

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **DRAFT CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050 PATHWAYS**

Summary:

California Department of Transportation (Department) staff will present the draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) at the August 2026 Commission meeting. Government Code section 65073 requires the Governor to approve the CTP. The current CTP, released on August 3, 2026 for a total of 45 days for public review and comment, must be approved by November 2026. The Department plans to address Commission input and public comment in August and September 2026. The CTP 2050 Pathways plan can be accessed at <https://publicinput.com/v80122>.

Background:

Federal and state statutes require the Department to complete the CTP and keep it current. The CTP is California's long-range transportation plan. The CTP outlines a vision for the future transportation system, establishes statewide priorities, and acts as a roadmap for the Department and partner agencies. The Department updates the CTP every five years to meet statutory requirements. Below are key facts about the draft CTP 2050 Pathways.

1. **Changes from the last plan.** Assembly Bill (AB) 2086 (Schiavo, Statutes of 2024) passed during the CTP development. To address the intent of the bill to provide more transparency and to ground the CTP in fiscal feasibility, staff added information about the technical assumptions made in the CTP and used reasonable assumptions about future conditions to inform the technical work. The Department also included an overview of future transportation revenues as required by AB 2086. Two of the goals, 1) environment and 2) quality of life and public health, were combined with existing goals for a total of six CTP goals.

2. **Key Messages.** Below are key message points found in the CTP.

- A gap exists between greenhouse gas and vehicle miles travelled reduction goals and projections of future conditions, but strategies like increased transit, pricing, and land-use changes can significantly narrow it.
- Collaboration with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies is essential to meeting CTP goals.
- New revenue sources are needed to address declining transportation funding.
- Transportation solutions must be tailored to local context; one size rarely fits all.
- Strengthening the interregional system is vital for safe travel, essential services, and emergency response and recovery.

3. **Plan Development and Timeline.** The Department worked closely with Commission staff and California Air Resources Board staff to develop the plan. The Department must obtain Executive approval of the plan in October 2026 in order to have the CTP approved in November of 2026.