Amendment GPA19-0001 on September 16, 2019 via CC Resolution 2019-76a to amend the Mobility Element to reclassify “Painters Path”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Palm Desert on July 11, 2024 initiated a contract to prepare a comprehensive amendment to Chapter 4 – Mobility (Circulation) Element of the Palm Desert General Plan and updated Transportation Study Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment 25-0002 is the second General Plan Amendment processed for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan Amendment would replace in its entirety the Chapter 4 - Mobility Element of the General Plan previously approved via CC Resolution 2016-87; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment is internally consistent with the other elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the CEQA, the State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines), and the City of Palm Desert CEQA Implementation Requirements, the City of Palm Desert Development Services Department prepared an Addendum to the City’s 2016 certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2015081020) adopted via City Council Resolution No. 2016-86 that determined there is no substantial evidence that the project would result in significant environmental impacts not previously studied in the EIR and accordingly, the project would not result in any conditions listed identified in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Palm Desert, California, did on the 18th day of November 2025, hold a duly noticed public hearing for approval of the above-noted Project request and adopted Planning Commission Resolution 2908 recommending the City Council approve of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, did on the 11th day of December 2025, hold a duly noticed public hearing for approval of the above-noted Project request; and

WHEREAS, at the said public hearing, upon hearing and considering all testimony and arguments, if any, of all interested persons desiring to be heard, the City Council did find the following facts and reasons, which are outlined in the staff report, exist to justify approval of said request:

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

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

SECTION 2. General Plan Amendment. As required by Palm Desert Municipal Code "PDMC" Section 25.78.070, the following findings to approve a General Plan Amendment:

Pursuant to Section 25.78.070(E), the proposed amendment is in the public interest. There is a substantial public benefit to be derived from the amendment, and the General Plan, as amended, will remain internally consistent. Furthermore, the proposed amendment furthers the goals and objectives of the General Plan.

The proposed General Plan Amendment updates the City's Mobility (Circulation) Element to ensure consistency with current state laws and regulations, correct internal inconsistencies, and plan for future development within the City of Palm Desert. This update provides substantial public benefit by enhancing safety, mobility, and overall quality of life for residents, while establishing the policies, programs, and goals that guide the City's transportation planning efforts.

SECTION 3. CEQA Determination. The City Council finds that the CEQA Addendum to the City's certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report is complete and adequate for consideration, as presented in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

SECTION 4. Project Recommendations. The City Council hereby approves the amendment to the Mobility (Circulation) Element, as presented in Exhibit "B" attached hereto; and

SECTION 5. Based upon the foregoing findings and facts incorporated herein, the City Council hereby approves GPA25-0002.

ADOPTED ON _____.

JAN HARNIK
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2025-__ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on _____, 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 _____, 2025.

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK