DEPUTY DIRECTIVE

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Title: Accommodating Non-Motorized Travel

POLICY

The Department fully considers the needs of non-motorized travelers (including pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with disabilities) in all programming, planning, maintenance, construction, operations and project development activities and products. This includes incorporation of the best available standards in all of the Department's practices. The Department adopts the best practice concepts in the US DOT Policy Statement on Integrating Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Infrastructure.

DEFINITION/ BACKGROUND

The planning and project development process seeks to provide the people of California with a degree of mobility that is in balance with other values. They must ensure that economic, social and environmental effects are fully considered along with technical issues, so that the best interest of the public is served. This includes all users of California's facilities and roadways.

Attention must be given to many issues including, but not limited to, the following:

- Safe and efficient transportation for all users of the transportation system
- Provision of alternatives for non-motorized travel
- Support of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Attainment of community goals and objectives
- Transportation needs of low-mobility, disadvantaged groups
- Support of the State's economic development
- Elimination or minimization of adverse effects on the environment, natural resources, public services, aesthetic features and the community
- Realistic financial estimates
- Cost effectiveness

Individual projects are selected for construction on the basis of overall multimodal system benefits as well as community goals, plans and values. Decisions place emphasis on making different transportation modes work together safely and effectively. Implicit in these objectives is the need to accommodate non-motorized travelers as an important consideration in improving the transportation system.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs:

- Ensures that the needs of non-motorized travelers are incorporated into the program element of Transportation Planning and the modal elements of the statewide strategy for mobility.
- Ensures that liaison exists with non-motorized advocates to incorporate non-motorized needs into all program areas including project and system planning.
- Ensures that the needs of the non-motorized travelers are incorporated in Personal Movement Strategies.

Deputy Director, Project Delivery:

- Ensures that projects incorporate best practices for non-motorized travel in the design and construction of Capital projects.

Deputy Director, Maintenance and Operations:

- Ensures that the transportation system is maintained and operated in a safe and efficient manner with the recognition that non-motorized travel is a vital element of the transportation system.
- Ensures that the needs of non-motorized travelers are met in maintenance work zones.

District Directors:

- Ensure that best practices for non-motorized travel are included in all district projects and project planning.
- Ensure that best practices for non-motorized travel are implemented in maintenance and travel operations practices.

Chief, Division of Design:

- Ensures that project delivery procedures and design guidance include the needs of non-motorized travelers as a regular part of doing business.
- Ensures that all Project Delivery staff is trained and consider the needs of the non-motorized traveler while developing and designing transportation projects.

Chief, Division of Planning:

- Ensures incorporation of non-motorized travel elements in transportation plans, programs and studies prepared by Transportation Planning.
- Ensures planning staff understand and are trained in the principles and design guidelines, non-motorized funding sources and the planning elements of non-motorized transportation.
- Coordinates Caltrans projects with non-motorized interest groups.
- Ensures incorporation of non-motorized travel elements in Corridor Studies prepared by Transportation Planning.

Chief, Division of Environmental Analysis:

- Ensures that non-motorized travel groups potentially affected by Caltrans projects are identified and have the opportunity to be involved in the project development process.
- Advocates effectively for all reasonable project-specific best practices that support or promote non-motorized travel.

Chief, Division of Maintenance:

- Ensures State-owned facilities are maintained consistent with the needs of motorized and non-motorized travelers.
- Provides guidance and training to those maintaining roadways to be aware of and sensitive to the needs of non-motorized travel.

Chief, Division of Traffic Operations:

- Ensures that the transportation system is operated in accordance with the needs of all travelers including non-motorized travel.
- Provides training and guidance on the operation of the transportation facility consistent with providing mobility for all users.

- Recommends safety measures in consideration of non-motorized travel on California's transportation system.

Chief, Division of Local Assistance:

- Ensures that Local Assistance staff, local agencies and interest groups are familiar with funding programs that are available for non-motorized travelers.
- Ensures that program coordinators responsible for non-motorized travel modes are familiar with non-motorized issues and advocate on behalf of non-motorized travelers.

APPLICABILITY

All Caltrans employees who are involved in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of the transportation system.

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