

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**CTC Meeting:** May 18-19, 2022

**From:** ANGEL PYLE, Chief Financial Officer (Acting)

**Reference Number:** 4.6, Information Item

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**Subject:** **California Transportation Plan 2050 Implementation Progress Report**

### **SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) approved the Final 2021 California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050 Implementation Progress Report, which details the progress made in Fiscal Year 2020-21 implementing the CTP 2050 recommendations.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The CTP is the legislatively mandated long-range transportation plan for the State of California. The financially unconstrained plan provides a common framework for guiding investments by all levels of government and the private sector. The plan provides a vision and blueprint for future transportation decision making over a 25-year planning horizon. The CTP is updated every five years to reflect new statewide policy, research, and technological advancements for both land use and transportation.

During the public review period for the CTP 2050, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) provided a comment letter which requested the Department to provide an annual report highlighting implementation progress of the CTP. The Commission and the Department discussed implementation during ongoing phases of CTP development, and continue to work toward monitoring and recording progress achieved in implementing the CTP 2050 statewide. The Department will also utilize annual progress reporting to inform future iterations of the CTP.

At the January meeting, the Commission provided a comment letter on the draft report. Since then, the public comment period closed on February 14, 2022, and all public comments including those submitted by the Commission have been reviewed, addressed and incorporated as appropriate.

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Attachments:

1. Letter to the Commission from the Department
2. The final 2021 CTP Implementation Report is posted here:  
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/state-planning-equity-and-engagement/california-transportation-plan>

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January 27, 2022

Mr. Toks Omishakin, Director  
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RE: California Transportation Commission Comments on the Draft California  
Transportation Plan Implementation Report

Dear Director Omishakin:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft California Transportation Plan Implementation Report (Report). We appreciate the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) efforts to reach this important milestone toward implementing the California Transportation Plan, consistent with the direction of the California Transportation Commission's (Commission) California Transportation Plan Guidelines. We also appreciate Caltrans' acknowledgement that while the California Transportation Plan is a fiscally unconstrained document, implementation will occur in a fiscally constrained environment.

The Commission respectfully provides the following comments, questions, and recommendations for your consideration:

1. The Plan provides in its Executive Summary an overview of what the Implementation Element will entail (p. 9). According to the Plan, "Caltrans will develop an Implementation Element, which identifies the requirements necessary to implement actions... including agency responsibilities, implementation steps,

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and timelines.” However, many of the listed components – such as timeframes, details for each action, responsible parties, financial analysis, etc. – are absent from the Report. Caltrans should include the omitted implementation sections in the final report.

2. The California Transportation Plan (Plan) 2050 correctly highlights that successful implementation “will require the sustained commitment and cooperation of [Caltrans] and other State agencies, and the visionary leadership of local and regional partners” (p. 3). However, the Report focuses almost exclusively on Caltrans-led activities. Please update the report to include a description of how other agencies will and are supporting ongoing implementation activities.
3. To better highlight the implementation link between local and regional partnership efforts, Caltrans should articulate the role Regional Transportation Plans play in advancing implementation of the California Transportation Plan.
4. In the Plan, each of the 14 recommendations has actions associated with it, but the actions are not discussed in the Report. Caltrans should provide an update on the 14 recommendations and associated actions in future annual reports to the Commission.
5. Please add reference to the Assembly Bill 285 (2019, Friedman) report that is under development and how the findings might influence implementation efforts in the future.
6. What is the timeline for the activities detailed in the Data Monitoring and Display section? In addition, the Report should describe how future Implementation Reports will incorporate more information on performance metrics.
7. In the section on Program Funding, Caltrans should articulate that in addition to state programs there are other funding sources that support transportation, including federal and local sources. In addition, there are several errors and omissions in this section. Please address the following issues:
  - a. The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program also receives federal funds annually, which are not reflected in the annual funding amount.
  - b. The Local Partnership Program also has a formulaic portion that should be included in the Discretionary Program Funding table.
  - c. The regional portion of the State Transportation Improvement Program as well as the Local Streets and Roads Program should be listed in the Discretionary Program Funding table as local discretionary funding sources that support transportation infrastructure.

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The Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide comments for consideration. We look forward to receiving an update on how Commission comments informed the final Report at the March 16-17, 2022 Commission Meeting. If you have any questions please contact Laura Pennebaker, Deputy Director for Transportation Planning, at (916) 654-4245 or email [Laura.Pennebaker@catc.ca.gov](mailto:Laura.Pennebaker@catc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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May 2, 2022

Ms. Lee Ann Eager, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Norton:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to thank the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for taking the time to provide comments on the Public Draft of the 2022 California Transportation Plan (CTP) Implementation Report (Report). We want to reiterate that the CTP is a cohesive planning document that can be utilized by our state, regional, and local partners. Your valued input improves our efforts to implement a visionary long-range plan to help California reach its ambitious transportation goals.

Caltrans has prepared a response to the comments provided within your letter dated January 27, 2022. Our staff looks forward to working together with CTC to implement the CTP and provide future progress report updates.

Please see the following responses to the comments provided by CTC. Comments are shown in *italic*:

- 1. CTP provides in its Executive Summary an overview of what the Implementation Element will entail (p. 9). According to the Plan, "Caltrans will develop an Implementation Element, which identifies the requirements necessary to implement actions... including agency responsibilities, implementation steps, and timelines." However, many of the listed components—such as timeframes, details for each action, responsible parties, financial analysis, etc.—are absent from the Report. Caltrans should include the omitted implementation sections in the final report.*

Response: After the development of CTP, the referenced Implementation Element evolved into this Report and CTP Dashboard. The CTP Dashboard is currently under development and Caltrans anticipates launching the CTP Dashboard later this year. As part of the final Report, Caltrans has added an appendix that consists of an action list that details CTP 2050 14 recommendations, 132 strategies (actions), the estimated timelines, and the lead implementing agencies.

2. *CTP 2050 correctly highlights that successful implementation "will require the sustained commitment and cooperation of [Caltrans] and other State agencies, and the visionary leadership of local and regional partners" (p. 3). However, the Report focuses almost exclusively on Caltrans-led activities. Please update the report to include a description of how other agencies will and are supporting ongoing implementation activities.*

Response: This iteration of the Report focuses on the actions taken by Caltrans. Caltrans is working on expanding this framework and collaborating with partner agencies as well as developing the CTP Dashboard that will allow partners to input the actions they are taking to implement the CTP. Actions led by partner agencies will be included in future annual CTP implementation reports.

3. *To better highlight the implementation link between local and regional partnership efforts, Caltrans should articulate the role Regional Transportation Plans play in advancing implementation of CTP.*

Response: In the Report, the Focused Partnership section (pages 5-6) covers this topic. In addition, Caltrans is coordinating with the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and the Commission to facilitate conversations with the regions on the role and relationship of the CTP and the Regional Transportation Plans.

4. *In the Plan, each of the 14 recommendations has actions associated with it, but the actions are not discussed in the Report. Caltrans should provide an update on the 14 recommendations and associated actions in future annual reports to CTC.*

Response: Progress towards CTP implementation will be incorporated into the CTP Dashboard. As discussed in the response to comment #1, the action list developed as a result of CTP 2050 will be included in the Final Report as an appendix.

5. *Please add reference to the Assembly Bill (AB) 285 (2019, Friedman) report that is under development and how the findings might influence implementation efforts in the future.*

Response: Caltrans added a next steps section that describes AB 285 (2019, Friedman). This includes highlighting the coordination efforts underway between Caltrans, CTC, and SGC. In addition, future iterations of the CTP and Implementation Report will include a timeline and incorporate the report findings.

6. *What is the timeline for the activities detailed in the Data Monitoring and Display section? In addition, the Report should describe how future Implementation Reports will incorporate more information on performance metrics.*

Response: For the next iteration of the Report, Caltrans will have developed the CTP Dashboard and begin populating with Caltrans actions and data. We expect to begin posting preliminary CTP Dashboard data in July 2022. The CTP Dashboard is dependent on both internal and external inputs and will evolve. Caltrans will work with its partners and Districts to test and refine performance metrics and the data monitoring effort.

7. *In the section on Program Funding, Caltrans should articulate that in addition to state programs there are other funding sources that support transportation, including federal and local sources. In addition, there are several errors and omissions in this section. Please address the following issues:*

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Response: All the aforementioned funding programs and sources have been incorporated in the Final Report.

Again, we thank CTC for its ongoing efforts to coordinate and partner with Caltrans. The comments provided by you have been crucial to the development of the CTP Implementation Report.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the CTP Implementation Report, please contact Marlon Fournoy, Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, at (916) 617-0293 or by email sent to [Marlon.Fournoy@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Marlon.Fournoy@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



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