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# **CAPTI Revisions Memo**

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# Memo Purpose

This document outlines a high-level summary of public feedback received since the release of the March 10, 2021, draft and, as appropriate, provides an explanation of how the feedback will be addressed in the final Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) document. In addition to the following high-level summary of public feedback and anticipated revisions to the draft CAPTI, the California State Transportation Agency (CaISTA) has posted accessible versions of all written comments and formal comment letters received during the public review period on the CaISTA website. Once CAPTI is finalized, CaISTA will post a comment log that will detail how each comment was considered or addressed. The final CAPTI document will be posted by July 15, 2021.

### Summary of Stakeholders

Following 18 months of close collaboration, extensive outreach, and engagement with state agencies and hundreds of transportation stakeholders, the CalSTA unveiled the draft CAPTI on March 10, 2021, as a first step toward implementing Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders N-19-19 and N-79-20. Over a 10-week public review period, 108 governmental, private, and non-governmental organizations and 15 individuals submitted nearly 800 comments for CalSTA's consideration, including 63 formal comment letters. CalSTA also received additional comments at public workshops during that 10-week period. These stakeholders included:

- Local, County, and Regional Governments and Transportation Agencies
  - o Cities and Counties
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)
  - Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)
  - County Transportation Commissions/Authorities
  - Councils of Government
- Transit and Intercity Rail Operators
- Private Sector
  - o Business
  - o Industry
  - o Freight
  - o Labor

- Technology
- Non-Governmental and Advocacy Organizations
  - Environmental and Climate Action
  - Public Health
  - Equity and Environmental Justice
  - Transit and Active Transportation

Additionally, an appendix to this memo catalogues the anticipated revisions to the draft CAPTI in response to public feedback received.

Summary of Public Feedback Below is a summary of feedback stakeholders provided on the draft CAPTI, as well as an explanation of how we are addressing these comments.

Theme	What We've Heard	How We're Responding & Updating CAPTI
Support for Transportation Sector's Role in Combatting Climate Change	<ul> <li>There is an overwhelming consensus to recognize the need for changes within the transportation sector to combat climate change. The vast majority of comments provided positive and constructive feedback in support of the actions outlined. A sizeable share of comments asked for CAPTI to better recognize the urgency of the climate crisis, and to do more, faster, and sooner.</li> </ul>	CAPTI emphasizes the urgency of the climate crisis in its introductory sections. This urgency was also considered when crafting the Investment Framework that identifies the focus of investments needed to address the climate crisis.
Broad Support for Centering Equity	<ul> <li>Stakeholders across the spectrum broadly supported CAPTI's work to center social and racial equity as part of its framework. Stakeholders requested that tools, such as the forthcoming Equity Index, and forums, such as the proposed Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s), include participation from non-state agencies and representation from rural communities, local and regional governments at the forefront of equity work, community-based organizations and individuals with lived experiences, the business community, and organizations and individuals offering an accessibility and disability perspective.</li> <li>Stakeholders also highlighted the need to ensure compensation for community-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI will be updated to include exploration of compensation methods to community-based organizations and community members who participate in the proposed Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s) under S3.1</li> <li>CAPTI will provide further clarification around intended membership for Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s) included in S3.1.</li> </ul>

	based organizations who participate in these efforts.
Need to Strengthen Metrics, Monitoring & Reporting Activities	<ul> <li>There was broad consensus among stakeholders for CAPII to strengthen its monitoring and reporting approach. Metrics of particular interest included quantification of GHG reductions, changes in vehicle miles traveled (VMI), criteria air pollutants, single occupant vehicle use, active transportation and transit, public health, equity, and job impacts of CAPII actions. Stakeholders supported not only tracking implementation of CAPII actions, but on how CAPII actions are moving the needle on state climate, health, and equity goals.</li> <li>Stakeholders also emphasized the need for CAPII monitoring to include not only an analysis of impacts on job creation but also for CAPII to proactively coordinate with the Governor's Office on Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) on Just Transition approaches to improve the quality and availability of jobs that flow from CAPII implementation.</li> <li>Numerous stakeholders uged the time scale of both implementation and reporting activities to align more closely with other state milestone dates (e.g., 2035, 2040, 2050).</li> </ul>
Support for Strong Focus on Transit	<ul> <li>Many stakeholders expressed their appreciation in and support of the strong</li> <li>CAPTI has a strong focus on the importance of transit. This will be further strengthened through additional improvements to \$1.1 to underscore</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>focus on transit and transit recovery in CAPTI.</li> <li>In particular, these stakeholders asked for a further focus of transit projects in the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP).</li> <li>They also urged consideration of actions that would tackle implementation barriers and statutory issues regarding implementation of transit priority projects such as bus on shoulder or bus only lanes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>how various highway projects (such as signal priority, priced managed lanes, etc.) can support transit implementation.</li> <li>CalSTA acknowledges the importance of working through implementation barriers to various bus transit related solutions. In addition to the focus on bus transit placed in \$1.1, Caltrans will work with transit and local agence partners on exploring pathways to delivering these types of projects, including bus on shoulder and bus only lane projects.</li> </ul>	
Need for Flexibility in Implementation due to Geographic Differences	<ul> <li>Stakeholders expressed concerns with the potential for "one-size-fits all" approaches in implementing specific CAPTI actions and requested regional flexibility in implementation.</li> <li>Stakeholders from rural regions in particular communicated the need to recognize the disconnect between the applicability of current VMT research tools and VMT impacts in rural contexts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI will include clarifications around the applicability of induced travel and VMT metric in different contexts, particularly highlighting how existing induced travel research and tool mainly apply to urbanized regions.</li> <li>CAPTI will include further clarification on how ir will consider highway capacity in different circumstances, highlighting the importance of context and project by project evaluation instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach.</li> <li>CAPTI will include additional clarification on rural applicability of the Investment Frameworf and how transportation solutions may look different from one context to another while stil aligning with climate, health, and equity goals</li> <li>Pending the adoption of the 21-22 California Budget, CAPTI will highlight the Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for a one-time \$500 million augmentation to the Regiona Early Action Planning Program (REAP) to support a flexible "regions up" approach to increasing transportation and housing options for all and</li> </ul>	s t k, l s. al

		supporting implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS).
Perceptions of Incompatibility of Reducing VMT and Intent and Purpose of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017	<ul> <li>Many stakeholders expressed concerns with the policy priorities outlined in CAPTI as detracting from SB 1's intent and purpose— particularly as it relates to the draft CAPTI's guiding principle on VMT— and felt that the draft CAPTI overemphasizes the need for reducing VMT.</li> <li>However, numerous stakeholders— including local and regional transportation and transit agencies, as well as climate, public health, and equity non-governmental organizations— communicated strong support for the draft guiding principle.</li> <li>While some stakeholders viewed CAPTI's framework as altering the purpose and use of SB 1 funding, other stakeholders viewed the CAPTI framework as living up to SB 1's focus on deferred maintenance and a "fix-it-first" approach. Numerous stakeholders underscored how the CAPTI framework may help the state avoid creating additional unfunded maintenance obligations in the long-term.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI does not in any way alter the statutory purpose of SB 1 or deviate from the statutory responsibility of maintaining the state's highways, roads and bridges. CAPTI remains committed to the SB 1 "fix-it-first" approach. Under CAPTI, where feasible and within existing funding program structures, CalSTA will employ more strategic and thoughtful approaches when expanding the existing system as we cannot afford to invest in projects that ultimately run up our long-term maintenance costs without bringing an outsized benefit to climate, health, and equity goals.</li> <li>CAPTI will remove reference in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) action to increasing ATP funding from existing funding programs in order to uphold the program distributions created under SB 1.</li> <li>As such, the final CAPTI will not include any strategies or actions that require statutory changes to any SB 1 programs and will focus on actions that work within current statutory bounds.</li> </ul>
Concern over Future of Local Sales Tax Highway Capacity Projects and Other Projects in the Pipeline	<ul> <li>Stakeholders expressed a range of views on whether capacity expansion projects could or should be eligible for state funding under the CAPTI framework, particularly those already under development or</li> </ul>	• CAPTI will include further clarification on how it will consider highway capacity in different circumstances, highlighting the importance of context and project-by-project evaluation instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach.

<ul> <li>identified in county sales tax expenditure plans.</li> <li>Numerous stakeholders—representing loc and regional transportation agencies with transportation sales tax measures—expressed strong concerns with CAPTI's potential impact on projects identified in sales tax expenditure plans. From their perspective, proposed CAPTI actions that may impact the chances of those project being funded and delivered as interfering with the commitment made to their vote</li> <li>Another set of stakeholders—generally representing more rural areas of the state also expressed concerns with CAPTI's potential impact on projects under development. For these stakeholders, project development may take longer did to limited dedicated funding streams in rural areas, and these stakeholders view the shift in policy priorities as undermining the years of work and funding these communitates the also communicated the importance of local context when discussing capacity expansion projects, citing that rural areas and conditions may necessitate expansion projects to deliver safety benefits.</li> <li>Another set of stakeholders—representing environmental justice, community-based public health, equity, and climate action organizations, as well as some local trans and transportation agencies—re asking</li> </ul>	of many other tools in the toolbox to better address issues of congestion, safety, and improving access to destinations in much of the state, highway capacity expansion may not be the best solution to solve the transportation issues of the present and future. Caltrans will work with stakeholders on finding pathways to evolve projects to meet the state's current and future transportation, climate, health, and equity needs, while maintaining the broader commitment to the public to address certain corridors and issues.
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	<ul> <li>CAPTI to take further actions on projects in the pipeline. Namely, these stakeholders urge CalSTA to include a review of state projects in the pipeline to ensure consistency with CAPTI's objectives.</li> <li>Another set of stakeholders supported CAPTI adopting a nuanced view of capacity expansion projects, where certain types of expansion projects could be eligible under the CAPTI framework if their climate impacts could be appropriately mitigated (e.g., priced managed lanes with net operating revenues reinvested in transit, active transportation, and other VMT reduction strategies).</li> <li>Another set of stakeholders expressed that continued support of highway expansion projects runs counter to CAPTI's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, public health harms and reduce VMT.</li> <li>Lastly, a number of stakeholders expressed concerns with CAPTI's potential impact on ITIP projects.</li> </ul>	
Concerns about Economic Impact of VMT Reduction	<ul> <li>Numerous expressed concerns about the potential economic impact of VMT reduction strategies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI will provide additional clarification and resources to explain the positive economic impact of increasing accessibility via non-driving modes of transportation.</li> <li>Pending the adoption of the 21-22 California Budget, CAPTI will highlight the Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal to create a \$750 million Community Economic Resilience Fund to support the transition to a carbon neutral economy through the local</li> </ul>

		development and implementation of Regional High Road Transition Strategies.
Going Beyond Community Engagement to Ensure Community-Driven Investment Outcomes	<ul> <li>Numerous stakeholders expressed support for the guiding principle and strategy on community engagement. However, stakeholders are also seeking stronger language within the CAPTI to ensure that community engagement leads to community-driven investment outcomes through community involvement in transportation funding, programming, and planning decisions.</li> <li>Numerous stakeholders urged CalSTA and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to establish overarching minimum community engagement requirements for the programs they oversee. While robust community engagement has quickly become the norm for active transportation projects, stakeholders would like to see similar expectations and requirements applied to all discretionary transportation funding programs.</li> <li>Stakeholders also urged state agencies to not reinvent the wheel in consulting community-based organizations and to respect their time and expertise.</li> <li>Lastly, stakeholders urged CalSTA and CTC to consider clarifying eligibility for innovative local community-building and capacity-building initiatives in support of community engagement and community- driven investment outcomes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI remains committed to advancing community input into transportation planning and investment decisions. The proposed Equity &amp; Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s) (S3.1) provides a key opportunity for state transportation agencies to improve our community involvement processes and practices.</li> <li>S3.1 will be further expanded upon and updated to commit to exploring the various suggestions from stakeholders around community engagement through the Advisory Committee process.</li> </ul>

Identifying and Removing Statutory Barriers to Climate Action in the Transportation Sector	• While stakeholders were generally supportive of the strategies and actions identified in CAPTI, numerous stakeholders highlighted the need for CAPTI to identify and develop approaches to remove existing statutory barriers that make alignment of transportation infrastructure investments with state climate, health, and equity goals difficult.	<ul> <li>A number of CAPTI actions aim to identify barriers in specific topic areas (e.g., anti- displacement strategies, roadway pricing, etc.)</li> <li>Proposed actions establishing workgroups to identify statutory barriers will work to provide recommendations for how to address these issues</li> </ul>
Considering Broadband, Telework, and Other Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies	<ul> <li>A large number of stakeholders communicated the need for CAPTI to proactively address and include strategies related to broadband, telework, and other TDM strategies.</li> <li>Stakeholders also expressed the importance of dig once/smart policies to leverage transportation infrastructure for broadband installation and expansion, particularly in rural and low-income areas.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Administration recognizes the importance of broadband deployment, as evident in the Governor's California Comeback Plan 21-22 California Budget proposal that identifies large investments to support broadband deployment.</li> <li>CalSTA and Caltrans have been working with state agency partners to support broadband deployment, where appropriate and feasible, and are currently working on creating a "Dig Smart" Policy. However, given the scope of EO N-19-19, this work is happening outside of CAPTI and is not appropriate for inclusion within the document.</li> <li>Similarly, given the restrictions for use of funds of various transportation infrastructure programs, many TDM strategies are also outside of the scope of EO N-19-19, but are being pursued as part of other efforts.</li> </ul>
Integrating a Health and Equity Analysis for Transportation Infrastructure Investments	<ul> <li>Numerous stakeholders called for CAPTI to include an action on partnering with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to evaluate the public health and equity impacts and benefits of transportation and land use planning and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAPTI will discuss the need to explore how to incorporate public health considerations in Caltrans tools, such as the California Life-Cycle Benefit/Cost Analysis Model (Cal-B/C) tool.</li> <li>CDPH will be added as a supporting agency for Action \$3.4.</li> </ul>

	investment strategies in terms of air quality, safety, and physical activity.	
Consensus on Increasing ATP Funding and Supporting Climate Adaptation and Resilience Activities, with Different Preferences for Funding Pathways	<ul> <li>There continues to be broad consensus from a wide range of stakeholders that more funding is needed to match the needs and ambition of the ATP, as well as for the state to support climate adaptation and resilience efforts.</li> <li>ATP         <ul> <li>While there is broad support from stakeholders for a one-time increase to the ATP from the current General funding, there are disagreements for how best to pursue a long-term funding augmentation to the program.</li> <li>While some stakeholders supported the concept of taking small continuous contributions from multiple programs to augment funding to the ATP, others explicitly opposed this concept.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Climate Adaptation and Resilience         <ul> <li>Stakeholders disagreed about whether existing funding programs should make eligible or prioritize climate adaptation projects or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CAPTI will continue to include an action (S2.4) committed to determining implementation pathways for increasing funding for the ATP in both the short- and long-term. CAPTI will refocus the ATP action on pursuing new future funding for the program and will remove the reference to increasing ATP funding from existing funding programs. Pending the adoption of the 21-22 California Budget, CAPTI will highlight the Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for one- time augmentation of the ATP by \$500 million General Fund. CAPTI highlights the importance of integrating climate risk assessment as standard practice and will highlight the importance of building climate adaptation and resilience elements into projects from the outset. Pending the adoption of the 21-22 California Budget, CAPTI will highlight the Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for \$200 million over two years to support coastal resilience projects in the face of sea level rise, as well as for \$25 million over two years for Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants to support development and implementation of resilience plans and associated projects.

	Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Priorities Reports, as they may not accurately reflect the breadth of local communities' risks and needs.
Diverging Views on How to Approach VMT Mitigation	<ul> <li>Numerous stakeholders expressed support for the proposed CAPTI action to explore VMT mitigation mechanisms, including banks and exchanges.</li> <li>However, a large number of stakeholders expressed caution or opposition to VMT mitigation mechanisms, such as mitigation banks or exchanges. These stakeholders—including climate action, public health, equity, and environmental justice organizations—believe state and local efforts should be focused on direct VMT reductions and where necessary out of last resort, mitigations approaches should be highly locally constrained, carefully thought out, and directly informed by local communities.</li> <li>CalSTA will provide these implementation considerations to Caltrans as the lead agency.</li> </ul>

Strong Interest to Further	Stakeholders underscored the importance     CAPTI will further expand on how the Actions
Coordinate Transportation and	of coordinating CAPTI actions with cross- under Strategy 7 will directly support addressing
Housing Efforts	agency efforts to address the housing crisis the state's housing crisis. Clarifications will also
	and the state's housing goals. be added to directly link to and leverage
	The majority of stakeholders expressed     ongoing initiatives, such as the Pro-Housing
	strong support for leveraging transportation standards, Cycle 6 Housing Element
	investments to incentivize infill housing compliance, and the Excess State Land for
	production. Affordable Housing Program.
	<ul> <li>A minority of stakeholders expressed</li> <li>Regarding the issue of lack of employment</li> </ul>
	concerns with prescriptive approaches to opportunities in areas with greater housing
	incentivizing infill housing production with affordability, economic diversification and the
	transportation investments because creation of quality jobs is key to addressing this
	transportation agencies usually do not issue. While these issues are important to the
	have land use authority. Some stakeholders Administration, they are outside of the scope of
	would support this action only if it is limited CAPTI. As emphasized in the draft, CAPTI tackles
	to new sources of transportation funding. the issue of how existing state transportation
	A large number of stakeholders also     infrastructure investments should be leveraged
	support the proposed CAPTI action on to meet our state goals and is only one piece of
	incentivizing anti-displacement strategies the much larger puzzle to meet the state's
	but also cautioned CalSTA to review overall goals for climate, health, and social
	existing work so as to not reinvent the equity.
	wheel.
	<ul> <li>Numerous stakeholders discussed the need</li> </ul>
	for CAPTI to address issues surrounding jobs-
	housing imbalance in communities around
	the state.

Strong Support and Implementation Considerations for Many Actions	<ul> <li>Stakeholders broadly supported many CAPTI actions including:         <ul> <li>Advancing zero-emission freight and going further to prioritize ZEV infrastructure in both the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP);</li> <li>Centering equity, anti-displacement strategies, and multi-modal travel needs within the Highway to Boulevards Pilot Program;</li> <li>Supporting the Sustainable Rural Transportation Solutions Convening to discuss both transportation and other systemic barriers in rural communities;</li> <li>Supporting the Roadway Pricing Workgroup as a forum to discuss pricing barriers and implementation concerns;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CalSTA will provide lead agencies for each action with the stakeholders' implementation considerations.
	<ul> <li>Workgroup as a forum to discuss pricing barriers and implementation concerns;</li> <li>Supporting Rail and Transit Recovery</li> </ul>	

Continued Engagement on Implementation	<ul> <li>Stakeholders emphasized the need for cross-agency coordination and collaboration on many of these actions and asked to be included on various working groups.</li> <li>Stakeholders asked for public forums for discussion of CAPTI implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In order to continue engagement and involvement on implementation, stakeholders will be included in the various proposed working groups that will result from actions.</li> <li>Additionally, CaISTA will release an Annual Report on CAPTI Implementation to provide an additional point of engagement for stakeholders.</li> </ul>
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# List of Anticipated Revisions

Below is a detailed catalogue of the anticipated revisions to the draft CAPTI in response to public feedback received. These revisions will be included in the final document, to be posted by July 15, 2021.

**Overarching Revisions** 

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) & Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Goals
  - Revisions will provide additional detail on the state's GHG and VMT goals and targets in background section.
- Impacts on Job Creation/Economy
  - Revisions will include a new background section on job creation and economic benefits of CAPTI.
  - Revisions will include commitment to coordinate with Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) on Just Transition issues.
  - Revisions will also include a discussion of the economic benefits of increasing accessibility via non-auto modes and reducing dependency on driving.
  - Addition of Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for \$750 million Community Economic Resilience Fund to support the transition to a carbon neutral economy (pending adoption of the 21-22 California Budget).
- Applicability in Rural Contexts
  - Revisions will include an additional background section on the importance and applicability of the CAPTI framework to rural parts of the state, while also discussing how different approaches within the framework may be needed for rural contexts.
- Approach to Adding Highway Capacity/Induced Travel
  - Revisions will include additional background information to describe induced travel in different geographic contexts and how it mainly applies to urbanized regions.
  - Revisions will include further clarification on how CAPTI will consider highway capacity in different circumstances, highlighting the importance of context and project by project evaluation instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach.
- Strengthening Progress Reporting and Metrics
  - Revisions will provide further explanation and expansion of commitments to progress reporting, as well as focus reporting on outcomes.
  - Revisions will also outline metrics planned for evaluating progress and outcomes.
  - Revisions will include a new action focused on developing quantitative outcome metrics and monitoring and reporting of those metrics. Evaluation metrics will be developed in coordination with other Administration efforts, including, but not limited to, the ZEV Market Development Strategy and State Adaptation Strategy.

Revisions to Strategies and Actions

- \$1.1 Prioritize SCCP Projects to Enable Travelers to Opt Out of Congestion
  - Revision of list of innovative sustainable transportation solutions to include priced managed lanes, particularly ones that directly support transit or dedicate revenue to VMT reduction.
  - Addition of dedicated transit lanes and transit signal priority to list of SCCP prioritized solutions.
  - Clarification that transit includes bus as well as rail transit.
- S1.4 Mainstream Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Investments within TCEP
  - Addition of the Governor's Office of Business Development (Go-Biz) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) as support agencies for implementation.
  - Clarification that zero-emission infrastructure includes battery electric vehicle (BEV, EV) and fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV, Hydrogen) charging and fueling infrastructure.
- Strategy 2 Support a Robust Economic Recovery by Revitalizing Transit, Supporting ZEV Deployment, and Expanding Active Transportation Investments
  - Addition of Governor's California Comeback Plan proposals to increase investments in transit, rail, ZEV deployment, and active transportation (pending adoption of the 21-22 California Budget).
- S2.3 Accelerate TIRCP Cycles to Support Transit Recovery with Deployment of ZEV Transit/Rail Fleets and Transit/Rail Network Improvements
  - Clarification of how proposed TIRCP budget increase will allow pursuing new project type without undermining current focus of investments.
- S2.4 Increase Funding to Active Transportation Program (ATP)
  - Removal of reference to increasing ATP funding from existing funding programs.
  - Addition of Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for one-time augmentation of the ATP by \$500 million General Fund (pending adoption of the 21-22 California Budget).
  - Reframing action to focus on pursuing new future funding for the program.
- S2.5 Convene Discussion on Sustainable Rural Transportation Solutions
  - Addition of safety for vulnerable road users, maintenance needs, and ZEV deployment in rural areas to list of example discussion topics.
  - Move action to be under Strategy 6 to highlight local and regional partnership aspect of this action.
- Strategy 3 Elevate Community Voices in How We Plan and Fund Transportation Projects
  - Addition of discussion of the need to explore how to incorporate public health considerations in Caltrans tools, such as the California Life-Cycle Benefit/Cost Analysis Model (Cal-B/C) tool

- \$3.1 Establish Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s)
  - Clarification that membership is intended to focus on marginalized voices, such as community-based organizations and community members reflecting different geographies and areas of the state, statewide environmental justice and equity organizations, individuals or organizations offering an accessibility and disability perspective, as well as other organizations.
  - Add commitment to explore opportunities to provide compensation for advisory group members.
  - Add commitment to explore the following as topics with the committee(s):
     1) overarching minimum community engagement requisites for transportation programs; and 2) how to implement innovative approaches to community-based planning and engagement efforts in planning and program funding guidelines.
- S3.4 Develop and Utilize Equity Index to Assist in Evaluation or Prioritization of Caltrans Projects
  - Clarification and expansion of planned engagement process for creation of Equity Index tool.
  - CDPH will be added as a supporting agency for this action.
- S4.4 Refocus Caltrans Corridor Planning Efforts to Prioritize Sustainable Multimodal Investments in Key Corridors of Statewide and Regional Significance
  - Clarification of the role of local and regional agencies in corridor planning efforts.
- S4.5 Develop and Implement Caltrans Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
  - Removing references to VMT and GHG targets in the CCAP to allow for CCAP public process to determine scope of document.
- S4.6 Incorporate Zero-Emission Freight Infrastructure Needs in California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP)
  - Revision to action to acknowledge the need for the CFMP to also address impact environmental justice communities' needs beyond just air quality (such as pedestrian and bicycle safety, noise, etc.).
  - Addition of reference regarding the role of ports in this action.
- Strategy 5 Support Climate Resilience through Transportation System Improvements and Protections for Natural and Working Lands
  - Addition of Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for \$200 million over two years to support coastal resilience projects and \$25 million over two years for Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants (pending adoption of the 21-22 California Budget).

- S5.2 Update SHOPP and SB 1 Competitive Program Guidelines to Incentivize Climate Adaptation and Climate Risk Assessments/Strategies
  - Addition of discussion on need to prioritize nature-based solutions.
  - Clarify that this action will look at both climate risk assessment and climate adaptation incorporation in guidelines.
- S5.3 Explore Incentivizing Land Conservation through Transportation Programs
  - Clarification that action will need to look beyond Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy (NWLCSS) since the NWLCSS won't focus exclusively on conservation.
- Strategy 6 Support Local and Regional Innovation to Advance Sustainable Mobility
  - Addition of further emphasis on need for strong coordination with regional and local agencies on these items.
     Addition of Governor's California Comeback Plan proposal for a one-time \$500 million augmentation to the Regional Early Action Planning Program (REAP) (pending adoption of the 21-22 California Budget).
- S6.1 Explore New Mechanisms to Mitigate Increases in Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) from Transportation Projects
  - Provision of additional detail on early actions Caltrans is currently taking to implement mitigation banking.
  - Clarification of how intent of SB743/CEQA is first and foremost to directly reduce environmental impacts and that mitigation is reserved for projects that cannot do so.
- S6.2 Convene a Roadway Pricing Working Group to Provide State Support for Implementation of Local and Regional Efforts
  - Added clarification about state pricing efforts being included for consideration, in addition to local and regional.
  - Added reference to supporting ongoing freight related pricing initiatives in addition to passenger vehicles.
- S6.3 Develop Interagency Framework for Project Evaluation Around Advancing Sustainable Communities Strategies
  - Removal of action due to questions about CalSTA authority on this item and lack of direct leadership role from CalSTA.
- S7.1 Leverage Transportation Investments to Incentivize Infill Housing Production
  - Clarification that action would be for initially for programs that already have a statutory linkage or scoring criteria to land use efficiency or GHG reductions.
  - Revision to programs impacted list in matrix to reflect programs with existing statutory linkage.

- Addition of discussion of linkage to HCD "Pro-Housing" work and Housing Element compliance.
- Reframing of language to be action-oriented.
- Clarification of statewide applicability of action and flexibility of "Pro-Housing" standards.
- S7.2 Create Working Group to Explore Potential Action to Address Direct and Indirect Displacement in Transportation Programs
  - Mention intent to leverage existing available resources rather than recreating the wheel, where feasible.
- S7.3 Explore a "Highways to Boulevards" Conversion Pilot Program
  - Clarification of partnership approach on this action to work with local governments and community-based organizations to advance locallydriven projects.
  - Addition of description of preliminary steps underway, including pursuit of federal funds to support action.
  - Refer to Excess State Land for Affordable Housing Program as something that can be leveraged in this effort.