

Priority Complete Streets Actions Update – Q1 2021

Background

The Caltrans Mode Share Actions Plan (MSAP) 2.0 is a coordinated effort to identify actions taking place across Caltrans aimed at increasing walking, biking and transit in California. To help achieve this vision, the MSAP was recently updated to include a new set of high-priority actions for 2020-21. This quarterly fact sheet, prepared by Sustainability in coordination with Design, Planning, Traffic Safety, Maintenance, and others, showcases the status and continued progress of these high priority actions.

Implementation Tracker

35 total high-priority actions

1. *Completed:* 12
2. *Ongoing:* 10
3. *Underway:* 11
4. *Future:* 2

Key Q1 Actions

Projects (SHOPP)

1. **2020 SHOPP Complete Streets Reservation:** In Spring 2020, the Department secured approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to set-aside \$100M in one-time funding from the 2020 SHOPP to enable the Department to better integrate Complete Streets into the current SHOPP cycle. The Department identified a total of 34 projects across all 12 Caltrans districts. 21 of the 34 projects were approved for funding in 2020. Project highlights include 13 separated bikeways, 50,000 feet of new sidewalk gap closures, 27 projects in disadvantaged communities, 26 projects in main street locations, and two traffic-calming road diets. The Department anticipates CTC review and approval of the remaining projects in Summer 2021.
 - a. **Status:** Complete
2. **Complete Streets Performance Targets:** For the first time, the 2021 State Highway System Management Plan (SHSMP) establishes targets to strategically allocate funding towards the development and maintenance of bikeways, sidewalks and crosswalks on the state highway. The targets will project \$965 million of funding for Complete Street projects over five years. The final SHSMP is due to the Governor by June 1, 2021.

- a. **Status:** Complete

Departmental Organization

1. The Department established a new Complete Streets program within Project Delivery to oversee the management of Caltrans bicycle and pedestrian facilities as an asset. Susan Lindsay is the new Program Manager for this unit.
 - a. **Status:** Complete

Engagement

1. **Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plans:** Each of the twelve districts are in the process of establishing CAT Plans in coordination with local partners. The plans will be completed by September 2022 and will identify walking and biking needs on, across, or parallel to the state highway. Currently, all twelve districts have completed the public engagement process to inform their individual CAT Plans. Districts 4, 5, 9, and 10 have completed full draft versions of their plans.
 - a. **Status:** Underway

Safety

1. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Monitoring Program:** In 2019, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Monitoring Program pilots investigated over 500 bicycle and pedestrian locations and recommended safety improvements. Because of the success of the pilots, the Department established a new Division of Safety Programs under the Director's Office to conduct each program on a permanent biannual basis. The next round of monitoring locations will be rolled out by the end of 2021.
 - a. **Status:** Underway
2. **Complete Streets Decision Document (CSDD):** In an effort to integrate Complete Streets within Caltrans project and ensure Department accountability, the Department created the CSDD, which requires Caltrans project developers to track and verify the inclusion of Complete Streets elements within projects at key stages in the project development process. The Department updated the Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual (PDPM) in February 2021 to include the CSDD, and the Deputy Directors of Project Delivery and Planning/Modal Programs released a subsequent implementation memo. The CSDD must be submitted along with the Project Initiation Document (PID), Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED), and Plans Specifications and estimate (PS and E) document. Instructions on how to complete the

CSDD, as well as a copy of the template, are available on the PDPM website.

a. **Status:** Complete

3. **Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force (ZTFTF):** The ZTFTF established a new internal Traffic Calming working group to develop a traffic calming policy for the Department and recommend changes to Caltrans' design guidance to include traffic calming elements appropriate to state highways. The Department completed a nationwide literature search and questionnaire in March 2021. The ZTFTF targets an early 2024 completion date for the longer-range Caltrans traffic calming policy and guidance.

a. **Status:** Underway