


Manual Change Transmittal

TITLE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES MANUAL	APPROVED BY  ERIC SOUZA, Chief	Date Issued: Jan. 20, 2026 Page 1 of 2
SUBJECT AREA Project Study Report-Project Development Support	ISSUING UNIT DIVISION OF DESIGN	
SUPERSEDES Appendix S Project Study Report-Project Development Support Project Initiation Document Appendix S Template: PSR-PDS	DISTRIBUTION ON-LINE	

The official version of the Project Development Procedures Manual (PDPM) is the electronic version located on the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Design Website:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/manual-project-development-procedures-manual-pdpm>.

PDPM Appendix S Project Study Report Document-Project Development Support Project Initiation Document and Appendix S Template: PSR-PDS were updated to comply with California codes, Executive Orders (EO), Deputy Directives, and Strategic Plans. Updates include the following topics:

- Engagement and equity: [Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure](#) (CAPTI) 2.0 Strategy 3 Delivering Equitable Outcomes, and [Caltrans 2024-2028 Strategic Plan](#) – Equity
- Climate change considerations: greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate adaptation [EO B-30-15](#), California Climate Crisis Act (AB 1279, 2022), Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) and [EO N-19-19](#), California Public Resources Code Section [71155\(a\)](#), and California Streets and Highways Code sections [2030\(c\)](#) and [2030\(e\)](#)
- Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS)-Strategic Investment Planning: EO N-19-19
- Vehicle miles traveled: California Public Resources Code Section [21099](#)
- Transportation asset management: United States Code (23 U.S. Code § 101) and California Government Code section [14526.5](#)
- Complete streets: California Government Code Section [14526.8\(c\)](#)

- Quality management assessment: Deputy Directive [DD-90](#) Funding of Quality Management Work on State Highway Projects

The locations of revisions to Appendix S are denoted by a vertical line within the outside margin of the manual.

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