

Memorandum

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Subject: Update on the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure Annual Report

Summary:

Deputy Secretary for Environmental Policy and Housing Coordination at the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), Darwin Moosavi, will provide a presentation on the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Annual Report.

Background:

CAPTI responds to Governor Newsom's call to action in Executive Orders N-19-19 and N-79-20 by outlining strategies and actions that will advance more sustainable, equitable, and healthy modes of transportation, such as walking, biking, transit, and rail, as well as accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicle technology. It outlines a holistic framework that aligns the state's transportation infrastructure investments with the state's climate, health, and social equity goals, while also maintaining the commitment made in Senate Bill 1 to a fix-it-first approach to transportation.

In outlining a holistic framework, this Action Plan acknowledges that transportation infrastructure and transportation funding are just one piece of a much larger puzzle to meet the state's overall goals for climate, health, and social equity. CAPTI tackles the narrow issue of how existing state transportation infrastructure investments should be leveraged to meet our goals.

To realize a truly low-carbon, sustainable, resilient, and economically competitive future for the state, we must use all the tools available to meet the State's emission reduction targets. Given that transportation investments can play a key role in economic recovery and stimulus, CAPTI leads with a vision for how we can prioritize state dollars — whether it be through existing programs or future funding opportunities — to create good jobs and employment pathways for economic and community resilience and recovery.

Although California's statewide transportation funding programs have different statutory direction and invest in various types of infrastructure, collectively they can help us work toward our transportation vision. Executive Order N-19-19 specifically calls on CalSTA to leverage the annual discretionary transportation infrastructure funding in these programs:

- Active Transportation Program
- Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
- Local Partnership Program
- Solutions for Congested Corridors
- State Highway Operations and Protection Program
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

CAPTl identifies ten guiding principles and eight strategies which include 34 key actions of ongoing and needed changes to state transportation planning, project scoping, programming, and mitigation activities to align with the CAPTI Investment Framework.

The full adopted Action Plan can be viewed at: <https://calsta.ca.gov/-/media/calsta-media/documents/capti-july-2021-a11y.pdf>

CAPTl Annual Report Process

Following the adoption of CAPTI on July 12, 2021, state agencies began work to implement the identified key actions. Action 8.3 commits CalSTA to development an annual progress report to document key accomplishments made to implement the actions listed in the plan. The annual report is to be released each fall to inform the public on the status.

To ensure oversight on progress, CalSTA has continued to convene the CAPTI Interagency Working Group to keep members informed on CAPTI action item implementation. The Working Group includes staff from the California Department of Transportation, the California Transportation Commission, the California Air Resources Board, the Department of Finance, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the Strategic Growth Council, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. In June 2022, CalSTA sent out a formal status survey to action lead agencies for an initial update on the progress of each action. In the months following, CalSTA held individual meetings with lead agency staff to further discuss the successes and challenges of implementing specific actions.

One year into implementation, 12 actions are complete, of which five were led by the Commission and several others were supported by the Commission and already included in their program guidelines. Eighteen actions are still underway and have seen substantial progress, and four are in the early stages. New actions are not included in this report, nor have any actions been removed, as we have yet to see the impact of the original actions on all funding programs.

This draft annual progress report will be released during the week of October 3, 2022. Following the release, CalSTA will hold a public webinar on October 6th open to all stakeholders to share the progress and gather feedback. An additional presentation on the draft report will be given at the November 3, 2022, joint Air Resources Board, Commission, and Department of Housing and Community Development Meeting. Stakeholders can submit written comments between the draft plan release and November 4th. All comments will be reviewed carefully, and the report will be updated as appropriate. The final annual progress report will be released on December 5, 2022.

The draft CAPTI Annual Report will be published during the week of October 3, 2022 on the CAPTI website found here: <https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/climate-action-plan>