

F. General Plan Annual Progress Report 2023-2024

Recommendation: To review and accept the 2023 and 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report for submittal to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

Chapter IV LAND USE ELEMENTS

No.	Description of Goal/Policy/Program	Implementation Status			Description of Implementation Status	
		No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete		
GENERAL LAND USE PROGRAMS						
Goal 1	A complete, balanced and integrated pattern of land uses appropriately scaled and designed to meet the domestic, productive and social needs of all members of the community, while providing a varied and cohesive fabric that is sustainable, empowering and humanizing.					
Goal 2	A land use plan and pattern that preserves and enhances the integrity of neighborhoods, districts and corridors, while optimizing the community's natural assets, local and regional transportation systems and accessibility, and opportunities for housing, employment and economic base-building.					
Policy 1	Land use categories and zoning districts shall reflect the Ahwahnee (neo-traditional or new urbanism) Principles by providing land planning and development standards that encourage the creation of integrated and well-served neighborhoods, districts and corridors.		Ongoing		Description: The 2040 General Plan Update incorporates Ahwahnee Principles. Forthcoming zoning ordinance update to ensure that development standards support integrated and well-served neighborhoods, districts, and corridors.	
Policy 2	All land use planning shall be directed toward the creation of internally integrated neighborhoods and development districts, which also enhance and optimize their connections to surrounding neighborhoods and districts through enhanced multi-modal access.					
Program 2.A	The City shall ensure that development plans are responsive to the wishes and aspirations of the neighborhood or district in which they are located, and shall require that land uses provide an appropriate interface with adjoining neighborhoods and districts.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; Planning review of next projects includes consideration for existing context and neighborhood character. The Zoning Ordinance is intended to ensure that uses proposed development plans are context appropriate and Design Guidelines require design features to integrate new projects with surroundings.
Program 2.B	The Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to include standards and requirements for the preparation of Specific Plans as set forth in Government Code Section 65451 and the OPR Specific Plan Guidelines.	Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	2020		Complete	Complete; Municipal Code Chapter 9.60 (Specific Plans) is consistent with the requires for Specific Plans as set forth in Government Code Section 65451.
Policy 3	The City shall encourage mixed-use development that integrates a mix of residential product, commercial services, recreational areas and open space, and convenient access to alternative transportation, including transit.					
Program 3.A	The City shall implement and periodically review and update the City Design Guidelines, and ensure that they are responsive to the guiding Ahwahnee principles to provide a vibrant and dynamically integrated mixed-use neighborhoods throughout the community.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going, Update 2020	Ongoing		The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include the review and updating of the City Design Guidelines, including consideration for how the design guidelines support vibrant and integrated mixed-use neighborhoods.
Policy 4	In-fill development and lot consolidation shall be encouraged as means of enhancing existing development and as a means of optimizing the use of existing roadways and utility infrastructure.					
Program 4.A	Where appropriate, the City shall identify areas where in-fill development and lot consolidation are best suited for efficient and timely development. The City shall consider such incentives as density/use intensity bonuses, City participation and other approaches that encourage in-fill and lot consolidation and development. An ongoing program shall be developed, implemented and regularly monitored and reported upon.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Economic Development, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	2020, On-going Monitoring, Annual Reporting.	Ongoing		Ongoing; The City currently incorporates the State Density Bonus requirements for affordable housing as set forth in California Government Code Sections 65915 through 65918. With the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 23-002, the City permits duplexes and lot splits pursuant to SB 9. However, the City does not have a current inventory of areas where in-fill development and lot consolidation are best suited for efficient and timely development.
Policy 5	Land use planning and development proposals north of Interstate-10 shall take into consideration and address physical constraints, including geotechnical and flooding hazards, sensitive biological resources and MSHCP Conservation Areas, and limited infrastructure of the area. Development proposals shall conform to approved Specific Plans in this part of the City.			Ongoing		Description: Development projects within the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan are subject to mitigation measures that address physical constraints.
Policy 6	Land use planning and development in the vicinity of the City's mountains and hillsides shall be consistent with MSHCP Conservation Area lands, the City's Hillside Protection Program and inherent physical constraints, and shall be applied to City lands as well as those located in adjoining jurisdictions.			Ongoing		Description: Development entitlement review process includes review for compliance with MSHCP requirements, compliance with the Hillside Overlay, and consideration of potential physical constraints.

Policy 7	The goals, policies and programs of the Land Use Element and other related elements, including but not limited to the Circulation/Mobility and Environmental Hazards Elements, shall be periodically reviewed in the context of land development activities.					
Program 7.A	The City shall annually review the progress made in implementing the Land Use Element of the General Plan, including evaluating land use trends and their correspondence to the Plan's goals and policies. Applicable goals, policies and programs shall be updated and revised, as appropriate, in response to this evaluation.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going, Annual Reporting	Ongoing	Underway; The City is currently reviewing process made in implementing the Land Use Element as part of the General Plan Annual Progress Report. At this time, there is no program to update the Land Use Element.	
Policy 8	The development districts and standards of the City Zoning Ordinance/Development Code shall correspond to the goals, policies and programs of the General Plan and the guidance provided by its Environmental Impact Report.					
Program 8.A	The City shall periodically review and maintain the consistency of the Zoning Ordinance/Development Code and the General Plan, and shall amend or revise the ordinance/code to ensure compatibility and consistency, and to optimize the function of the ordinance/code as the primary implementing tool of the General Plan.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	2020; Annual review & report	Ongoing	Ongoing; The City is currently reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance. This will include revisions to ensure compatibility and consistency with the General Plan.	
Policy 9	The consideration of major development proposals shall include an assessment of their economic viability, and community fiscal costs and benefits associated with such proposals.					
Program 9.A	The City shall consider and, as deemed appropriate, shall require the preparation of market feasibility studies and/or fiscal impact analyses for major development projects, including but not limited to those involving General Plan Amendments.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going	Ongoing	When deemed appropriate, the City may request market feasibility studies for major development proposals.	
Goal 3	A land use plan that is consistent with the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Policy Document and the Palm Springs International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, as amended.					
Policy 1	All legislative land use proposals (i.e. General Plan amendments, zone changes, Specific Plans and amendments, and ordinance amendments) that are citywide or located within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) shall be reviewed by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). All non-legislative land use proposals within the AIA shall be reviewed by City staff as to consistency with the ALUCP, and considered by the City's approving body.			Ongoing		
Policy 2	As part of the development review process for land use proposals within the AIA, ensure land use compatibility by utilizing the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and Palm Springs International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, as amended, and the latest Department of Aeronautics Handbook developed by the State of California. An Airport Compatibility Study may be warranted for projects within the AIA.			Ongoing		
Policy 3	The City shall continue to work closely and coordinate with the Palm Springs International Airport and City of Palm Springs to assure that implementation of the Palm Springs International Airport Master Plan is consistent with the City of Cathedral City's General Plan goals and policies and provides a safe and functioning airport that serves the needs of the community.			No Action		
Policy 4	Subdivision of residentially designated parcels in Airport Compatibility Zone B1 shall be prohibited, where necessary, to maintain consistency with density criteria set forth in the PSALUCP.			No Action		
Policy 5	Subdivision of residentially designated parcels within or partially within Airport Compatibility Zone C shall be prohibited unless and until the PSALUCP is amended to allow greater density than one dwelling unit per five acres in Compatibility Zone C.			Ongoing		

RESIDENTIAL LAND USE PROGRAMS						
Goal 1	Residential neighborhoods and developments that provide safe, wholesome and enhancing environments for living, enjoyment, growth and development of all residents, including the community's children and seniors.					
Goal 2	Residential developments of distinctive character that provide a full range of housing types, products and costs to accommodate the needs of the City's existing and future residents of the community.					
Policy 1	Existing residential neighborhoods and vacant residential lands shall be managed and regulated to enhance the distinct character of each, while assuring compatibility between existing and future development.		Ongoing			Description: The General Plan land use designations and zoning districts maintain residential land uses. The Zoning Ordinance update will consider development standards to support distinct neighborhood character.
Policy 2	In-fill development shall be encouraged on partially built-out subdivided lands, where major investments in streets and infrastructure have already been made, while maintaining and enhancing the integrity of the neighborhood.		Ongoing			Description: Zoning ordinance amendments to implement SB 9 and to update the ADU Ordinance facilitate residential infill development.
Policy 3	Development proposals on non-contiguous or isolated lands shall be discouraged to avoid the creation of irregular, disruptive and inefficient development patterns.		Ongoing			Description: The City encourages infill development and development of contiguous properties; the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan include measures to discourage isolated developments.
Policy 4	Require that all development provide the full range of urban services and facilities found in the urban core areas of the community.		Ongoing			Description: All development proposals are subject to the same requirements for the provision of open space, recreation amenities, active and vehicular transportation facilities, and utilities.
Policy 5	Vest existing and future residents in their neighborhoods by prioritizing efforts to improve and enhance neighborhoods and actively addressing core issues, including absentee and negligent property owners, encouraging and facilitating home ownership, and through effective code compliance.					
Program 5.A	The City shall pursue an active program of code compliance and owner education to ensure that absentee owners are responsive to the needs of their tenants and neighborhoods, and the codes and regulations of the City.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Building, Planning, Fire	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing: The Code Compliance Department is working on an owner education video series addressing common code violations, and is exploring the development of a vacant building registry.
Program 5.B	The City shall develop a program that enhances opportunities for affordable home ownership in single-family and multi-family development by encouraging such development through the City's affordable housing program, coordination and cooperation with financial institutions and other entities including Habitat for Humanity and others.	Planning, Economic Development, Planning Commission, City Council	2020, On-going	No Action		Housing programs previously managed by the redevelopment agency are continuing through the community development department. In 2024, the City plans to establish a strategy to work with entities such as Habitat for Humanity to identify locations and develop funding for self-help ownership housing units. The ADU Ordinance and the Two-Unit Residential Development and Urban Lot Split (SB 9) Ordinance, each adopted in 2023-2024, also support more affordable housing options.
Policy 6	The General Plan shall be reviewed every five years to ensure that the City provides a balanced mix of moderate and high-income housing that addresses the City's potential to meet the needs of high-end residents within the corporate limits.					
Program 6.A	The General Plan and its Land Use Map shall be periodically updated to ensure the provision of adequate lands designated for low density, high value development, including single family subdivisions on larger lots, estate residential ranchette-type lands and development.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	2024, Min. every 5 years	No Action		The City does not currently have a program to update the General Plan and Land Use Map.
Policy 7	In areas undergoing redevelopment and other locations where integrated planning is possible the City shall encourage the thoughtful integration of a mix of residential and commercial uses, including high-density residential development that can take advantage of close and pedestrian-accessible employment and commercial centers, and alternative modes of transportation.					
Program 7.A	The City shall require the preparation of Specific and/or Precise Plans in areas where the integration of a mix of land uses is desirable or is to be encouraged, and where development plans can integrate the Ahwahnee and New Urbanism Principles to enhance land use efficiencies and quality of life.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include review of the districts and standards pertaining to mixed-use development, as well as the requirements for Specific Plans.

Policy 8	Development densities set forth in the General Plan represent a range of development densities that may be approved by the City, based upon the carrying capacity of lands, the availability of services and infrastructure, and the compatibility of proposed development with existing land uses.					
Program 8.A	Development proposals shall be analyzed by City staff to determine the appropriate density for each development, independent of the proposed development density. Criteria to be considered shall include land carrying capacity, the quality of proposed development, the availability of services and infrastructure, the compatibility of proposed development with existing land uses, and other appropriate criteria.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Factors related to carrying capacity and availability of services are typically analyzed in conjunction with environmental review. The City's General Plan land use designations and Zoning Districts were established with consideration for the appropriate density.
Policy 9	The City shall encourage the use of Specific Plans and Precise Plans to master plan complex mixes of land uses, to ensure the appropriate mix and distribution of uses, support facilities and open space areas, and for projects which have environmental or geophysical issues associated with them.			Ongoing	Description: Complex projects are required to apply for Preliminary Review, at which point the City may encourage the use of Specific Plans or Planned Unit Developments as needed.	
Policy 10	All residential development shall be subject to review by the City Architectural Review Committee and/or the City Planning staff for compliance with City architectural standards and guidelines.					
Program 10.A	Residential subdivision applications, which include models of residential product to be developed, shall be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Review Committee. All other residential development applications shall be reviewed by Planning staff for compliance with applicable architectural design standards and guidelines.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Residential uses and densities permitted in a given zone, as well as ADUs, and SB 9 duplexes and lot splits are permitted by right and can be approved by Planning staff. Additionally, multi-family dwellings of five units or less are also subject to administrative staff review. Residential subdivision applications continue to be reviewed by ARC.

COMMERCIAL LAND USE PROGRAMS

Goal 1	A balanced mix of commercial lands and services serving neighborhood, community, regional and visitor needs of all sectors of the community, which are appropriately distributed to take advantage of pedestrian/bikes/NEVs and vehicle access, which maximize the City's comparative advantages.					
Policy 1	Ensure that neighborhood-serving commercial development is strategically sited within or in proximity of residents and complementary businesses to maximize multi-modal access and minimize the need for vehicle travel to meet daily shopping and other commercial needs.					
Program 1.A	The City shall encourage the development of integrated neighborhoods that include residential and neighborhood-serving commercial in a convenient and compatible manner, consistent with appropriate development standards set forth in the City Zoning/Development Code.	Responsible Parties Planning, Economic Development, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status Ongoing		Description Ongoing: the City encourages the development of integrated neighborhoods on an ongoing basis. The City is also currently undertaking a Zoning Ordinance update that will include consideration of how best to integrate residential and neighborhood-serving commercial, including through the potential adoption of a mixed-use zoning district.
Policy 2	Community and regional-scale commercial development shall be located to take advantage of major roadways and highways, such as Interstate-10 and East Palm Canyon Drive, maximizing the capture of the drive-by market along such arterials and minimizing impacts on residential neighborhoods.			Ongoing		Description: The General Plan land use designations as well as zoning districts concentrate community and regional-scale commercial development along major roadways and highways.
Policy 3	Through implementation of the General Plan and by other means, the City shall enhance opportunities for the development of additional tourist/visitor-oriented commercial development, including business and resort hotels, theaters, golf courses and other recreational facilities.			Ongoing		Description: Tourism and visitor-oriented development opportunities continue to be supported through implementation of the General Plan and through efforts by the Economic Development Division.
Policy 4	Planning and capital improvement projects shall be developed to improve and enhance access, safety and appearance of commercial corridors, including neighborhood retail and service commercial areas of the City serving a wide range of consumers.					
Program 4.A	The City shall continue and expand its corridor improvement program through the holding of public workshops and the development of corridor improvement plans that address the full range of traffic, multi-modal access and safety, and appearance issues on commercial corridors. The City shall continue to expand and implement its program of staged improvements to optimize these important commercial corridors.	Responsible Parties Planning, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status Ongoing		Description Through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), there are multiple ongoing projects to improve traffic, multi-modal access and safety of the City's commercial corridors. For example: repair and painting of new bike lanes on Date Palm Drive (ongoing), restriping and painting of new bike lanes on E Palm Canyon (complete).

Policy 5	The City General Plan and Zoning Ordinance/Development Code shall establish policies, programs and development standards that limit isolated and stand-alone commercial development and enhance the functional synergies and appearance of existing centers.					
Program 5.A	The City Zoning Ordinance/Development Code shall be reviewed and, as appropriate, revised to ensure that development standards and guidelines address the development issues inherent in strip commercial development, including but not limited to access and other site constraints, building heights, and compatibility with surrounding land uses.	Responsible Parties Planning, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule 2020-22	Implementation Status		Description Ongoing: Zoning Ordinance update is currently underway, will include consideration of development standards for strip commercial development.
Policy 6	The City shall encourage lot consolidation and the submission and processing of integrated development plans along major arterials and other roadways where strip commercial may develop, including East Palm Canyon Drive, Date Palm Drive, East Ramon Road, and other locations.			Ongoing		Description: Lot consolidation and integrated development plans are considered through the development review process on a case-by-case basis.

INDUSTRIAL LAND USE PROGRAMS

Goal 1	A balanced mix of business park and industrial uses and lands that are clean and non-polluting, and are developed in a manner compatible with non-industrial uses.					
Goal 2	Sufficient and well-located mix of industrial and business park lands that provides a diversity of employment opportunities in the community and broadens the economic base of the City.					
Policy 1	To the greatest extent practicable, the City shall host and support development of safe and nonpolluting businesses on industrial and business park lands.			Ongoing		Description: Environmental review shall be required for potentially hazardous or polluting businesses, mitigation measures shall be applied as needed to minimize potential impacts.
Policy 2	The City shall encourage the development of industrial uses that provide a diversity of employment opportunities in such clean technologies as renewable energy and alternative transportation, allied health and hospitality industries.			Ongoing		Description: The City's General Plan and Zoning Maps include lands designated for industrial uses, including clean technologies. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include consideration of changes in industries and technologies when reviewing permitted land uses.
Policy 3	Protect and enhance the broadly-based business park nature of industrial development in the Perez Road corridor and other industrial areas of the City by preventing the development of particularly sensitive or otherwise incompatible land uses in the vicinity.			Ongoing		Description: The General Plan land use designations and zoning districts focus industrial development in suitable areas, away from sensitive or incompatible uses.
Policy 4	Recognize and preserve appropriate lands north of Interstate-10 for future business park and industrial development by precluding land uses that are inconsistent or incompatible with physical constraints of the area, and which may create land use compatibility issues with business park/industrial development.			Ongoing		Description: Compatibility of land uses and physical site constraints are considered during development proposal review.
Policy 5	Limit business park and industrial development to those uses which complement the overall economic development goals of the community by enhancing the type and value of new jobs for the community, while assuring that the City's high environmental quality standards are not compromised.					
Program 5.A	The City shall develop and initiate a program of business park and industrial recruitment, which focuses on users with moderate to high employment potential and salaries that provide a standard of living consistent with the City's economic development goals.	Responsible Parties Economic Development, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status		Description Ongoing: The Economic Development and Planning Divisions continue to coordinate with potential business park and industrial developers.
Program 5.B	Business park and industrial development proposals shall be carefully reviewed in the course of conducting the CEQA Initial Study and through subsequent analysis, as necessary, to ensure that the proposed land use(s) will not contribute to the degradation of the community's air, water or other environmental resource, including the City's aesthetic values.	Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City continues to comply with CEQA requirements for environmental review of new projects, including business park and industrial development proposals. Pursuant to the CEQA guidelines, this review includes analysis of potential impacts to air quality and water quality.

Policy 6	The City encourages the exploration of assigning additional industrial/business park lands between the UPRR and I-10 corridors, and will consider property owner-sponsored research, analysis and design that could make such uses viable at these locations.					
Program 6.A	The City shall continue to explore the potential and viability of reassigning lands located between the UPRR and I-10 corridor for future industrial/business park uses. The City will cooperate and, as appropriate, facilitate this analysis and alternative land use assignment.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Economic Development, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going	No Action		
Policy 7	The City shall encourage the preparation of Specific and/or Precise Plans for major business park and industrial developments on 10 acres or more, to ensure the efficient use of these lands and the roadways, drainage facilities and utilities to serve these developments.					
Program 7.A	As a means of properly controlling and optimizing the development of business parks and industrial projects, the City may require the preparation of Specific and/or Precise Plans, which address circulation, infrastructure, drainage and development standards and design guidelines to ensure compatible development that reflects the values and standards set forth in the General Plan.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Where necessary, the City continues to require the preparation of Specific Plans for business park and industrial developments, including in the North City where circulation and infrastructure improvements are required.
Policy 8	All proposals for development of business and/or industrial parks shall be considered within the context of the City's aesthetic and health and safety concerns and goals.					
Program 8.A	Business park and/or industrial park development proposals shall demonstrate a thoughtful consideration for surrounding land uses and the appearance of these developments from adjoining lands and public rights of way by integrating generous landscape areas, walls and other appropriate visual enhancements and screening.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Police, Fire, Riverside County Environmental Health, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Business parks and industrial developments continue to be subject to the development standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance as well as the City's Design Guidelines.
Program 8.B	Industrial and business park development proposals shall be reviewed with a special consideration for their potential to generate public health or safety issues. The issues shall be taken into consideration when assessing the appropriateness of proposed development and surrounding existing and planned land uses.	Planning, Police, Fire, Riverside County Environmental Health, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Through the Development Services Committee, police and fire routinely review new development proposals requiring entitlements, including industrial and business park uses. Environmental review will be required, as necessary, to evaluate and mitigate potential public health and/or safety issues.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES LAND USE PROGRAMS

Goal 1	Municipal services and facilities that are of adequate capacity and sufficiently well served and staffed to meet the service and safety needs of all sectors of the community now and in the future, while being compatible with the full range of community land uses.					
Goal 2	Municipal services and facilities that are consistent with and facilitate the goals of the Ahwahnee Principles and New Urbanism through the provision of convenient access to public transit and multi-modal transportation systems, provide convenient and cost-effective water and wastewater treatment facilities, other infrastructure, and public safety services and facilities.					
Policy 1	Ensure the planning, development and provision of public facilities and services through City programs and requirements placed on development, which results in adequate levels of service and staffing requirements, while continuing to be compatible with surrounding land uses.		Ongoing		Description: New development proposal review by the development services committee, as well as environmental review when required, include consideration for adequate service provision and availability of public facilities.	
Policy 2	All proposals and plans for development of public buildings shall be assessed and approved through the same review process established for private sector development. The review process shall ensure project compliance with City land use regulatory documents, compatibility with surrounding land use, and adherence to applicable design standards and guidelines.		Ongoing		Description: Proposals for the development of public buildings shall be subject to the standard review process.	
Policy 3	The City shall pro-actively cooperate and coordinate with all providers of utility and public safety services in the community.					
Program 3.A	Establish and/or maintain protocol and procedures to regularly consult, coordinate and cooperate with providers responsible for public utilities, police, fire, health, and other service, protection and care services in the community.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Building	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Through DSC, police and fire are regularly consulted with regarding new developments. Efforts ongoing to integrate regular consultation with public utilities and other services with new development application process.

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION LAND USE PROGRAMS						
Goal 1	Environmental resources that are protected through the establishment and preservation of managed and conserved open space areas, which also protect residents and property from environmental hazards while providing recreational opportunities and enhancing the beauty and attractiveness of the community.					
Goal 2	Preservation and enhancement of the City as a balanced mix of built and natural environments that contribute to the overall quality of life for its citizens and visitors, while preserving scenic resources of the desert and mountains.					
Policy 1	The preservation of open-space land as necessary for the maintenance of the economy of the City and region, and for the assurance of the continued availability of land for the enjoyment of scenic beauty, for recreation and for the use of natural resources.		Ongoing		Description: The General Plan land use designations and zoning districts establish areas to be preserved as open space.	
Policy 2	The General Plan and supporting documents shall provide comprehensive descriptions and mapping of open space and conservation areas that are valued for their community-wide asset value, including the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan areas, and/or areas identified as constituting environmental hazards such as flood plains, high voltage electric transmission corridors, earthquake fault zones and blowsand hazard areas.		Ongoing		Description: The General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element and Safety Element, as well as specific plans, the associated EIRs, and the CVM SHCP provide mapping of open space and conservation areas as well as environmental hazard areas.	
Policy 3	All development proposals shall be reviewed for the degree or extent to which they encroach upon sensitive resource areas or may subject people and/or improvements to damage from environmental hazards. Mitigation measures shall be promulgated, to the extent practicable, to avoid significant impacts and determine the feasibility of development proposals.		Ongoing		Description: Development proposals with the potential to impact sensitive resource areas shall be subject to environmental review, and, if necessary, mitigation measures shall be applied.	
Policy 4	The City shall explore and exploit all legitimate and appropriate opportunities to secure and protect valuable open space and conservation lands for the benefit of the entire community.					
Program 4.A	Through all available contacts and opportunities, including those associated with the granting of development permits, the City shall provide opportunities and mechanisms for public and/or private donations of open space lands to the City or appropriate conservation land management entity for the benefit of its residents and the entire community.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Major development proposals are evaluated for potential opportunities for the donation of open space lands.
Policy 5	Allow for appropriate public access to open space lands for recreation activities while protecting and restoring the natural ecosystem and minimizing environmental damage, as appropriate.			Ongoing		Description: Efforts to promote public access to open space lands include ongoing buildout of CV Link. The forthcoming wilderness trail plan, as set forth in action B-3 in the City's Strategic Plan, will also improve public access to open space lands. Policies in the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan support conservation of the natural ecosystem, and environmental review is required for projects with potential to damage the ecosystem.

Chapter V

CIRCULATION AND MOBILITY ELEMENT

Goal 1	An intra- and inter-city transportation system that provides for the safe, efficient, diverse and cost-effective movement of people and goods, and enhances commerce and the overall economic well-being of the entire community.					
Goal 2	A City-wide and neighborhood-specific transportation system that is responsive to, and which implements the New Urbanism principles of community design, through land use and transportation planning.					
Policy 1	The City circulation and mobility network shall be planned and developed to assure the provision of safe and efficient vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle and LSEV access to all parts of the community, effectively linking residents and visitors to the full range of residential, employment, shopping, and recreational land uses.					
Program 1.A	The City shall establish a schedule to study and evaluate "Special Study Zones" identified in the General Plan where detailed analysis shall be conducted to minimize further degradation of operating conditions at these locations to assure that these areas are appropriately designed, and improvement funding is planned to address projected impacts.	Responsible Parties Public Works, Planning, City Engineering, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule 2020, On-going	Implementation Status		Description Ongoing. For example: HSIP grants (Cycle 9, 10, and 11) awarded to the City for intersection and road safety improvement project based on accident data. Pavement repair projects prioritized based on the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP).
Program 1.B	The Public Works Department shall establish and implement a prioritized roadway and intersection study and analysis program to assure the provision of adequate future rights-of-way and facilities at critical roadways and intersections. This program may be incorporated into the five-year Capital Improvements Program, which should be reviewed and amended, as necessary, annually.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	2020, On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan, including projects funded by SB-1 and the Road Repair and Accountability Act, as well as roadway rehabilitation projects responding to damage from Tropical Storm Hilary, were approved by City Council in February 2024. This plan establishes the Public Works Department's priorities for roadway improvements and reconstruction. HSIP funded projects also ongoing to improve critical roadways and intersections. Roadway and intersection improvements are also incorporated into development proposals, as required by the Engineering Department.
Policy 2	Transit stops and pedestrian, bicycle and LSEV paths shall be sited in conformance with the General Plan roadway classifications and the City Active Transportation Plan. Standards and guidelines shall be applied in a manner that encourages the use of alternatives modes of transportation and provides safe, convenient access to commercial and employment centers, as well as institutional and recreational land uses.					
Program 2.A	A planning and engineering project review checklist will be developed, which addresses all major roadway components and ensures compliance with the provisions of the Circulation and Mobility Element and the Active Transportation Plan. The checklist will be used in reviewing development proposals.	Responsible Parties Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	Schedule 2020, On-going	Implementation Status		Description Ongoing; There is currently no checklist developed, however compliance with the provisions of the Circulation and Mobility Element as well as the ATP are evaluated through the development review process.
Policy 3	The City shall assure that the current and future City roadway segments and intersections maintain minimum operating standards that do not exceed Level-of-Service (LOS) "D" during peak hours of traffic. Along roadway segments and intersections where LOS D may not be achievable after applying all practicable measures, the City shall find LOS "E" during peak hours to be provisionally acceptable.					
Program 3.A	The Circulation and Mobility Element and supporting technical reports shall be periodically reviewed to compare current conditions with the goals and policies of the element, and to assure that adopted facility standards and classifications are consistent with actual and projected traffic volumes.	Responsible Parties Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	Schedule 2020, On-going	Implementation Status		Description The Circulation and Mobility Element and supporting reports shall be periodically reviewed as needed. There is currently no program to update the Circulation and Mobility Element.
Program 3.B	Identified roadway segments and intersections projected to operate at LOS E or worse at General Plan buildout are hereby designated as "Special Study Zones" where detailed analysis shall be conducted to minimize further degradation of operating conditions at these locations.	Planning, Engineering, Transportation Commission	Immediately, On-going	Ongoing		Underway; Studies and projects are underway to improve Varner Road and East Palm Canyon, roadway segments identified as operating at LOS E during preparation of the General Plan. The draft Varner Road Traffic Operations report, prepared by a consultant, is under staff review as of August 2024; plans for East Palm Canyon Widening project are currently under review.

Program 3.C	The City shall develop and implement roadway improvement standards which limit direct access to arterial roadways and provide raised median islands, to the greatest extent practical, in order to maximize roadway capacity and limit turning movement conflicts.	Planning, Engineering, Transportation Commission	2020, On-going		Ongoing		The Engineering Department reviews the site access and circulation proposed by development projects in order to maximize roadway capacity and limit potential turning movement conflicts.
Program 3.D	The City shall coordinate with Caltrans, City of Rancho Mirage, CVAG and other interested parties in the planning, design, engineering and development of an Interstate-10 interchange with Da Vall Drive, extended.	Public Works, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council, Caltrans, CVAG, Rancho Mirage	Immediately, On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; Project study and development for Da Vall Drive Interchange project underway in collaboration with CVAG and Rancho Mirage. Project study report completed in 2023, next step will be environmental review.
Policy 4	Given the programmatic nature of the General Plan traffic analysis, development proposals which may generate traffic volumes or other impacts beyond the scope of the General Plan analysis should be required to conduct project-specific traffic studies to assure that project impacts are adequately mitigated.						
Program 4.A	City staff shall analyze development proposals to determine the potential of the project to adversely impact mid-block segments or intersections. Development impacts shall be identified, and fair-share mitigation shall be established and incorporated into the conditions of approval.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; Project review by Development Services Committee, including Engineering Department, includes consideration of potential traffic impacts from mid-block segments or intersections, and fair-share mitigation where necessary. Project-specific traffic studies may be required for major development proposals, as determined necessary by Engineering.	
Policy 5	Mixed-use and other integrated development plans may propose the construction of public and/or private streets that conform with the New Urbanism and Complete Streets design principles, assuming sufficient technical support to argue for their safe and efficient use is provided, and the concerns of all public service and protection providers are satisfied.						
Program 5.A	The City shall encourage and if necessary require developers to explore alternative designs of streets and other transportation facilities by providing, as appropriate, information on Complete Streets design concepts and standards that may meet basic performance and safety needs, while still being responsive to the New Urbanism principles.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning, Engineering, Transportation Commission, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately, On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; Complete Streets design concepts and standards have been incorporated into the General Plan Master Roadway Classifications, Multi-Modal Facility and Pedestrian Facility Maps, as well as the Active Transportation Plan. New development applications are required to conform to these plans, including dedication of the full ROW with sidewalks and bike lanes.	
Policy 6	In order to preserve the capacity of the City's major roadways and assure a safe and economical circulation system, development proposed along arterial roadways shall be designed to limit access to these arterials to the minimum needed to effectively serve the development.						
Program 6.A	The City shall apply to all development plans the adopted roadway classifications, and implement the Active Transportation Plan to maximize walking, bicycling, and use of LSEVs, and assure safe and efficient connections to City-wide and regional multi-modal facilities.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Public Works, Planning, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately; Ongoing	Ongoing		Ongoing; Project review by Development Services Committee, including Engineering Department, includes review for consistency with General Plan roadway classifications. Implementation of ATP is ongoing, with construction of East Palm Canyon Drive Bicycle Lanes complete, Cathedral Canyon Drive Sidewalks and Date Palm Drive Expansion projects underway as of August 2024.	
Program 6.B	On Arterial Highways the minimum intersection spacing shall be 1,060 feet. The design speed shall be 50 mph. Left-turn median cuts may be authorized if the proposed turn pocket does not interfere with other existing or planned left-turn pockets. Right in/right out access driveways shall meet or exceed the following minimum separation distances (in all cases, distances shall be measured between the curb returns): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• more than 250 feet on the approach leg to a full turn intersection;• more than 150 feet on the exit leg from a full turn intersection;• more than 275 feet between driveways. All access configurations shall require City Engineer review and approval.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development applications are reviewed for compliance with the intersection spacing standards established in the General Plan. All access configurations continue to require City Engineer review and approval.

Program 6.C	On Major Highways, the minimum intersection spacing shall be 600 feet. The design speed shall be 40 mph. Full access to adjoining property shall be avoided and shall exceed the following minimum separation distances (in all cases, distances shall be measured between the curb returns): • more than 250 feet on the approach leg to a full turn intersection; • more than 150 feet on the exit leg from a full turn intersection; • more than 250 feet between driveways. All access configurations shall be subject to City Engineer review and approval.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development applications are reviewed for compliance with the intersection spacing standards established in the General Plan. All access configurations continue to require City Engineer review and approval.
Program 6.D	On Collectors, the minimum intersection spacing shall be 300 feet. The design speed shall be 30 mph. Access driveways shall exceed the following minimum separation distances (in all cases, distances shall be measured between the curb returns): • more than 250 feet on the approach leg to a full turn intersection; • more than 150 feet on the exit leg from a full turn intersection; • more than 250 feet between driveways. All access configurations shall be subject to City Engineer review and approval.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development applications are reviewed for compliance with the intersection spacing standards established in the General Plan. All access configurations continue to require City Engineer review and approval.
Policy 7	The City shall periodically review and update its transportation system Capital Improvement Program to ensure that it keeps pace with the need for network improvements that continue to provide an acceptable level of service and a safe and efficient system.						
Program 7.A	Based on biennial monitoring of the roadway network, maintain a transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that sets forth timelines for the construction of new roadway, bike and LSEV lanes and paths, and other transportation infrastructure in the community. The program shall plan in five-year increments.	Responsible Parties Public Works, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule Immediately; Every two years	Implementation Status			Description Ongoing; The City's FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan was approved by City Council in February 2024. Buildout of ATP continues, including completion of East Palm Canyon Drive Bicycle Lanes, and ongoing construction of Cathedral Canyon Sidewalks and Multiuse Trail and Date Palm Drive Expansion. Biennial monitoring of the roadway network has generally been replaced by implementation of the pavement management program (PMP).
Program 7.B	Based on annual monitoring of the roadway network, establish and maintain a roadway pavement management program (PMP) that sets forth timelines and schedules for the maintenance of existing roads in the community. The program shall establish funding levels each fiscal year.	Public Works, City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediately; Annually		Ongoing		Ongoing; Pavement Management Program (PMP) was approved by City Council in 2023. PMP is updated based on new development on an ongoing basis, and is in use for determining roadway maintenance priorities.
Program 7.C	On Local streets, the minimum intersection spacing shall be 250 feet. The design speed shall be 25 mph. All access configurations shall be subject to City Engineer review and approval.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	Immediately; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development proposals are reviewed both at pre-entitlement stage and during plan check of construction plans. Access configurations subject to City Engineer review and approval where applicable.
Program 7.D	Within subdivisions, private streets may be designed to provide a reduced minimum paved width of 28 feet with no on-street or restricted on-street parking, subject to City Engineer and Fire Department approval, and in consideration of other improvements that encourage pedestrian, bicycle and LSEV use.	Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	Immediately; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development proposals are reviewed both at pre-entitlement stage and during plan check of construction plans. Project review of subdivision applications with private street allows minimum width of 28 feet, subject to City Engineer and Fire Department approval.
Policy 8	The implementation of this element may require flexibility in applying and adapting roadway design standards and specifications, therefore, the Public Works Director is authorized to make consistency findings to permit modifications that do not compromise the operational capacity of the subject roadway or intersection.						
Program 8.A	The City shall maintain a liaison with adjoining cities, Caltrans, CVAG, Riverside County planning and engineering staffs to study and implement effective means of preserving and improving capacity along major roadways serving inter-city traffic. Strategies shall include but are not limited to synchronized signalization and other improvements to major roadways and intersections.	Responsible Parties Public Works, Planning, City Engineer, CVAG TAC	Schedule Immediately; Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description Ongoing; The City continues to coordinate with CVAG and other jurisdictions on preserving and improving capacity of major roadways serving inter-city traffic. Projects to improve such corridors are underway, including: CVAG traffic signal synchronization project, as well as Ramon Bridge widening and future Vista Chino Bridge projects in collaboration with the City of Palm Springs.

Policy 9	The City shall facilitate the design, installation and maintenance of a community locational/directional sign program to efficiently direct traffic to high use areas, including the downtown/civic center, parks, golf courses, Palm Springs International Airport, and other facilities and major attractions and destinations in and around the City.		Ongoing		Description: There is existing wayfinding signage in the City's downtown providing direction to major destinations. The City is working on a Wayfinding Signage project to install updated directional and landmark signage throughout the community. Staff presented a tentative proposal to City Council for discussion and direction in August 2024.	
Policy 10	The City shall coordinate and cooperate with the Palm Springs Airport Commission and the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission to assure that the Palm Springs International Airport continues to meet the City's existing and future transportation, commercial and emergency response needs.		Ongoing		Description: The City's representative on the Palm Springs International Airport Commission shall continue to ensure that the airport meets the City's existing and future transportation, commercial, and emergency response needs.	
Policy 11	On an ongoing basis, the City shall confer and coordinate with the SunLine Transit Agency on the expansion of routes, facilities, services and ridership especially in congested areas and those with high levels of employment and commercial services, and encourage the use of most energy efficient and least polluting transportation technologies.					
11.A	When initiating review of development proposals, the City shall consult and coordinate with SunLine and solicit comments and suggestions on bus stops and other public transit facilities and design concepts, including enhanced handicapped access, should be integrated into project designs.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works, Planning, City Engineer	Immediately; Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing; The City consults with Sunline when there is a bus stop or route in proximity to new development proposals. Effort to include SunLine in regular development project review is ongoing.	

Chapter VI HOUSING ELEMENT

Goal 1	A broad range of housing types located in all the City's neighborhoods, which meet the needs of all existing and future households.						
Policy 1	Ensure that sufficient residentially designated lands and appropriate zoning exist to meet the City's future housing needs.						
Program 1.A.1	Maintain the list of affordable housing sites as shown in Table 37, Inventory of Available Vacant Lands, and update the list to include lands in the North City Specific Plan area as infrastructure is extended to this area.	Responsible Parties Planning & Building Department	Schedule Annually through 2029	Implementation Status			Description Ongoing; List continues to be maintained. Infrastructure within the North City Specific Plan area remains unavailable. The North City Specific Plan will be reviewed including infrastructure needs, and updated as necessary, by City Staff in 2024.
Program 1.A.2	Maintain land use and zoning designations in the General Plan and zoning maps that allow for diversity of housing types and densities.	Planning & Building Department	On-going throughout the planning period		Complete		Complete; Land use and zoning were reviewed as part of the Housing Element Update, which was certified in 2023. Forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will review zoning designations to promote a diversity of housing types and densities.
Program 1.A.3	Maintain a Planned Unit Development (PUD) permit ordinance which allows flexibility in development standards to encourage housing construction while preserving natural resources.	Planning & Building Department	On-going			Complete	Complete; Chapter 9.94 (Planned Unit Development) of the Cathedral City Municipal Code is maintained.
Program 1.A.4	Negotiate the inclusion of affordable housing including units targeted for extremely-low-income households when feasible, in Specific Plans, PUDs, and Tentative Tract Maps with each developer as application is made. The City will strive to negotiate for 10 lower income units throughout the community annually. The negotiation may include the provision of financial incentives, if available, accelerated review process, or development standard concessions in exchange for deed restricted affordable units within each project with priority for projects that include extremely-low-income units. The City shall establish a list of active affordable housing developers in the region and shall annually meet with those developers and the County Housing Authority to identify development opportunities, such as incentives, priority processing and fee waivers and assisting with funding or supporting funding applications for the development of affordable housing.	Planning & Building Department	On-going with each development application; Develop list of regional affordable housing developers by June 2023; Annually meet with affordable housing developers and County Housing Authority.			Complete	With the completion of the Housing Element Update, options are being investigated to encourage inclusion of affordable housing in future residential development projects. Tools to promote housing production, including housing affordable to a range of income levels, will be considered during the forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update. List of regional affordable housing developers was completed in 2023.
Program 1.A.5	Provide technical assistance to property owners and developers in support of lot consolidation, including identifying opportunities for potential consolidation and incentives to encourage consolidation of parcels, as appropriate.	Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency	On-going as part of the development application process		Ongoing		Ongoing; Continue to provide technical assistance under the Community Development Dept. No financial incentives available after the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency.
Program 1.A.6	Promote development of three mixed use projects in the Downtown area during the planning period which combine high density residential with local commercial services. The City will develop a list of incentives such as permit streamlining, fee reductions, and Economic Development assistance and distribute it to developers as projects are proposed.	Housing Successor Agency, Economic Development	On-going as part of the development application process; Prepare incentives list 2023/34.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Discover Cathedral City website continues to be updated with relevant information. The Economic Development Department continues to develop a list of incentives, which will be implemented in collaboration with the Planning Division.
Policy 1.A.i	Owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential development that have 20 percent of the units reserved for lower-income households shall be allowed by-right.						

		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
Program 1.A.7	The City shall rezone Assessor's Parcel No. 677-420-016 (Site #6) and 680-190-037 (Site #9) from R-2 to R-3 to allow a density of at least 16 units per site and 20-24 units per acre, with higher densities of up to 36 units per acre for sites the city is consulting with directly. The proposed density of Sites #6 and #9 is 22 units per acre for a total of 647 and 155 units, respectively. Owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential development that have 20 percent of the units reserved for lower-income households shall be allowed by-right.	Planning & Building Department	2022			Complete	Complete.
Program 1.A.8	Implement the formal ongoing (project-by-project) evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 to ensure sufficient residential capacity is maintained to accommodate the current cycles RHNA. Should an approval of development result in a reduction of capacity below the residential capacity needed to accommodate the remaining need for lower income households, the City must identify replacement sites to accommodate the shortfall and ensure "no net loss" in capacity to accommodate the RHNA.	Housing Successor Agency, Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the development application process.		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development review process includes consideration of the RHNA allocation and Housing Element land inventory.
Program 1.A.9	Develop and establish incentives for subdividing large lots (10 acres or greater) or creating new parcels to make the development of affordable housing projects more feasible (lot sizes of 0.5 to 10 acres) while encouraging a range of development sizes. Affordable housing projects will be allowed by-right, and the City will establish fee waivers, flexible development standards, and expedited processing in its incentive program. The City shall continue to work with the owner and developer of site #2 to subdivide the 79-acre site to allow 7 acres for lower income housing (252 units), 6 acres of moderate-income housing (120 units), and 20 acres of above-moderate income housing (100 units). In order to assure the development of these units, the city and landowner shall amend the North City Specific Plan to specifically call out the units required for lower-, moderate-, and above-moderate-income households on this site.	Housing Successor Agency, Planning & Building Department	Develop incentive package by January 2024. On-going as part of the development application process. City shall continue to work with the current landowner of site #2 until project approved.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to work with landowner of site #2 to ensure that the RHNA allocations are maintained; Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 23-002 permitting two-unit residential developments and urban lot splits, consistent with Senate Bill 9.
Program 1.A.10	Review, revise and/or create a secondary dwelling unit/accessory dwelling units ordinance consistent with Government Code 65852.2 and Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code for very low-, low-, or moderate-income households. The City shall strive to approve 20 ADU applications annually throughout the community. The ordinance shall incorporate an incentive program that includes, but is not limited to, fee waivers, flexible development standards, and expedited permit processing. The Zoning Code shall be updated accordingly no more than 1 year after adoption of the Housing Element update.	Planning & Building Department	Within one year of adopting the Housing Element update.			Complete	Complete: The revised ADU Ordinance (ZOA 23-001) was adopted by City Council on December 13, 2023, and became effective on January 12, 2024. In 2023, building permits were approved for 28 ADUs and entitlements were completed for an additional 79 ADUs. Launch of the City's Pre-Approved ADU Program in August 2024 is expected to further facilitate the construction of ADUs in Cathedral City.
Policy 1.B	Provide a sufficient variety of housing types to meet the housing needs of all residents, regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, nationality, or color.						
Program 1.B.1	In order to reduce infrastructure cost, the City will encourage infill development in areas that are already serviced with adequate infrastructure, including streets and water and sewer lines and the remodeling or addition to existing homes to support build-out of the neighborhood through the use of expedited processing and financial incentives, if available.	Responsible Parties Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency	Schedule Annually review CIP to include infill improvements. Program one CIP project in infill neighborhoods annually.	Implementation Status Ongoing			Description The City's Economic Development Department continues to work to develop existing in-fill areas and programs to encourage this development.
Program 1.B.2	Work with private organizations -- including Urban Housing Communities, National Core, the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, the Senior Center, Desert AIDS Project, Desert Arc or Braille Institute -- in assisting whenever possible in the housing of disabled residents or those with special housing needs in the City. The City shall consider fee waivers, reductions in development standards, or financial assistance if feasible, and will target five disabled residents throughout the community being helped annually.	Housing Successor Agency, Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the development application process; annual outreach		Ongoing		The City's Economic Development Department continues to work to with outside agencies in the development of this type of housing.

Program 1.B.3	Continue to enforce the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act. All complaints regarding discrimination in housing will be referred to the Riverside County Office of Fair Housing. Information on the Fair Housing Act, as well as methods of responding to complaints shall be made available at City Hall and at the Library.	Housing Successor Agency	Annual coordination with the Riverside County Office of Fair Housing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Staff, and particularly the Code Compliance Division, continue to ensure Federal, State, County and City housing related laws are followed, and refer residents to the Riverside County Office of Fair Housing as needed. The City also allocates a portion of CDBG funding for fair housing services in partnership with the Fair Housing Council of the County of Riverside.
Program 1.B.4	Continue to work with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments toward a regional solution for homelessness, including the Homeless Liaison Police Officers funded through the City.	City's Manager's office, Housing Successor Agency, Police Department	Annual coordination with CVAG, City currently has two Homeless Liaison Officers		Ongoing		The City is currently working with Lift to Rise, CVAG and other regional agencies to address homelessness and affordable housing.
Program 1.B.5	Consistent with the requirements of AB 101, amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers in nonresidential and multifamily zones.	Planning & Building Department	2021-2022			Complete	Completed.
Program 1.B.6	Work with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to determine the need for affordable "Workforce Housing" and promote development of such.	City Manager's Office, CVAG Workforce Housing Planning Committee	On-going coordination with CVAG			Complete	Completed; Employee Housing added as a permitted use in most residential zoning districts through Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-002.
Program 1.B.7	The city shall identify sites within or in proximity to the area of "High Segregation and Poverty" to increase affordable housing options for segments of the population subject to overpayment, low income, and higher rates poverty. Of the 13 primary sites identified in the 6th cycle housing element, the City has identified four sites in the area of "High Segregation and Poverty," three of which are for lower-income households totaling 178 units, and one is for moderate-income households totaling 155 units. The lower-income sites are as follows: - 20 units south of Ramon Road, west of Canyon Vista Road (Site #3, APN 680-260-025); - 79 units south of Ramon Road, east of Cathedral Canyon Drive (Site #4 APN 680-260-031); - 79 units south of Ramon Road, east of Cathedral Canyon Drive, north of Corral Road (Site #5 APN 680-260-032). The City shall continue to work with private and public organizations to encourage affordable housing projects. The City will contact each property owner annually, and encourage the use of the incentives developed in Program 1.A.9 to facilitate these units on these sites. In addition, the City will annually seek funding and will review its Capital Improvement Program and include one project annually in areas of high segregation and poverty to improve the living environment and reduce the risk of displacement. Examples of projects include street improvements, multi-modal investments, safe routes to school, parks, community facilities and amenities, infrastructure, and other investment toward community revitalization.	Planning & Building Department	2022 and annually through 2029.		Ongoing		Ongoing; Efforts to encourage affordable housing projects in the identified areas are ongoing through the Economic Development Division. Capital Improvement Program projects are also underway in the area, including road repairs and painting of new bike lanes on Date Palm Drive from Ramon Road to Dinah Shore Drive.
Policy 1.C	The City shall ensure that new and rehabilitated housing is efficient in its use of energy and natural resources.						
Program 1.C.1	New development and rehabilitation efforts will be required to incorporate energy efficiency architectural and landscape design and the use of renewable resources and conservation of resources. Expand the City's support for green building and LEED certified projects to encourage private development participation in these programs as part of future housing projects for all income levels through the pre-application and application review process.	Responsible Parties Planning & Building Department, Environmental Conservation Division	Schedule On-going as part of the development application process	Implementation Status			Description Ordinances, Programs, and Plans have been adopted in support of Green Building and this effort will continue. The City has adopted the 2022 California Building Code, effective January 1, 2023.
Program 1.C.2	A list of known incentives for energy and water conservation measures shall be maintained by the Planning & Building Department and made available for developers and property owners at the City's reception desk and on the City's web site.	Planning & Building Department, Environmental Conservation Division	Annual review and update of energy and water conservation measures	No Action			

Policy 1.D	Encourage the development of appropriate unit sizes in affordable multi-family rental projects and second units on single family lots.						
Program 1.D.1	Work closely with housing advocates and stakeholders to identify needs throughout the community based on household size, and develop and support projects which meet those needs. This should include the full range of potential units, from single room occupancy units to 4- and 5- bedroom units, depending on the need foreseen in the City during the planning period, through bond financing for affordable housing through the County Housing Authority or other appropriate means.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency	Annual outreach to stakeholders as part of the Housing Element review process. Work with Housing Authority to support one of their projects annually.		Ongoing		Continue (Redevelopment Agency dissolved). The City continues to work collaboratively with local and regional agencies partners. The City continues to support the proposed acquisition of an existing extended stay use by the County Housing Authority for affordable housing.
Policy 1.E	High-density, affordable and senior projects shall be located with convenient access to shopping, public transit, schools, parks, and public facilities such as streets and sidewalks.						
Program 1.E.1	Require developers of affordable and senior housing to confer with SunLine Transit regarding the provision of services to the project.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the development application process		Ongoing		On-going; The City consults with Sunline when there is a bus stop or route in proximity to new development proposals. Effort to include SunLine in regular development project review is ongoing.
Program 1.E.2	The City shall work with Riverside County and local non-profit organizations to support housing mobility and access to higher resource areas, including Downtown and the neighborhoods adjacent to Cathedral Canyon and Date Palm Drives. High resources areas are those in proximity to transit, affordable housing, schools, employment centers, parks and other personal services. Services and or programs may include, but are not limited to, home loan assistance programs and rental assistance programs.	Housing Successor Agency	Monthly coordination at Lift to Rise CAN meetings with Riverside County and non-profit organizations; annual outreach to nonprofits through individual meetings.		Ongoing		On-going; The Economic Development Division continues to attend Lift to Rise meetings and to conduct outreach to nonprofits.
Policy 1.F	Ensure that affordable housing projects are available for hotel and service industry employees.						
Program 1.F.1	Continue to work with CVAG and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians toward development of workforce housing, including Tribal parcels in the City which may be appropriate for affordable housing.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning & Building Department, City Manager's Office	On-going coordination with CVAG and Tribal government		Ongoing		On-going; A new tribal casino has been constructed in the Downtown which may encourage the development of workforce housing in the area. Employee Housing added as a permitted use in most residential zoning districts through Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-002. The City meets quarterly with the Tribe in an effort to coordinate and collaborate on future projects.
Goal 2	Facilitate the development of affordable housing for extremely-low-, very-low-, low- and moderate-income households.						
Policy 2.A	In order to leverage local investment, promote and facilitate the use of State and federal monies for the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the community.						
Program 2.A.1	The City shall encourage and assist self-help housing funded by non-profit organizations for single family, infill development to prevent displacement in the lower Cove neighborhood and Panorama neighborhoods.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency	On-going coordination as part of the development application process and annual Housing Element review. Work with CVHC and Habitat for Humanity to target 10 new self-help units in the planning period.		Ongoing		Redevelopment Agency dissolved; efforts ongoing under the Community and Economic Development Department.
Program 2.A.2	Continue to distribute the City's information for developers and low income households which detail the programs available to both parties for assistance in the development and rehabilitation of low income housing at City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Desert Valleys Builders Association (DVBA) offices.	Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency	Annually update posting of information.		Ongoing		Redevelopment Agency dissolved; efforts ongoing under the Community and Economic Development Department.

Program 2.A.3	Should the City be notified of intent to sell or convert Nova Ocotillo Place, all possible funding sources, including CDBG and appropriate grant funds, if available, will be considered to facilitate purchase of such a project. The City will continue to monitor at-risk housing, inform tenants of potential conversion to market rate status, and educate tenants on the potential purchase of units. All non-profit organizations that have expressed an interest in purchasing such projects, including the Riverside County Economic Development Agency Housing Authority and other non-profit groups will be notified immediately. Non-profit groups include but are not limited to National Core, Urban Housing Communities, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Preservation Partners. This will be done in accordance with AB 987. The City will communicate with the property owner at least one year prior to the earliest release date.	Housing Successor Agency	On-going monitoring; coordination with owners of properties proposed for conversion and non-profit organizations one year prior to the earliest release date.		Ongoing		Redevelopment Agency dissolved; efforts ongoing under the Community and Economic Development Department.
Program 2.A.4	Maintain the City's existing database of information on the 535 self-help ownership units in existence in the City, including current affordability status, year of potential conversion, and current ownership. This database will be used to encourage that these units be conserved at the same income level as the currently exist, following lapse of existing covenants. An annual report of the status of these units will be made to the Council.	Housing Successor Agency	Database update in 2022. Updated annually thereafter.		Ongoing		Database up to date through June 30, 2023.
Program 2.A.5	Work with Habitat for Humanity and the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition to identify locations and develop funding for self-help ownership housing units.	Planning & Building Department, Environmental Conservation Division	Establish strategy in 2022-2023, annually throughout planning period and as parcels become available	No Action			Establish strategy in 2024.
Program 2.A.6	Review requests for density bonuses in affordable housing projects on the basis of its requirements.	Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the development application process		Ongoing		On-going; requests for density bonuses are evaluated through the development review process.
Policy 2.B	The Housing Successor Agency shall expend housing set aside funds as effectively as possible to generate the development of new affordable housing units.						
Program 2.B.1	In older neighborhoods where extremely-low, low- and very-low-income households are a significant portion of the residents, including the lower Cove and Panorama neighborhoods, assign bond proceeds in coordination with annual review of the CIP for the improvement of streets, water, sewer, and flood control improvements to bring these facilities into compliance with current standards. Target one improvement project annually in the CIP.	Responsible Parties Planning & Building Department, Engineering and Public Works	Schedule On-going as part of the annual budget process	Implementation Status			Description This program will not be continued.
Program 2.B.2	Maintain the City's database of affordable housing projects and units, and the Housing Replacement Plan, and develop action plans should these units be converted or destroyed per AB 987.	Housing Successor Agency	On-going as required by AB 987		Ongoing		Redevelopment Agency dissolved; efforts ongoing under the Community and Economic Development Department.
Program 2.B.3	The Planning Division shall work with affordable housing development partners and the County Housing Authority to identify innovative housing solutions for extremely-low-, very-low-, low-income households and the elderly.	Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the annual Housing Element review process.		Ongoing		Ongoing; Cooperation with the County Housing Authority ongoing under the Community and Economic Development Department.
Policy 2.C	Promote and preserve mobile home parks for their value as extremely-low-, very-low-, low- and moderate-income housing opportunities.						
Program 2.C.1	Any conversion of existing mobile home parks to permanent housing will continue to be regulated by ordinance to ensure that an appropriate relocation plan for park residents is developed and implemented. In addition, the City will seek to ensure that existing mobile home parks meet current standards until such time that they are converted to permanent housing.	Responsible Parties Planning & Building Department, Housing Successor Agency, Code Compliance Division	Schedule On-going Code Compliance Division, and as part of the Planning Department review of any proposal to convert a mobile home park.	Implementation Status			Description
Program 2.C.2	Maintain a mobile home rent control ordinance which protects all mobile home residents who do not have long-term lease agreements.	Housing Successor Agency	On-going per City ordinance		Ongoing		Ongoing through maintenance of Ordinance No. 48 (Mobile Home Fair Practices Commission).

Policy 2.D	Continue to redevelop the Downtown with higher density housing and encourage mixed use development where residential units are above commercial businesses.					
Program 2.D.1	Continue to pursue prototype higher density housing in the Downtown area, to further the concepts of mixed use in the urban core.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning & Building Department, Economic Development Department, City Manager's Office	On-going as part of the development review process and the annual Housing Element review		Ongoing	Ongoing; Zoning Code update will also consider standards to promote higher density housing and mixed use development in the Downtown area.
Program 2.D.2	Maintain provisions in the Zoning Ordinance which allow for residential uses in the second story of commercial centers in the Downtown area.	Planning & Building Department	On-going per City ordinance		Complete	Complete; Various zoning designations and specific plans have been revised to permit mixed used and live/work units.
Program 2.D.3	Develop incentives for consolidating smaller parcels to better accommodate affordable housing projects with focus on the Downtown area. Incentives may include, but are not limited to, expedited processing, reduced fees and flexible development standards such as reduced parking requirements. The City shall consolidate all parcels that comprise Sites #1 (all City-owned), #11, and #12.	Planning & Building Department, Economic Development	On-going as part of the development review process. Site #1 parcels shall be consolidated no more than 3 years after approval of this Housing Element update.		Ongoing	Ongoing; Zoning Code update will consider incentives to accommodate affordable housing projects. Entitlements process is complete for Site #11 and #12, and ongoing for Sites #1.
Policy 2.E	The City shall encourage safe housing for all projects constructed in the City.					
Program 2.E.1	All projects shall be reviewed by the Planning Department to ensure that adequate security and 'defensible space' is provided.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning & Building Department	On-going as part of the development review process		Ongoing	Ongoing; Development Services Committee review during entitlement process includes consideration for security and defensible space.
Program 2.E.2	All existing assisted affordable housing projects will provide safe, defensible space accessible to Police and Fire Departments.	Housing Successor Agency, Code Compliance Division, Policy Department, Fire Department	On-going as part of the inspection process		Ongoing	Ongoing; Police and Fire Department continue to review projects as part of the entitlement process. Code Compliance continues to ensure that existing affordable housing projects are compliant with the CCMC.

Policy 2.F	The City shall remove governmental constraints to development affordable housing by regularly reviewing the Zoning Code and updating as necessary.						
Program 2.F.1	To remove government constraints to the development of affordable housing, a comprehensive update of the Zoning Code and Zoning Map shall be completed within 2 years of the approval of the Housing Element to ensure complete zoning consistency with the General Plan and to remove governmental constraints to the provision of all housing types: Allow transitional and supportive housing by-right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses pursuant to Government Code Section 65651; Update Zoning Code map to include P/IH overlay zone; Update emergency shelter parking standards per Government Code Section 65583 (a) (4); Add ministerial considerations for second dwelling/accessory dwelling units and permit by-right in residential zones pursuant to Government Code Section 65852.2; Update the definition of "family" to remove the limit of five unrelated persons;"Group homes" shall be defined and allowed in all residential zones by-right in the same manner as other residential uses;"Employee housing" shall be defines and permitted by right if 6 or fewer dwelling units, 7 or more dwelling units will be permitted per similar dwelling types of the same size in the same zone; "Manufactured homes" should only be subject to the same development standards that a conventional single-family residential dwelling on the same lot would be subject to, with the exception of architectural requirements, for roof overhand, roofing material, and siding material; Affordable Housing Streamlined Approval (AB 35), establish a streamlined, ministerial review process for qualifying multi-family residential projects; In Chapter 9.104.060B "Grounds for approving application" under "Reasonable Accommodations for People with Disabilities", remove item 3 which states "the potential impact on adjacent properties" shall be considered when approving reasonable accommodation applications.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning & Building Department	2022-2023			Complete	Complete; All proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments pursuant to ZOA No. 22-002 have been made except: in Chapter 9.104.060B "Grounds for approving application" under "Reasonable Accommodations for People with Disabilities", remove item 3 which states "the potential impact on adjacent properties" shall be considered when approving reasonable accommodation applications.
Goal 3	The maintenance and rehabilitation of the City’s residential neighborhoods.						
Policy 3.A	Ensure that the quality of dwelling units in existing neighborhoods is improved, conserved, rehabilitated and maintained.						
Program 3.A.1	All City codes, including the California Building Code, will be enforced in the City's Building Division and Code Enforcement Division, so that existing units are maintained in good repair.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning & Building Department, Code Compliance Division	On-going enforcement		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Building and Code Compliance Divisions continue with these efforts.
Program 3.A.2	The City shall develop a Housing Rehabilitation Program that provides access to low interest loans funded by CDGB funds to low-income families who need to make improvements to make their homes safe to occupy to prevent displacement risks. As part of this new program, the City shall also conduct a City-wide windshield survey every 3 years to identify general housing conditions to estimate the number of residential structures in need of rehabilitation or replacement. The program should target short-, medium-, and long-range plans for the rehabilitation of existing units, and the development of quality single-family housing. Special attention should be made to the area north of Dinah Shore Drive, generally west of Date Palm Drive, known as the Whitewater neighborhood. The City shall strive to assist 40 very low- and low-income households during the planning period.	Housing Successor Agency, Code Compliance Division	Develop the Housing Rehabilitation Program no more than 1 year after approval of the housing element update. The Program shall include a schedule for windshield surveys 3 years apart. Code enforcement is on-going.	No Action			The City is currently using CDBG funds for the Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program and for fair housing services in partnership with the Fair Housing Council of the County of Riverside.

Program 3.A.3	Maintain an inventory that lists existing neighborhoods with substandard infrastructure, including partially paved roads, substandard water lines, flooding problems, absence of sewer service and lack of street lighting, quantify the need for improvements and identify funding sources. Assign bond proceeds in coordination with annual review of the CIP for the improvement of streets, water, sewer, and other substandard infrastructure improvements to bring these facilities into compliance with current standards. Target one improvement project annually in the CIP.	Planning & Building Department, Public Works Division	Once every 5 years		Ongoing		Infrastructure projects to address these needs are ongoing. For example: California State Water Resource Control Board grant has been awarded to fund sewer systems for areas on septic; Via De Anza project in partnership with CWWD is underway to install new water systems.
Program 3.A.4	The Code Enforcement Department of the Fire Department shall continue to maintain and upgrade living conditions in those neighborhoods with serious endemic problems to ensure safe, sanitary, and healthy living condition throughout all neighborhoods of the City through existing and future programs such as the Graffiti Elimination Program. Target 25 homes annually for living condition upgrades.	Planning & Building Department, Code Compliance Division, Engineering & Public Works Department	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Code Enforcement Department, now under the Community Development Department, continues to manage these efforts. Graffiti abatement has been contracted out which has resulted in more effective abatement of graffiti.

Chapter VIII COMMUNITY DESIGN ELEMENT

Goal 1	A high quality of life through careful, meticulous planning, and sustainable community design and development that balances aesthetic, economic, social and environmental needs and goals, while ensuring a highly livable urban and natural environment for future generations.					
Policy 1	The City recognizes the importance of quality planning and design and shall develop and update standards and guidelines that address all areas of community design.			Ongoing		Description: The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include updating the development standards to implement current best practices in planning and design.
Policy 2	The City shall apply the design standards and associated Municipal Code to the processing of all development proposals within the City's designated Downtown district as set forth in the Downtown Design Guidelines.					
Program 2.A	The City shall initiate a review of the 2002 Downtown Design Guidelines and shall update this document in a manner that builds from and extends the aesthetic, functionality and values reflected in the Community Design Element and the other General Plan elements.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Architectural Review Committee, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	2020; Every five years		Ongoing	Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include review of the Downtown Design Guidelines.
Program 2.B	The City-Wide Design Guidelines and Zoning Ordinance shall be periodically reviewed and, as appropriate, revised and updated to reflect the changing urban pattern and needs of the community.	Planning	2021; Every five years		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City is currently reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance, which will include review of the City-Wide Design Guidelines.
Policy 3	The City shall continue to take bold and decisive steps to realize a livable, vibrant and sustainable community based on the principles of New Urbanism, Smart Growth and social equity, and focused on a vision and strategy of economic development and life-enrichment for all of its members.				Ongoing	Description: The review of new development proposals, implementation of ATP projects such as construction of bike paths and multi-modal trails, and support for infill development through the ADU Ordinance, Pre-Approved ADU Program, and two-unit residential developments and urban lot split ordinance, all work towards realizing community design principles such as new urbanism, smart growth, and social equity.
Policy 4	The City shall confer and consult with Riverside County Flood Control and CVWD to expand the use of stormwater channels, levees and service roads for hiking and other appropriate recreational uses.					
Program 4.A	Consistent with multi-use agreements with flood control agencies to use stormwater channels, levees and service roads for portions of CV Link, the City shall seek to expand the use of channel levees and service road for hiking and other appropriate recreational uses.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works	2020; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; Build out of CV Link is ongoing. Development applications for projects in the North City Specific Plan shall be reviewed for consistency with include the regional multi-use trail network proposed in the specific plan. Engineering and Public Works initiated RFPs for wilderness trail plan in September 2023, plan may include agreements to use channel levees and service roads. Project deferred due to Tropical Storm Hillary expenditures.
Goal 2	A community that is beautiful as well as healthy, spacious, clean and well-balanced.					
Policy 1	Neighborhoods shall establish a well-defined edge or boundary, consisting of landscaping, green belts, open space, and/or entry monumentation, in appropriate locations to help create a unique community image and sense of place.					
Program 1.A	The City shall require the incorporation of parks and open space into new development projects, and shall ensure that new parks and open space are developed in the early phases of development projects.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; Planning Commission; City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; the City continues to require the dedication of land, or payment of in-lieu fees, for parks and open space through Chapter 9.106 of the Zoning Ordinance (Quimby Fees) for new subdivisions. Chapter 9.94 of the Zoning Ordinance also establishes open space requirements for Planned Unit Developments. Phasing of development is managed through Conditions of Approval prepared on a per-project basis.
Policy 2	Community design, architecture, and landscaping standards and guidelines shall be compatible with and enhance the City's desert setting and natural scenic resources.				Ongoing	Description: The City's Design Guidelines aim to ensure that design, architecture, and landscaping in the City is compatible with the natural setting. The Zoning Ordinance update will include updated development standards that support this policy.

Policy 3	The City shall pro-actively work to preserve and restore the community's night sky by updating and revising the Lighting Ordinance based on the guidelines set forth by the International Dark Sky Association.					
Program 3.A	To preserve and restore the community's night sky, the City shall review and, as appropriate, update the Lighting Ordinance to require outdoor lighting to be shielded, limit in height, number, and intensity of fixtures to the minimum needed to provide sufficient security and identification on residential, commercial, and other development.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works, Engineering, Planning Commission, City Council	2020; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; the City is currently reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance - shall include review of the Lighting Ordinance.
Goal 3	A community where principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship are an inherent and fully integrated part of the design and development of the entire city.					
Policy 1	The City shall apply the principles of sustainability in all aspects of community design, development and regulation on both a public and private sector level.					
Program 1.A	The City design review process, whether for public or private development projects, shall include a thorough assessment of how and to what extent projects are sustainable, and a sustainability check list derived from the City Sustainability Plan, this element and other regulatory and policy documents, shall be developed and used to assess all project's sustainability.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	2020; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; Sustainability of new developments required through compliance with the Title 24 Green Building Standards. Conformity to the policies and programs in the General Plan Land Use, Circulation and Mobility, Community Design, Healthy and Sustainable Community, Open Space and Conservation, and Air Quality and Climate Stability Elements also guides the sustainability of development projects.
Policy 2	Native desert landscape materials and site-sensitive architectural designs shall be incorporated into all public and private building projects to complement and enhance the functional and aesthetic relationships between the natural and built environments.				Ongoing	Description: The review of landscape plans and architectural elevations includes consideration for the surrounding context, both natural and built. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include updated design guidelines, with consideration for the relationship between buildings and the surrounding environment.
Policy 3	The City shall actively pursue land use agreements with individual landowners to retire billboards located within the City limits.			No Action		Description: The City's Sign Ordinance prohibits new billboard signs, however a program has not yet been established to retire existing billboards.
Policy 4	The City shall maintain and enforce a general Sign Ordinance and the Auto Center Sign Ordinance, which define permitted sign locations, sizes, maintenance, and other related requirements.				Ongoing	Description: Chapter 9.62 of the zoning code, the City's Sign Ordinance, is maintained and continues to be enforced, including specific provisions for the Auto Center.
Policy 5	Overhead utility lines shall be undergrounded to the greatest extent practical through the establishment of an undergrounding program and guidelines.				Ongoing	Description: Efforts to underground the overhead utility lines continue, both incrementally as improvements required from individual development proposals, as well as through larger projects such as the East Palm Canyon Widening and Master Undergrounding Plan, which is currently in the design phase with SCE.
Goal 4	A communitywide development pattern of multi-level functional design that supports and promotes social equity and environmental justice.					
Policy 1	To the greatest extent practicable, promote residential development that provides a variety of housing types and affordability within a single neighborhood, instead of separating people by income level, age or family situation.				Ongoing	Description: Efforts to promote affordable housing are ongoing, and recent zoning ordinance amendments to implement the ADU Ordinance and Two-Unit Residential Developments and Urban Lot Splits support a variety of housing types. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will further explore methods of supporting the development of housing types for residents of various income levels and family situations. Additional efforts to promote housing affordable to a range of income levels are implemented through the Housing Element policies and programs. The Desert Bloom Villas were approved in 2023 and include 15 deed restricted affordable units.
Goal 5	A community-wide multi-modal transportation system that addresses the City's desire to facilitate all modes of travel and reduce dependency on the use of motor vehicles, while helping to meet the City's other community design goals.					

Policy 1	As many services and activity areas as possible, including commercial, professional and health services, should be located with convenient multi-modal access, including within easy walking or biking distance of transit stops.					
Program 1.A	The full range of community design principles shall be applied to all public and private development proposals to ensure that streets, pedestrian paths and bike paths contribute to a system of fully-connected, interesting routes to all destinations.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works, Engineering	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's Design Guidelines are consulted during the development review process, including consideration of streets, pedestrian paths, and bike paths. Review process with Development Services Committee includes review of plans by engineering for consistency with transportation plans, including the Circulation and Mobility Element and the Active Transportation Plan.
Program 1.B	The City shall implement its Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets principles in a manner that encourages pedestrian and bicycle use and shall be spatially defined by buildings, trees and lighting, and discourages high speed traffic.	Public Works, Planning	On-going		Ongoing	The City's Active Transportation Plan was approved by City Council on February 8, 2023; implementation is on-going. Progress includes: restriping of the East Palm Canyon Bike Lanes (completed) and Cathedral Canyon multiuse path/bike lanes and Date Palm Drive bike lane and sidewalk projects (under construction).
Program 1.C	The City shall review proposed and existing commercial development for opportunities to enhance pedestrian and other multi-modal circulation, safe and convenient ingress and egress, screening of outdoor storage/loading and other unsightly areas, lighting, signage, and the planting of mature landscaping.	Planning, Public Works, Engineering	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Planning and Engineering departments conduct this review as part of the development review process and require applicable improvements as part of the conditions of approval on new developments.
Policy 2	The City shall strive for population densities around prospective transit and other multi-modal stops to provide the critical mass of people and activities in these areas needed to make transit and other alternative modes of travel practicable and economically viable.					
Program 2.A	Public and private sector development proposals shall be subject to citywide design guidelines and standards that reflect principles of New Urbanism, Smart Growth, and which are intended to promote economic development and justice, protect the community's natural resources, provide community cohesion, and enhance the image of the City.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's Design Guidelines are implemented during the development review and plan check process. The guidelines will be updated as part of the forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update.
Program 2.B	To ensure that development proposals are initiated consistent with the City's community design principles and values, the City shall maintain comprehensive development application packages that provide detailed information on and direct applicants to City design guideline documents, ordinances and other requirements, standards and guidelines.	Planning	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Planning application process reviewed during development of EnerGov online applications to ensure that requirements are up to date. Upon full deployment of EnerGov and the Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal, Development Resources Guide to be updated to provide applicants with detailed information about submittal requirements and guidelines.
Program 2.C	Promote development plans that are based on the principles and values set forth in the Community Design and other General Plan Elements that define and support positive and unique qualities of existing and planned neighborhoods.	Planning; Planning Commission; City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Planning review and approval of development projects includes consideration of conformity with the General Plan, including policies in the Community Design and other General Plan Elements that define and support positive and unique qualities of existing and planned neighborhoods.
Program 2.D	New residential development proposals shall be reviewed by City staff to assure compliance with applicable design standards and guidelines, and promote design features, such as entry statements, recreational facilities, neighborhood parks and schools, and landscaping along public rights-of-way.	Planning; Planning Commission; City Council	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Planning review and approval process continues to include review of new residential development proposals to ensure compliance with development standards and design guidelines to the greatest extent practicable.
Program 2.E	The City shall continue to implement its program of City entry monumentation that reflects the community's character and dedication to quality design.	Planning; Public Works	On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; Planning review and approval process continues to include review for compliance with development standards and design guidelines, including guidelines pertaining to entry monumentation. New development applications suitable for entry monumentation reviewed by Planning and Engineering staff through the Development Services Committee. Pursuant to action B-2 in the City's Strategic Plan, the Public Arts Commission and Public Works Department are working on proposals and scope of pricing for new entryway signs.
Program 2.F	Require the submittal of detailed landscape, architectural, and special signage designs for project entries and other design features in or adjacent to the public realm to assure compliance with community design standards and guidelines, and compatibility with the natural and built environments.	Planning	On-going		Ongoing	Submittal requirements do not specify requirements pertaining to project entries and other design features adjacent to the public realm; however, these materials may be required per planning staff's discretion, particularly for larger developments.

Policy 3	Community and Neighborhood Activity Centers, including squares, plazas and piazzas, shall be established at appropriate locations to encourage public social interaction and a sense of public space.					
Program 3.A	Actively pursue joint use agreements with the Palm Springs Unified School District to promote public school grounds as integral parts of neighborhood activity areas.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; School District	On-going		Ongoing	Agreement with PSUD ongoing for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Current agreements do not include other use of school grounds.
Policy 4	The City shall support and conduct a high level of Code Enforcement to encourage neighborhood beautification and to maintain property values and quality of life.					
Program 4.A	The City shall develop and adopt a program of Code compliance standards for existing and future neighborhoods, and enforce the program through regular Code Compliance inspections.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Code Compliance, City Council	2020; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Code Compliance Department continues to enforce the City's Municipal Code (including Title 13), and is also in the process of developing special programs to maintain neighborhood quality and character, such as abandoned shopping cart retrieval, street vendor enforcement, and trash can storage education.
Policy 5	The City shall support the development of an ordinance and management plan that maximizes the use of NEVs and other LSEVs throughout the community.					
Program 5.A	To the greatest extent practicable, the City shall support the development of an expanded NEV/LSEV network through the adoption of an ordinance that allows greater use of NEV and other LSEVs on City streets and wherever else feasible in the City.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works, Planning Commission, City Council	2022; Ongoing	No Action		Expansion of the City's active transportation and multi-modal trail network is ongoing. However, there has been no action to adopt an ordinance specific to NEV/LSEVs.

Chapter X

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL HEALTH ELEMENT

Goal 1	A balanced, broad-based economy that provides a range of employment opportunities, high standards of development, and environmental protection.						
Policy 1	The General Plan land use map and designations shall facilitate a range of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and mixed-use development opportunities that are dispersed throughout the planning area.				Complete	Description: The land use designations in the 2040 General Plan Update facilitate a range of uses.	
Policy 2	The City shall promote business development and retention, workforce training, and professional development.						
2.A	Maintain a list of “shovel-ready” sites for interested developers and businesses.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
		Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Adoption of Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal will facilitate submittal and plan check process, forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will be designed to streamline the development process without compromising quality.
		Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to work with partners to provide relevant workshops, classes and programs. For example, in partnership with a local accounting firm, the City was recently scheduled to host a financial literacy for small businesses workshop.
		Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City actively updates the City website, Discover Cathedral City website and Discover Digest newsletter to disseminate information for residents, developers, and businesses.
2.E	Provide incentives to existing small and startup businesses, including minority and women-owned businesses, to facilitate their expansion and job creation.	Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 3	The City shall continue to encourage higher density infill development and that which uses existing utilities, infrastructure, and services.				Ongoing		Description: The City continues to promote infill development, including through implementation of SB 9. The Zoning Ordinance update will also consider ways to encourage higher density infill development.
Policy 4	The City shall facilitate development of a variety of housing products that are affordable to all segments of the workforce.				Ongoing		Description: One of the goals of the Zoning Ordinance update is to better facilitate a range of housing products at different affordability levels. Employee Housing added as a permitted use in most residential zoning districts through Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-002.
Policy 5	The City shall continue to cultivate a cooperative relationship with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and Bureau of Indian Affairs, particularly regarding development of Indian lands within the City and sphere-of-influence.				Ongoing		Description: The City’s relationship with the ACBCI continues to be maintained. The City, including representatives from the City Manager’s Office, Economic and Community Development Department, and Engineering and Public Works Department, meet quarterly with the Tribe in an effort to coordinate and collaborate on ongoing and future projects.
Policy 6	The City shall explore and target opportunities to attract new businesses and industries with well-paying occupations that match or can enhance the skill base and training capacity of local residents. Industries that may be particularly well-suited to the community include sustainable technologies, allied health services, hospitality industries, cannabis cultivation and distribution, arts and culture related ventures, and other economic development opportunities where Cathedral City may have a comparative advantage.						
6.A	Assure that appropriate development standards, applications, and review processes are in place to address the needs of new industries.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Planning Division is currently updating the Zoning Ordinance, including review of how code addresses needs of new industries.

Goal 2	Adequate roads, multi-modal infrastructure, utilities, and other improvements that support economic activity and growth.					
Policy 1	The circulation plan shall support multi-modal transportation choices that provide logical, efficient connections between residential, employment, shopping, and other land uses to minimize commute times.		Ongoing			Description: The circulation plan and ATP support a multi-model transportation network connecting a range of destinations. Implementation of these plans is ongoing.
Policy 2	The City shall support completion of all segments of CV Link, particularly those within its boundaries.		Ongoing			Description: Construction of segments within Cathedral City is ongoing. Construction on the segment connecting with Palm Springs is expected to begin in September 2024.
Policy 3	The City shall strive to reduce economic disruption from natural disasters and extreme weather events, such as flooding, earthquakes, and blow sand.		Ongoing			Description: Current efforts by the Fire Department to update the City's Emergency Operations plan and Local Hazard Mitigation plan will help to reduce impacts, including economic disruptions, from natural disasters and extreme weather.
3.A	Regularly review, evaluate, and revise, as needed, the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Fire, Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department received OES and FEMA grants to update the City's Emergency Operations plan and Local Hazard Mitigation plan. Staff is preparing an RFP to have both developed through an outside vendor.
Goal 3	A rich cultural identity that attracts visitors and residents, supports City businesses, and contributes to long-term economic vitality.					
Policy 1	The City shall continue to promote special events and activities that support and celebrate its history and diverse population.					
1.A	Explore marketing approaches that showcase community arts programs, events, and resources as a means for expanding tourism and employment opportunities.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; For example: cathedralcitypublicarts.org includes page displaying art galleries in The Perez Art District.
1.B	Continue to enhance the walkability and identity of Perez Road between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive, and promote it as a vibrant and cohesive community arts district.	Public Works, Planning, Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; Grant funding awarded to build protected bike lanes on Perez Road. The City continues to promote the Perez Art District.
Policy 2	The Downtown area shall continue to be promoted and recognized as the City's premier entertainment district.		Ongoing			Description: Efforts to promote the Downtown area are ongoing, including the Wayfinding Signage project which aims to highlight key destinations in the City including the Agua Caliente Casino.
Goal 4	A City Sphere-of-Influence that provides logical and economically beneficial opportunities for continued, long-term community development.					
Policy 1	The City shall continue to monitor all proposed development proposal, flood control, infrastructure and other development facilitated by Riverside County within the City's Sphere and provide guidance regarding such proposals and activities.					
1.A	The City shall maintain a close and ongoing relationship with LAFCO and various Riverside County Department to ensure the City is apprised of public and private development activities in the Sphere. City staff shall provide timely input to County regarding proposed changes in land use in the Sphere.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Economic Development, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing relationship between the City and LAFCO. LAFCO presented to the City Council in September 2023 providing a refresher on the annexation process.

Chapter VII

PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

No.	Description of Goal/Policy/Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description of Implementation Status
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Goal 1	A City-wide system of parks, open space and other recreational amenities and programs that at a minimum satisfy Quimby Act standards.						
Goal 2	An active transportation system that accommodates pedestrians, bicyclists and others and connects them to City and regional parks, recreation opportunities and open space.						
Goal 3	A wide offering of facilities and programs supporting and encouraging physical activity, social interaction,and enhanced social cohesion in the community parks, recreation and open space areas.						
Policy 1	Ensure that the city has a diverse and equitably distributed system of parks, playgrounds, and open space that adequately serve current and future needs of residents. Ensure that parks, playgrounds, and open spaces are well maintained and safe for families, children, and seniors, and maximize the use of existing resources to serve current and future needs of residents.						
Program 1.A	Maintain and, where appropriate, upgrade existing facilities and diversify activities programming.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City has continued to offer diverse activities programming in 2023-2024, including: Spring Fest, Summer Swimming Program at Cathedral City High School, Mary Pickford Free Movies for Kids, the Butterfly Festival, Cathedral City LGBT Days, Taste of Jalisco, Taste and Sounds of Cathedral City, Yoga at the Amphitheater. The City also continues to upgrade existing park facilities, such as ADA improvements for Century Park, Dennis Keat Soccer Park, and Panorama Park, as well as the installation of a crosswalk at Avenida Maravilla and Jarana Road for Panorama Park.
Program 1.B	Periodically conduct a needs assessment for recreation programs and services with local residents.	City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Every five years	No Action			
Program 1.C	Maintain and where possible expand use of joint-use agreements with the Palm Springs Unified School District to use school properties for public use during non-school hours.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Agreement between the City of Cathedral City, the Palm Springs Unified School District, and the Desert Recreation District developed in 2022 for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program. The program has operated through the summers of 2022, 2023, and 2024.
Program 1.D	Update the 2005 Cathedral City Parks and Recreation Master Plan to include an updated facilities and program analysis, and five to ten-year master plan for future park and open space lands and recreation programs.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Every ten year		Ongoing		Ongoing; Efforts to update the 2005 Cathedral City Parks and Recreation Master Plan started in 2019. However, the project was on hold as the City explored the potential of joining the Desert Recreation District. Measure W, which will provide funding for annexation into DRD, was passed in November 2024.
Program 1.E	Concurrent with the update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, evaluate the distribution of existing and planned park and recreation lands, and the distribution of under-served or otherwise disadvantaged neighborhoods, and ensure that the need of all sectors of the community are well served.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Every ten years		Ongoing		Ongoing; Efforts to provide new parks in underserved areas are in progress. New parks under planning/development include the Dream Homes park (Esperanza Park), Panorama Dog Park, and the Downtown Dog Park. The preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update is on hold while the City explores the potential to join the Desert Recreation District. Measure W, which will provide funding for annexation into DRD, was passed in November 2024.
Program 1.F	Upon completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update the City shall adopt population-based parkland acreage standards for all sizes and types of parks and recreation areas.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development, City Council.	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			No action; The City has not adopted a parkland acreage standard other than for the calculation of Quimby Fees. Per Section 9.106.040 of the CCMC (DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND PAYMENT OF IN-LIEU FEES), three net acres of useable parkland for each one thousand persons residing within a subdivision shall be devoted to parks.
Program 1.G	Investigate the broad range of sources of purchase financing and operating revenue, including Development Impact Fees, Mello Roos special districts, public/private ventures, state and federal grant opportunities, developer fees and inter-agency joint use agreements to supplement revenues collected for parks and recreation projects.	Parks and Recreation Division, City Council, Planning Commission	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City adopted a new Development Impact Fee schedule in September 2023. The City continues to use Community Facilities District No. 2006-1, across multiple improvement areas, to fund law enforcement, fire, paramedic, park and general maintenance services. The City also continues to apply the Parks Facility Use Fees for group reservations and events. The Community and Economic Development Department and the Engineering and Public Works Department continuously investigate potential grant opportunities.

No.	Description of Goal/Policy/Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description of Implementation Status
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Policy 2	Promote the City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) as an integral part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, supporting the expansion of pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit access to City parks, recreation areas and open space lands.						
Program 2.A	Improve and expand pedestrian and bicycle access and connections to regional parks and open space by implementing the City ATP, including the striping and/or construction of new and improved sidewalks and multi-class bikeways.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Implementation of ATP continues, with construction of East Palm Canyon Drive Bicycle Lanes complete, Cathedral Canyon Drive Sidewalks and Date Palm Drive Expansion projects underway as of August 2024.
Program 2.B	Implement the General Plan Circulation and Mobility Element, the ATP and other components of the City's transportation plan that address safe pedestrian, bicycle and ADA access to transit connections and facilities, especially those located between residential neighborhoods and parks and open space.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Implementation of the General Plan Circulation and Mobility Element is underway as discussed in Part 1 of the APR. Implementation of ATP is ongoing, with construction of East Palm Canyon Drive Bicycle Lanes complete, Cathedral Canyon Drive Sidewalks and Date Palm Drive Expansion projects underway as of August 2024. Review of new development proposals includes review for consistency with the General Plan and ATP, including for the provision of safe multi-modal transportation connections between residential neighborhoods and parks.
Program 2.C	Develop and explore programs that encourage bicycle commuting or testing innovative facility designs to accommodate bicycles, scooters and LSEVs.	City Council, Community Development, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Implementation of the ATP and ongoing buildout of CV Link will encourage increased bicycle commuting. Testing of innovative facility designs to accommodate bicycles, scooters and LSEVs is yet to start.
Program 2.D	Enhance accessibility throughout the planning of park areas and facilities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and include increased wheelchair accessibility and other requirements needed for the elderly and disabled.	Community Development, Public Works Department	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Plan check process, including review by Planning, Engineering, and the Building and Safety Division, of new park areas and facilities includes review for compliance with ADA requirements. ADA improvement projects for Century Park, Dennis Keat Soccer Park, and Panorama Park included in 2023/2024 Parks Improvement Plan budget.
Policy 3	Improve the quality of the built and natural environment in the city to support a thriving community and to enhance human and environmental health, especially for low-income and disadvantaged populations and all members of the community.						
Program 3.A	Adopt design and planning guidelines that enhance safety in parks, playgrounds, streets, and public places.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include an update of the City's Design Guidelines, and may include guidelines supporting safety in common and recreation areas in new developments. Guidelines specific to public spaces, including parks and playgrounds, will need to be explored as a separate future initiative.
Program 3.B	Require new development, redevelopment, and public works projects to incorporate these guidelines when developing streets, parks, playgrounds, and other public places.	City Council, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 3.C	Encourage or require the provision of recreation space in private development.	City Council, Community Development,	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; New development projects involving Planned Unit Development and/or TTM/TPM applications are subject to specific standards for the provision of recreation space and/or fees in lieu.
Program 3.D	Recreation space and amenities should be required and provided in large developments, especially in areas of high population and building density.	City Council, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; New development projects involving Planned Unit Development and/or TTM/TPM applications are subject to specific standards for the provision of recreation space and/or fees in lieu.
Policy 4	Promote bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation rider safety.						
Program 4.A	Regularly review and, as necessary, update the Active Transportation Plan to ensure a comprehensive and convenient bicycle and pedestrian transportation network.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			The ATP was adopted in tandem with the 2040 General Plan Update in July, 2021. There is currently no program to update the ATP.

No.	Description of Goal/Policy/Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description of Implementation Status
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 4.B	Identify and program physical improvements, such as crosswalks, sidewalk improvements, signs, and traffic signalization, that would make bicycle and pedestrian travel safer to parks and recreational facilities.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Community Development, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Recent projects to enhance bicycle and pedestrian connections to parks and recreational facilities include: the installation of a crosswalk at Avenida Maravilla and Jarana Road for Panorama Park (complete); and construction of a CV Link connection to Esperanza Park (under construction).
Program 4.C	Provide children with safe and appealing opportunities for walking and bicycling to school in order to decrease rush hour traffic and fossil fuel consumption, encourage exercise and healthy living habits, and reduce the risk of injury.	City Council, Community Development, Environmental Conservation	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Stakeholder engagement for development of the Active Transportation Plan included school principals for Rio Vista Elementary, Landau Elementary, and James Workman Middle School. The goals, objectives, and proposals for routes and wayfinding in the ATP address safe routes to schools - the ongoing implementation of the ATP will implement these objectives.
Program 4.D	Collaborate with CVAG, Coachella Valley jurisdictions, and other relevant agencies to support the completion of all planned CV Link segments and expansion of community connector links, particularly those in Cathedral City and neighboring communities.	City Council, Community Development, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Construction of the CV Link segment along the Whitewater River Channel between Cathedral Canyon Drive and the City of Palm Springs continues, as well construction of the CV Link Community Connector with Esperanza Park.

Chapter VIII

ARTS AND CULTURE ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Goal 1	Artistic and cultural facilities, services and events that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors, promote cultural awareness and expression, and are relevant to the City's diverse population.						
Policy 1	Recognize and promote the arts, history, and community identity as valuable cultural and economic resources of the community.						
Program 1.A	Pursue and maintain public-private partnerships with artists, historical societies, cultural and civic groups, the Agua Caliente Tribe, schools, and private enterprises to offer community programs and events that appeal to all segments of the population.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City has partnered on events such as the Celebrating Agnes Pelton open house in partnership with the Agnes Pelton Society, the Taste of Jalisco festival in partnership with Agua Caliente Casino, the Desert Art Tour held during Modernism Week, and the Butterfly Festival held in partnership with SCRAP Gallery and the Riverside County Library System.
Program 1.B	Promote programs and events through a range of media, including the City website, newsletters, news outlets, community outreach, and marketing endeavors.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; Efforts to promote programs and events include the use of cathedralcitypublicarts.org and discovercathedralcity.com, the Discover Digest newsletter, and various social media platforms. The City has also partnered with CiviSocial to develop a new social media strategy, including use of City staff ambassadors to create social media stories, and expanding social media presence to TikTok.
Program 1.C	Continue to encourage and sponsor arts and cultural awareness and education programs at local schools, colleges and universities, as well as community centers, and private facilities.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; In 2023 and 2024, the City has partnered on events encouraging arts and culture such as the Butterfly Festival with the S.C.R.A.P Gallery at Panorama Park and the Summer Movie Series at the Mary Pickford Theater. The City and Public Arts Commission provided financial sponsorship and hosted a table at the Dia de los Muertos event at Desert Memorial Park, in partnership with the S.C.R.A.P Gallery and Palm Springs Unified School District, both in 2023 and 2024. The Public Arts Commission also hosts quarterly art exhibits at the Cathedral City Library, showcasing local artists from Cathedral City. Additionally, the Public Arts Commission launched the Community Arts Grant to fund art education, performances, and other cultural events. The first grants were awarded in 2024; three of the recipients were youth-involved or youth-targeted initiatives.
Program 1.D	Increase participation in regional partnerships and alliances that promote and market Cathedral City and Coachella Valley cultural tourism to broader audiences, including western Riverside County and southern California.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to host the Cathedral City International Hot Air Balloon Festival which targets a broader audience. In 2023, the City and Visit Greater Palm Springs purchased a hot air balloon that is co-branded with the City's and VGPS' logos and is the first balloon with QR codes linking back to the sponsors. The balloon is taken to other hot air balloon events within driving distance and was in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in October 2024. The City's hot air balloon festival won the Visit Greater Palm Springs Palm Award for Visitor Experience in 2023. Through participation in the annual Palm Springs Pride parade, the City markets the Hot Air Balloon Festival and the Cathedral City LGBTQ+ Days. The City also supports various regional events such as the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and supports regional organizations such as the Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Coachella Valley Economic Partnerships, and Visit Greater Palm Springs.
Program 1.E	Explore marketing approaches that showcase community arts programs, events, and resources as a means for expanding tourism.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing. For example: The Perez Art District's Fourth Fridays events continue, and marketing is supported through cathedralcitypublicarts.org which includes page displaying art galleries in The Perez Art District. The Discover Cathedral City website also promotes arts events and programs such as the "RESURGENCE" art show at the Desert Art Woman Gallery in September 2023, the Summer Cabaret Series at CV Rep Theater, the Old Gay's Guide to The Good Life book signing and panel at the Mary Pickford Theater, and the Public Arts Commission Quarterly Arts Exhibits at the Cathedral City Library.

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Policy 2	Facilitate the development of new, and enhancement of existing, arts and cultural features and venues that contribute to community identity and economic vitality.						
Program 2.A	Continue to promote the downtown/civic center area as the City’s primary arts and entertainment district and extend and connect to the Perez Road arts district.	Responsible Parties AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Schedule Immediate; Continuous	Implementation Status			Description
					Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to expand the events programming offered at the Community Amphitheater. The Communications/Events Department is currently working on proposal to update wayfinding signage in the City, including more emphasis on the Community Amphitheater, the Perez Arts District and Agua Caliente Casino. The Discover Cathedral City website continues to promote events hosted downtown as well as the Perez Arts District First Fridays. The City also continues to collaborate with Riverside County to cross-promote arts and cultural events, including participation in the Riverside County Arts and Culture Month in March 2024.
Program 2.B	When reviewing development proposals, consider the inclusion of plazas, squares, parks, and other community gathering spaces that benefit residents and visitors. Considerations should include accessibility, parking, street furniture, lighting, landscaping, and other design elements that enhance the use and enjoyment of the space.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; Review of new development proposals by the Development Services Committee (DSC) includes consideration of design elements that support the use, enjoyment, and access to gathering spaces, and, when appropriate, recommendations on how to enhance these facilities. For projects subject to the Art in Public Places Fee, DSC review of development proposals also provides the opportunity for proactive discussion about the incorporation of public art into projects or the payment of the in-lieu fee.
Program 2.C	Where feasible, incorporate public art into public spaces.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Art in Public Places Fee, an in-lieu fee for commercial and industrial developments, in intended to raise funding for public art. Other ongoing efforts to incorporate art into public places include the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission's project to get twenty-five benches in Ocotillo Park painted by local artists.
Program 2.D	Strengthen the identity of the Perez Road corridor between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive as a vibrant, cohesive art district. Potential improvements may include enhanced signage, street furniture, pedestrian walkways, street lights, and/or landscaping treatments.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Communications/Events Department is currently working on proposal to update wayfinding signage in the City, including more emphasis on Perez Arts District and the Community Amphitheater. The City has also received grant fundings to build protected bike lanes on Perez Road.
Program 2.E	Consider the installation of signage, monuments, and/or other design features at key intersections and roadway corridors to increase awareness and recognition of Cathedral City as an arts and culture community.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City is exploring the creation of a standardized entryway monument concept. The Entryway Monument Subcommittee of the Public Arts Commission made a recommendation to the City Council which was approved in concept. Public Works staff is working to create a mock up of what the proposed monuments will look like to scale. The Communications & Events and Community & Economic Development teams are also currently considering proposals and researching costs for new wayfinding signage at key points throughout the City, including updates to emphasize key landmarks such as The Perez Arts District, the Community Amphitheater, and the Agua Caliente Casino.
Program 2.F	Continue to develop multi-modal circulation plans that maximize access to the downtown area and its arts and cultural venues, including the Festival Lawn and new amphitheater.	AIPP Commission, Civic Arts Committee, Community Development Department, Planning Commission, City Council	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; Implementation of ATP projects such as bicycles lanes on Cathedral Canyon Drive (under construction), CV Link (under construction), East Palm Canyon Drive (complete), and Perez Road (design phase) will continue to increase multi-modal access to the downtown area and its arts and cultural venues.

Chapter XI

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Goal 1	Community environmental justice that effectively addresses issues of health, land use economic opportunity and access to regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or geographic location.						
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS							
Goal 2	Effective individual and community health through prevention, screening, education, and treatment strategies regarding nutrition and physical activity related health issues.						
Goal 3	Improved health, safety, and mental well-being of residents by creating convenient and safe opportunities for physical activity.						
Policy 1	Pursue partnerships for the construction and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, through joint use agreements, private corporations, outside funding, and community volunteers.						
Program 1.A	Maintain a joint use agreement with Palm Springs Unified School District and look for additional opportunities to partner in expanding resident access to shared facilities.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, Palm Springs Unified School District	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Agreement with PSUD ongoing for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Current agreements do not include other use of school grounds. The City also continues to maintain its partnership with American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to provide soccer programs at Dennis Keat Soccer Park.
Program 1.B	Pursue support from federal, state, and private funding sources to assist with acquisition, design, and construction of parks and recreation facilities.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to apply for grant funding, including from the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant and State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant, to support the acquisition, design, and construction of parks and recreation facilities. Funding from the Prop 68 grant has been awarded for the Esperanza (Dream Homes) Park, and an application for the Sate Parks LWCF grant has been submitted for the Downtown Dog Park project.
SAFE AND SANITARY HOUSING PROGRAMS							
Goal 4	A range of safe and sanitary housing opportunities for all segments of the community, including and especially the socio-economically disadvantaged.						
Policy 1	Promote an equitable distribution of housing types for all income groups throughout the city and promote mixed-income neighborhoods.				Ongoing		Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will review zoning districts and their impact on the distribution of housing types throughout the City, and will explore measures to promote mixed-income neighborhoods. The Two-Unit Residential Development and Urban Lot Split (SB 9) Ordinance, adopted in 2023, will also support mixed-income neighborhoods.
Policy 2	Encourage new projects to include a range of housing types that serve a broad socio-economic spectrum, and include single-family residences, townhomes, condominiums and rental units.				Ongoing		Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will consider mechanisms to promote a range of housing types serving a broad socio-economic spectrum. The ADU Ordinance, Pre-Approved ADU Program, and Two-Unit Residential Development and Urban Lot Split (SB 9) Ordinance also encourage a range of housing types.
Policy 3	Increase, preserve, and improve the community's affordable housing stock.						
Program 3.A	Pursue and maximize the use of all appropriate state, federal, local, and private funding for development, preservation, and rehabilitation of housing affordable for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate-income households, while maintaining economic competitiveness in the region.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Economic Development Division continues to explore opportunities for federal, state, and local grants for affordable housing, and is working with the City Council to explore opportunities in providing more housing at different affordability levels in Cathedral City.
Program 3.B	Assist in and otherwise support the repair, rehabilitation, and improvement of residential structures; demolish and replace structures which are dilapidated and beyond repair.	City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			No action; However, the Housing Element includes programs to support the repair and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock, including Program 3.A.2.

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 3.C	Allow and encourage non-traditional housing types that can provide affordable housing, such as accessory dwelling units.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 23-001 (ADU Ordinance) and Pre-Approved ADU Program encourage the construction of ADUs. The Two-Unit Residential Development and Urban Lot Split (SB 9) Ordinance also allows and encourages non-traditional housing types, such as duplexes, on single family lots. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will revise the residential development standards and consider flexible development standards to allow and encourage other non-traditional housing types.
Program 3.D	Encourage and facilitate the development of senior housing and assisted living facilities, especially near transit, recreational facilities, medical centers and hospitals, pedestrian facilities, and access to healthy foods.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS							
Goal 5	Access to a wide variety of healthy foods sources in all neighborhoods of the community.						
Policy 1	Promote development of green grocers, organic markets and produce, and other sources of healthy foods.				Ongoing		Ongoing; When reviewing new development projects with grocers and markets, the City encourages tenants to provide fresh produce.
Policy 2	Promote nutrition education and access to healthy foods.						
Program 2.A	Increase access to healthy foods/beverages. Support neighborhood-oriented, specific sources of healthful foods, such as farmers' markets and local outlets.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 2.B	Support food banks, pantries, and other sources that help provide federal food assistance to low-income resident so that all families, seniors, schools, and community-based organizations are able to access, purchase, and increase intake of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods.	City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to partner with FIND Food Bank on the edible food recovery program required by SB 1383. The City recognizes the FIND Food Bank Hunger Action Month by lighting up the City Hall in solidarity. The City also supports the Cathedral City Senior Center (CCSC) Food Bank through the allocation of CDBG funding.
POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAMS							
Goal 6	Integrated air quality, land use, and transportation planning, policy and infrastructure that reduces emission of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases from mobile and stationary sources.						
Policy 1	Improve or maintain air quality for the promotion of population and environmental health.						
Program 1.A	To the greatest extent practicable, require that development be located and designed to reduce vehicular trips (and associated air pollution) by utilizing compact development patterns while maintaining community character.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Implementation of policies and programs that promote infill and efficient development patterns in the Land Use, Housing, and Community Design Elements will support reductions in vehicle trips. Implementation of ATP supports increased adoption of active transportation. Forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will explore mechanisms to support efficient land uses while maintaining community character.
Program 1.B	The city shall require new development with sensitive uses located adjacent to pollution sources be designed with consideration of site and building orientation, location of trees, and incorporation of ventilation and filtration to lessen and minimize any potential health risks.	City Council, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; When applicable, new development proposals are subject to environmental review (including health risk assessments as required). When necessary, appropriate mitigation measures will be applied to minimize any potential health risks.
Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS							
Goal 7	A fully engaged and involved cross section of residents, businesses, and organizations in all aspects of the community planning process.						

Policy 1		Educate decision makers and the general public on the principles of environmental justice.					
Program 1.A	Ensure that low-income and minority populations understand the potential for adverse pollution, noise, odor, vibrations, lighting and glare when new commercial and industrial developments are proposed.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Commercial and industrial development projects with the potential to cause significant adverse pollution, noise, odor, vibrations, lighting and glare impacts would require environmental review pursuant to CEQA. Projects subject to environmental review are required to adhere to the CEQA public noticing requirements, including public review periods.
Program 1.B	Ensure that affected residents have the opportunity to participate in decisions that impact their health.	City Council	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development projects requiring a Planning Commission and/or City Council public hearing are noticed in accordance with Government Code Sections 65090 and 65091. The City's notice of public hearing procedure provides the pertinent project and hearing information to property owners within three hundred feet of the property to be considered, providing residents with the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process. Additionally, projects subject to environmental review are required to adhere to the CEQA public noticing requirements, including public review periods.
		City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 1.C	Ensure that low-income and minority populations have equal access and influence in the land use decision-making process through such methods as bilingual notices, posting bilingual notices at development sites, conducting information meetings with interpreters, etc.	City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing				
Program 1.D	Provide staff and City officials training on the principles and methods of comprehensive public participation with an emphasis on empowering disadvantaged populations.	City Council, Administrative Services	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to undertake initiatives to facilitate public participation, particularly with disadvantaged communities. For example, after training staff across departments, the City is now a Certified Autism Center. In the fall of 2024, the Fire Department is providing CERT and emergency preparedness training in both English and Spanish. The City is also in process of developing a communications strategy related to diversifies methods of outreach and prioritizing where residents get their news and information.

Chapter XII

HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS							
Goal 1	A sustainable community that supports the health and well-being of its citizens.						
Policy 1	The City's land use and circulation plans shall maximize connections between neighborhoods, retail and employment centers, community facilities, and recreational sites to reduce reliance on motor vehicles, increase opportunities for physical activity, and enhance access between various land uses.						
Program 1.A	Support the completion of CV Link and other multimodal transportation facilities, including bike lanes, complete sidewalk networks and NEV paths.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Construction of segments within Cathedral City is ongoing. Construction on the segment connecting with Palm Springs is expected to begin in September 2024. Build out of CV Link is ongoing. Buildout of Active Transportation Plan is also ongoing. Development applications for projects in the North City Specific Plan shall be reviewed for consistency with include the regional multi-use trail network proposed in the specific plan. Engineering and Public Works initiated RFPs for wilderness trail plan in September 2023, plan may include agreements to use channel levees and service roads.
Program 1.B	Work with Sunline Transit Agency to ensure transit access is provided to health care facilities, supermarkets, senior centers, child daycare centers, recreational sites, major employment and commercial centers, and educational institutions.	City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; As part of the development review process, the City consults with Sunline when there is a bus stop or route in proximity to new development proposals. The Community and Economic Development Division aims to work with SunLine more regularly on the coordination of land uses and transit routes.
Program 1.C	Participate in regional transportation planning efforts with other jurisdictions, Sunline Transit Agency, and other appropriate organizations to enhance regional circulation, mobility and interconnections.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Engineering Department also regularly coordinates with CVAG and other jurisdictions, such as the City of Palm Springs, on regional circulation projects.
Policy 2	The City shall encourage and support increased physical activity in the daily routines of its citizens.						
Program 2.A	Consult and coordinate with community groups to initiate and continue sports leagues, fitness programs, and walking, cycling, and recreational clubs that meet the health and recreation needs of all segments of the population.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to offer fitness programs such as Yoga at the Amphitheater. Measure W passed in November 2024, which will allow the City to begin the process of annexing into the Desert Recreation District (DRD). The contract with DRD will include expanded recreation programming for all segments of the population.
Program 2.B	To the greatest extent practicable, require the planning and development of parks, trails, and open space resources as part of community development projects.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Community Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Applications for residential Planned Unit Developments are subject to specific standards for the provision active recreational amenities. In accordance with the Quimby Act, new residential Tentative Tract Map applications are required to dedicate park land and/or pay fees in-lieu equivalent to three net acres of useable parkland for each one thousand persons residing within the proposed subdivision. Development review process also considers the provision of trails consistent with the General Plan and ATP.
Program 2.C	Maintain joint-use agreements with school districts to use school properties for public use during non-school hours.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Agreement with Palm Springs Unified School District ongoing for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Current agreements do not include other use of school grounds.
Program 2.D	Consider locations where new parks can be located near neighborhoods and community facilities, such as schools, senior centers, and recreation centers.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to consider neighborhoods and community facilities when exploring locations for new parks. For example, Esperanza Park is located near the existing Dream Homes neighborhood and the Downtown Dog Park is located near the downtown/City Hall community facilities.

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 2.E	Encourage pedestrian-scale activity and social interaction in the downtown and other public gathering areas through the use of carefully designed open spaces areas with public art, shade features, fountains, landscape elements, and street furniture.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: Efforts to promote pedestrian-scale activity downtown include ongoing implementation of the ATP (including buildout of bicycle trails on East Palm Canyon), the potential project to update wayfinding signage, the future Downtown Dog Park project. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include updated Design Guidelines with consideration for pedestrian-scale urban design. Activities and events hosted in the downtown, such as Yoga at the Amphitheater, the Tastes and Sounds of Cathedral City series, the Taste of Jalisco festival, and the International Hot Air Balloon Festival, also continue to encourage social interaction in the downtown.
Program 2.F	Provide wellness programs for City employees and promote similar programs at other public and private workplaces. Activities may include workday seminars about health topics, improved food quality in vending machines, and physical fitness programs, among others.	City Council, City Manager, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: The City offers employees a wellness benefit as well as discounts on gym memberships.
Policy 3	The City shall support health equity for all segments of the population.						
Program 3.A	Work with health care professionals and community and advocacy groups to expand opportunities for health services that reduce the need for driving, such as mobile health care and dental clinics, one-stop health care centers, and improved transit access to health clinics and hospitals.	Responsible Parties City Council, Community Development	Schedule Immediate; Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
					Ongoing		Ongoing: For example, the City promotes events at the Cathedral City Senior Center such as a vaccine clinic for shingles and pneumonia and a Covid-19 vaccination clinic. In September, 2023, after the aftermath of Tropical Storm Hilary, the City coordinated with Riverside County Emergency Management agency to set up a Local Assistance Center to provide a wide variety of services and support to not only Cathedral City residents but any resident from Riverside County impacted by the storms. Services available at the Local Assistance Center included medical and behavioral health staff from Riverside County Health Systems. Additionally, in October 2023, the city helped promote a series of Coping Education and Resources Pop-Up events at the Cathedral City Senior Center, provided by Eisenhower Health for residents impacted by the Tropical Storm. All of the above services were free to the public.
	Program 3.B	Work with local health care providers to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate health care literature, notifications, and other materials for the diverse communities of Cathedral City.	City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action		
	Program 3.C	Work with health care providers, community groups, and educational speakers to increase public awareness about available health facilities and wellness programs, good nutrition, healthy lifestyles, preventive care, and health screenings. Particular focus should include outreach to the most vulnerable populations.	City Council, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City continues working on improved public awareness about health and wellness programs, including those for vulnerable populations. For example, promotion of events at the Cathedral City Senior Center such as a vaccine clinic for shingles and pneumonia, a Covid-19 vaccination clinic, the "PD in Motion" event for people with Parkinson's Disease, as well as the Fall Prevention Symposium.
	Program 3.D	Ensure a full range of mental health services, from outpatient to acute care, by fostering collaborative partnerships between medical professionals, community-based agencies, schools, service providers, law enforcement, and funding agencies.	City Council, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: City Council and staff are in the early stages of discussion about potentially locating an elderly care facility, with a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) model of care, in Cathedral City. Additionally, the Police Department has a County Mental Health Technician that is part of the City's Homelessness Liaison Officer team that works directly in the field to help connect members of the unhoused population with resources.
Program 3.E	Assure the City Zoning Code supports development of assisted living facilities, low-income independent senior housing, adult day health care, "age-in-place" housing that includes universal design features such as wheelchair accessible entrances, and alcohol, drug, and mental health treatment facilities.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: The Zoning Code, as amended by Ordinance 862 in 2022, permits supportive housing, transitional housing, low barrier navigation centers, and group homes in residential districts and in areas within the Public Institutional Housing Overlay District.

Policy 4	Increase access to nutritious foods and locally grown foods.						
Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 4.A	Assure the Zoning Code and land use plan adequately support urban agriculture in the form of community gardens, farmers' markets, and farm stands and other regular outlets that increase access to healthy and affordable fresh foods.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will consider new land uses in support of this program.
Program 4.B	Work with community groups to expand community garden opportunities throughout the City, including in public spaces, schools, and senior residential facilities.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 4.C	Encourage farmers markets to accept programs that benefit low-income families, such as WIC, CalFresh, and coupons.	City Council, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 4.D	Support the efforts of food banks, pantries, and other support facilities to provide food assistance to low-income and other disadvantaged residents.	City Council, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to partner with FIND Food Bank on the edible food recovery program required by SB 1383. The City also supports the Cathedral City Senior Center (CCSC) Food Bank through the allocation of CDBG funding.
Program 4.E	Create strategies that encourage existing neighborhood grocers, convenience stores, and ethnic food markets to carry fresh produce, and attract new retailers that offer fresh produce and healthy staples. Coordinate strategies with appropriate City departments, and assure the program includes a marketing component.	City Council, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Goal 2	A safe and resilient city that maximizes sustainability and minimizes community health and safety risks.						
Policy 1	The City shall assure a safe and diverse transportation network that minimizes traffic hazards and provides sustained accessibility during emergency events.						
Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
Program 1.A	Identify traffic safety issues associated with the City's Complete Streets program and implement, as needed, roadway and multimodal path design improvements, such as reduced speeds, enhanced roadway markings and signage, separated facilities and traffic calming mechanisms.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to build out bicycle and multi-modal paths consistent with the ATP. Street safety improvement projects funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) are also ongoing, including pedestrian crosswalk upgrades, signalized pedestrian crossings, and traffic signal hardware upgrades.
Program 1.B	Assure that development standards and plan reviews address adequate security lighting, defensible spaces, easily identified ingress and egress, and other features that maximize public safety.	City Council, City Engineer/Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Review of new development proposals, as well as the plan check process, include review by the Fire and Police Departments for public safety features. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update, including update of the Design Guidelines, may consider incorporating standards and guidelines supporting public safety.
Program 1.C	Continue to evaluate the need for, and implement as necessary, all-weather crossings over the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel to minimize the impacts of flooding on emergency response, human safety and the local economy.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge (Cathedral Canyon Drive over the Whitewater Storm Channel) was mostly completed in 2022, with repairs and formal completion in 2023. The City is also partnering with the City of Palm Springs on the Ramon Bridge widening and future Vista Chino Bridge projects.

Policy 2		The City shall promote a sustainable future through reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, alternatives to gas-powered vehicles, implementation of green building standards, reduced waste, and conservation of energy and water.					
Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 2.A	Implement and routinely update the City's Climate Action Plan, Green for Life program, Energy Action Plan, and Sustainability Plan to assure they adequately address existing conditions and anticipate the future needs of the community.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City is working with CVAG and other participating cities to develop a Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
Program 2.B	Continue to work collaboratively with local utility providers and regulatory agencies to assure the City is implementing the most appropriate and effective energy and resource conservation strategies.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City coordinates regularly with local utility providers, including Southern California Edison, Coachella Valley Water District, and Desert Water Agency. The development review and plan check process require approval from the water agencies, when applicable, to ensure water efficient landscaping requirements are met.
Program 2.C	Provide permitting-related and other incentives for energy- and water-efficient building projects, e.g. by giving green projects priority in plan review, processing, and field inspection services.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Building and Safety Division review of residential roof-mounted photovoltaic plans are streamlined through the use of SolarAPP+.
Program 2.D	Partner with community services agencies to fund energy-efficiency projects, including heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, water heating equipment, insulation, and weatherization projects, for low income residents.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 2.E	Target local funding, including utility programs and Community Development Block Grant resources, to assist affordable housing developers in incorporating energy efficient designs and features.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager, Public Utilities	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 2.F	Develop and make available to developers, designers, and other interested parties informational materials about green building strategies and programs, including LEED and LEEDND rating systems and certification programs.	City Council, City Engineer, Public Works, Planning, Environmental Conservation Manager	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City has adopted the 2022 California Building Code, effective January 2023, including green building requirements. Staff in the Community and Economic Development Department are available to help connect developers and other interested parties with resources about green building strategies upon request.

Chapter XVI

PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
FIRE AND POLICE							
Goal 1	Protection of the community from the threat of loss of life and property from fire, natural and human caused disasters, and environmental hazards.						
Goal 2	High level of security and police protection that ensures public order and a sense of community well-being and is responsive to emerging policing needs.						
Policy 1	The City shall periodically review, assess and update the Police and Fire Department Strategic Plans and the Fire Department Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and their goals and policies.						
Program 1.A	The Fire and Police Departments shall coordinate with other City departments and schedule periodic review, access and update the Strategic Plans and Local Hazards Mitigation Plan.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Fire and Police, Planning, City Manager, City Council	Strategic Plans- 2020, Location Hazards Mitigation Plan - 2022		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Fire Department has received grant funding to update the Emergency Operations Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Policy 2	All new development proposals shall be thoroughly reviewed for potential impacts and the ability to effectively provide public safety and fire and police protection.						
Program 2.A	The Fire and Police Departments shall evaluate proposals for new development to assure adequate emergency access, the integration of defensible space principles, clear street name signage and numbering, internal circulation, fire flow and other safety design considerations.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Fire, Police, Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Police and Fire Departments review new development proposals through the Development Services Committee. The Police and Fire Departments also conduct plan checks for applicable projects.
Policy 3	The City shall provide for the adequate and timely expansion of fire and police protection capabilities, services and facilities to meet future development demands.						
Program 3.A	Apply objective criteria, including appropriate minimum response time, the matching of services and facilities to local needs, and the availability of alternative routes to serve target neighborhoods, and assure the optimal siting of future fire and police stations.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Fire, Police, Planning	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 3.B	Evaluate current and potential methods of financing the expansion of fire and police services, including developer impact fees, assessment districts, and fire and police permitting fees for development occurring in high security or fire risk areas.	Planning, Police, Fire, Finance	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; In November 2024, Measure W (the Cathedral City Services Measure) was passed. This measure will provide additional funding for City services, including police and fire.
Program 3.C	Continue to collaboration between County Health and Human Services staff and law enforcement personnel to provide training and education on methods for addressing mental health patients in the criminal justice system.	Planning, Police, County Health	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 4	The City shall support the highest level of code enforcement practicable in order to protect property and lives, property values, and quality of life.						
Program 4.A	Strictly enforce the California Building and Fire Codes, City Municipal Code and other applicable building standards in the course of reviewing development plans and conducting building inspections.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, Building, Fire, Code Compliance	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Through the Development Services Committee (including Planning, Building, Public Works, Police, and Fire) and the plan check process, new development projects are reviewed to ensure compliance with the Building Code, Fire Code, and Municipal Code.
Program 4.B	Encourage community involvement in code enforcement efforts, including a volunteer neighborhood-based code enforcement program, with specific attention directed toward property maintenance.	Police, Planning, Code Compliance	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Code Compliance Division is continuing to work on initiatives to encourage community involvement in code enforcement. For example, the MyCathedralCity Mobile App provides citizens with a convenient way to report concerns in their community. The Code Compliance Division is also working on an owner education video series addressing common code violations.
Policy 5	Review and comment on proposals for the use, manufacture, storage and transportation of potentially hazardous materials and monitor such sites on a regular basis to ensure that potential hazards to the community are minimized.						

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 5.A	The siting of facilities that produce, store, use or transport hazardous, flammable or explosive materials shall be conducted in a manner which assures the highest level of safety, in strict conformance with the California Building and Fire Codes, Municipal Code and other applicable regulations.	Planning, Fire, Code Compliance	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Facilities that produce, store, use , or transport hazardous, flammable or explosive materials would be subject to review by the Planning, Building and Safety, Engineering, Police, and Fire Departments to ensure compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements.
Policy 6	Continue to support community-based policing efforts, including the Neighborhood Watch and Citizens on Patrol programs and disaster readiness programs, including Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and resident cell phone enrollment for emergency notifications						
Program 6.A	Enhance public awareness and participation in crime prevention, and encourage and promote the Neighborhood Watch Program, Citizens on Patrol and other community-oriented policing programs. The City shall develop new and expand existing educational programs dealing with personal safety awareness, such as neighborhood and commercial association watch/protection programs, and emergency preparedness and education for residents to register their cell phone with "Alert RivCo" at https://rivcoready.org/AlertRivCo used to alert Riverside County community members of urgent actions to take during disasters, such as earthquakes, wildfires, and floods.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Police, Fire	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Police and Fire Departments continue to develop programs to enhance public awareness and participation. The Police Department has a neighborhood watch program, a Citizens on Patrol program, and provides a mobile application to facilitate resident reporting of crime and graffiti. The Fire Department holds Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings to train residents, community organizations, and workplaces in emergency skills.
SCHOOLS AND LIBRAIRIES							
Goal 3	The provision of quality school and library facilities in the City that are accessible and conveniently located within the community.						
Policy 1	Assist, cooperate and coordinate with the Palm Springs Unified School District, the community college district and state agencies in identifying, acquiring and developing school sites needed to meet future growth demands. Encourage the selection of potential school sites that are centrally located in areas of existing or future residential development.						
Program 1.A	Review PSUSD and COD development proposals and environmental documentation, and otherwise coordinate with these institutions in planning new public school facilities as part of the City's continuing effort to provide enhanced educational opportunities for the community's residents.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		PSUSD, COD, Planning, Public Works, Economic Development	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Through the Economic Development Division, the City continues to coordinate with PSUSD and COD, including on the COD's Roadrunner Motors campus. As development proposals and environmental documentation for potential PSUSD and COD projects are made available to the City, the development services committee would review the materials.
Policy 2	Schools and libraries shall be protected from excessive noise and traffic conditions, and incompatible land uses to the greatest extent practical.						
Program 2.A	Routinely evaluate and update the Land Use Element and confer with potentially affected institutions to ensure that school and library sites are compatible with surrounding land uses, arterial roadways and significant noise generators.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 2.B	The City shall encourage and/or require the use of design and development techniques, such as sound attenuation walls, earthen berms and acoustical insulation in buildings, that mitigate potential traffic and other noise impacts on schools and libraries.	Planning, Building	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Projects requiring environmental review will include evaluation of potential noise impacts. When necessary, mitigation measures such as sound attenuation walls, earthen berms, and acoustical insulation may be required to ensure that noise impacts on sensitive uses (including schools and libraries) are less than significant.
Policy 3	The City shall consult and coordinate with the Palm Springs Unified School District to maximize shared/joint use of school open space and recreation facilities.						
Program 3.A	The City shall proactively pursue agreements with the Palm Springs Unified School District regarding the shared purchase, lease, and/or joint use of land for school and recreational purposes. Provisions shall be made which allow for accessible recreation facilities and open space for the community during non-school hours.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Economic Development, Planning, PSUSD	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Agreement with Palm Springs Unified School District ongoing for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Current agreements do not include other use of school facilities or grounds.
Policy 4	The City shall coordinate with the Riverside County Library System to assure that adequate library facilities, services and resources are provided to meet the educational and literary needs of the community.				Ongoing		The City continues to evaluate the community's needs for library facilities, as well as considering ways to maximum use of the current library space. For example, the Public Arts Commission has partnered with the library to conduct quarterly art exhibits. Additionally, the City partnered with Riverside County to establish a cooling center at the library during the summer months.

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Policy 5	The City shall cooperate in securing school impact fees from developers, in accordance with state law.				Ongoing		Ongoing; Building permit applications, now submitted through the CSS Portal, require the payment of school fees for applicable projects.
Policy 6	Ensure provision of safe pedestrian access for students of new and existing school sites throughout the city.						
Program 6.A	The City shall coordinate with PSUSD, COD and the Riverside County Library System to ensure that safe routes and means to school and library facilities through the thoughtful implementation of the Circulation and Mobility Element and the Active Transportation Plan.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, PSUSD, COD	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Stakeholder engagement for development of the Active Transportation Plan included school principals for Rio Vista Elementary, Landau Elementary, and James Workman Middle School. The goals, objectives, and proposals for routes and wayfinding in the ATP address safe routes to schools and wayfinding to the library - the ongoing implementation of the ATP will implement these objectives.
PUBLIC FACILITIES							
Goal 4	Public buildings and facilities that optimize functionality, while being compatible with surrounding land uses and aesthetically integrated into the City's built and natural environments.						
Policy 1	The Land Use Element shall assure the long-term availability of sites for future public and quasipublic buildings, infrastructure, and other facilities.						
Program 1.A	The City shall periodically review its official Land Use Map and development patterns to assure the availability of adequate sites for future public and quasi-public buildings, infrastructure, and other facilities. The City shall confer and coordinate with utilities and other public and quasi-public agencies regarding their long-term needs.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, CVWD, DWA, Riverside County Flood Control, SCE, SCG, Frontier, Spectrum	Immediate; every five years	No Action			
Policy 2	The City shall routinely evaluate and update, as appropriate, its Capital Improvement Program.						
Program 2.A	Establish and implement a Capital Improvement Program review and update schedule, which includes annual reviews, analysis and comprehensive revisions every five years.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, CVWD, DWA, Riverside County Flood Control, SCE, SCG, Frontier, Spectrum.	Immediate; every five years		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's CIP is updated on a regulate (biennial) basis; the City's FY 2024-2025 CIP projects to be funded by SB 1 were approved in February 2024.
Policy 3	Coordinate with public utility providers and other public/quasi-public agencies to assure that utility buildings and facilities are compatible with the surrounding landscape						
Program 3.A	All new maintenance and utility facilities (and their signage) shall be integrated into the surrounding environment using landscape treatments, architectural elements, and/or other appropriate design mechanisms. Whether as a regulatory or advisory function, design plans shall be reviewed by the Planning Department.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, CVWD, DWA, Riverside County Flood Control, SCE, SCG, Frontier, Spectrum.	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Planning Division reviews plans for new maintenance and utility facilities during both the development review process (when applicable) and the plan check process, to ensure that architecture and landscaping is adequately integrated with surroundings.
Policy 4	To the greatest extent practicable, the City shall encourage the undergrounding of electrical power lines.						
Program 4.A	Consult and coordinate with Southern California Edison regarding the costs, methods, potential barriers to, and feasibility of undergrounding electrical power lines.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Southern California Edison	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to charge the Master Undergrounding Plan (MUP) fee, used to underground existing overhead utility lines, on all new construction (\$0.15 per square foot of roofed area). The AB1600 Fee Justification Nexus Study completed in September 2023 recommended the City conduct an undergrounding study, which would involve consultation with SCE.
Policy 5	Critical structures and facilities (including civic administrative center, hospitals, fire stations, police stations, schools and major communications facilities) shall be restricted from geologically and hydrologically hazardous areas, to the greatest extent practical.						
Program 5.A	The City shall review all development proposals for new critical structures to assure they demonstrate safety in terms of geologic, hydrologic and other engineering conditions of the site.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The development services committee reviews all new development proposals for critical structures. The Engineering and Public Works Department reviews applicable plans for geological and hydrologic safety, and technical studies are requested when necessary to evaluate engineering site conditions.
Policy 6	Public facilities shall be responsive to the needs of the community and maintained in a manner that enhances the comfort and safety of community members, City employees, and other occupants.						

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Program 6.A	Investigate the feasibility of expanding the City's existing corporate yard to accommodate larger office space, parking lots, and maintenance facilities.	Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Program 6.B	Continue to investigate the feasibility of constructing a new community center, including potential sites, constraints, and funding opportunities.	Planning, Parks and Recreation	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Measure W passed in November 2024, which will allow the City to begin the process of exploring a future community center, including consideration for potential sites as well as evaluation of the City's needs for size and type of facilities.
Program 6.C	Establish a facilities upkeep and restoration master plan for City-owned facilities.	Facilities Services Division	Ongoing			Complete	Complete; A Facilities Master Plan, including a Facilities Condition Assessment, Ten-Year Budget Forecast and a Preventative Maintenance Program, was completed in August 2023.
WATER, SEWER AND UTILITIES							
Goal 5	Economical utility services and facilities that adequately and safely meet the immediate and long-term needs of the community.						
Policy 1	The City shall encourage CVWD and DWA to implement short- and long-term plans for a fully integrated, city-wide sewer system.						
Program 1.A	Confer and coordinate with CVWD and DWA on methods to finance the upgrading and expansion of the sewer and domestic water systems, including the establishment of assessment and/or community facilities districts that also provide financial assistance for economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Manager, Public Works, Finance, CVWD, DWA	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Engineering and Public Works staff are reviewing the funding agreement with the State Water Resource Control Board for the Septic to Sewer Planning Project, and preparing an RFP for the design and environmental phase of the project. Staff are also working on the potential establishment of community facilities districts to provide sewer systems, including for the Sarah Road area.
Policy 2	Monitor resource management activities of the CVWD, DWA, and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB) to preserve and protect water resources and quality.						
Program 2.A	The City shall support the efforts of DWA and CVWD to construct and expand facilities that treat and distribute reclaimed water.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		DWA, CVWD	Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 3	The City shall encourage and, to the extent practicable, facilitate the diversification of the energy resources through the development of renewable sources of electricity, natural gas and hydrogen fuels.						
Program 3.A	The City shall explore avenues for the expansion of roof-top solar and utility-scale wind energy development, and the implementation of domestic and utility-scale storage systems.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, SCE	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City supports the increasing adoption of roof-top solar and storage systems, including in compliance with increasingly stringent Title 24 requirements. Building and Safety Division review of residential roof-mounted photovoltaic plans are streamlined through the use of SolarAPP+.
Program 3.B	The City shall explore avenues for the expansion of renewable sources of natural gas from landfills, hydrogen fuels, and associated storage systems.	Planning, Public Works, SoCal Gas, SunLine Transit Agency	Immediate; Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 4	To enhance their long-term viability and to protect against service disruptions due to earthquakes, floods and extreme weather, utility lines shall be undergrounded wherever practicable. Those most subject to disruption and located along major streets and image corridors shall have primary consideration for undergrounding.						
Program 4.A	The City shall confer and coordinate with SCE to identify existing above-ground power lines that are candidates for cost-effective undergrounding, with a special emphasis on those occurring along City image corridors.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, SCE	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to coordinate with SCE on undergrounding projects, particularly along image corridors. Current projects including a joint use agreement with SCE for undergrounding of power lines as a part of the Ramon Bridge and Street Widening Project.
Policy 5	The City shall confer and coordinate with the local solid waste hauler/manager and identify and evaluate the potential to expand waste recycling, encourage use of packaging materials that are most recyclable, and eliminate non-recyclable packaging from the waste stream.						
					Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to partner with Burretec on an annual Refuse and Recycling Guide for residents, funded through the City's AB 939 Environmental Conservation Fund.

Chapter XIII

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Goal 1	Preservation, conservation, and effective management of open space which provides for the protection of important natural resources, including sensitive plant and animal species and habitats, and water, cultural, energy and mineral, recreational, and scenic resources.						
Policy 1	Identify and assess lands in the City and its sphere-of-influence that are suitable for preservation as public or private, passive or active open space.						
Program 1.A	With the assistance of CVCC and/or CVAG, develop and routinely update maps and other information about various open space land and facilities in the City and SOI.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Parks and Recreation, CVCC/CVAG	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Cathedral City Public GeoHub and Staff GeoHub are routinely updated, including maps displaying open space lands, parks, and related facilities.
Program 1.B	Where appropriate, environmental hazard zones, including earthquake fault lines, floodways and floodplains, and steep or unstable slopes, shall be designated as open space on the General Plan land use map, project development plans and/or subdivision maps.	Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; General Plan land use designations for Open Space - Other, Open space - Parks and Public Open Space, and Open Space - Watercourse are applied to environmental hazard zones such as the Whitewater River, other floodways, and over steep slopes in the northern and southern extremities of the City.
Policy 2	Hillsides with slopes in excess of 10% shall be permanently preserved as undeveloped open space.						
Program 2.A	Where appropriate, the City shall seek passive recreational usage and/or ownership of desirable hillside lands currently owned by public agencies or private entities by negotiating public access provisions or establishing a transfer of development rights (TDR) program.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Manager's Office; City Council	Ongoing	No Action			
Program 2.B	All but essential hillside modification on slopes steeper than 10% shall be prohibited.	City Engineer; Building	Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 3	Development on hillsides with slopes less than 10% shall be subject to special hillside development standards.						
Program 3.A	Maintain and enforce a Hillside Preservation Regulations, which establish appropriate design standards that preserve the natural scenic value of hillsides.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to maintain and enforce CCMC Chapter 9.52 (HILLSIDE PROTECTION REGULATIONS) to preserve the natural scenic value of hillsides.
Program 3.B	Expand the existing Hillside Protection Ordinance to include Edom Hill, the Indio Hills and the Santa Rosa Mountains.	Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Hillside Protection Ordinance (CCMC Ch. 9.52) includes the Santa Rosa Mountains, specifically in the mountainous area surrounding the Cathedral Canyon Cove south of Highway 111. The Ordinance does not currently include Edom Hill or the Indio Hills. Portions of Edom Hill that are located within the City's Sphere of Influence are protected by the Hillside Reserve General Plan land use designation.
Policy 4	Expand and enhance an integrated network of open space to support recreation, natural resources, historic and tribal resources, habitat, water management, aesthetics, and other beneficial uses.			Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to expand its network of parks and open space corridors, including the ongoing construction of CV Link and Esperanza Park. Additionally the City plans to develop a wilderness trail plan in accordance with Strategic Plan Action B-3.	
Policy 5	Create a network of regional parks and open space corridors that highlight unique resources and recreational opportunities for a variety of users.			Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to expand its network of parks and open space corridors. For example, Esperanza Park in the Dream Homes neighborhood is currently under construction and CV Link continues to be built out.	
Policy 6	The City shall provide for a comprehensive, interconnected recreational trails system.						
Program 6.A	Coordinate with the Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside County Flood Control District, and utility purveyors to maximize use of flood control levees and watercourses and utility easements for inclusion in the City and regional multi-use trails systems.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Public works, Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The majority of CV Link is located in the Whitewater River drainage channel maintenance road. In accordance with Strategic Plan Action B-3, the City plans to develop a wilderness trail plan, which may include flood control levees, watercourses, and utility easements.

Policy 7	The City shall preserve all substantial watercourses and washes necessary for regional community flood control and drainage for open space and/or multi-purpose recreational purposes.						
Program 7.A	Confer and coordinate with the Riverside County Flood Control, Coachella Valley Water District and other appropriate agencies to conduct optimum revegetation management in flood control channels and drains in order to retain wildlife habitat and as natural an appearance as possible without compromising functionality.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		City Engineer, Public Works, CVWD, RCFCWCD	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Restoration efforts are required as part of CVWD and RCFCWD permitting for the City to do maintenance in flood control channels.
Policy 8	The City shall participate in the preservation of significant areas of natural desert, watercourse, and hillside habitat, including migration corridors and wildlife preserves, in order to maintain and enhance the preservation of sensitive biological resources.						
Program 8.A	Support and cooperate with local and regional habitat conservation efforts, including the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning, City Council	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's General Plan, as well as the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan, implement the CVMSHCP.
Program 8.B	Investigate the costs of additional land acquisition, maintenance, and other administrative functions, and encourage the transfer of public open space and conservation properties to existing land trusts for local property management, where feasible.	Public Works; City Manager, CVCC	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; Development proposals are reviewed for compliance with the CVMSHCP, which conserves significant areas of natural desert, watercourse, and hillside habitat. The City establishes additional conservation easements as required, including as mitigation measure for projects with unavoidable impacts to biological resources (e.g. unavoidable take of protected species).	
Program 8.C	Cooperate with other agencies to assure the adequate maintenance of open space lands, including for purposes of blowsand control, vegetation management, removal of debris and trash, and access restrictions, where necessary.	Public Works, Building	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues to cooperate with other agencies and private property owners to ensure and enforce maintenance of open space lands.	
Policy 9	Where feasible, the City shall preserve permanent open space edges or greenbelts which define the physical limits of the City and provide physical separation between adjoining neighborhoods.						
Program 9.A	The Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance shall regulate development at the boundaries of the planning area to assure the preservation of a well-defined, functional, or visual edge.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning, City Council	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's southern boundary (south of Highway 111 and adjacent to the Santa Rosa Mountains) and northern boundary (north of I-10, adjacent to the Willow Hole and Edom Hill Conservation Areas) include open space areas that will help to conserve the functional and visual edge of the City.
Policy 10	Where possible, new development shall integrate existing pipeline, utility corridors, and other easements into a functional open space network.						
Policy 10.A	Develop open space assessments of associated utility corridors concurrent with initial development plans and tentative subdivision maps to plan and create continuous open space networks.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning, Utilities/Agencies	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; During the development review process, staff recommends the integration of utility corridors and drainage areas as open space areas when possible.
Policy 11	Native landscaping materials and oasis-like design features shall be incorporated into parks, public rights-of-way, golf courses, and other open space lands, as appropriate, to enhance, retain and preserve the natural desert environment and enhance human and wildlife habitats.						
Program 11.A	The development and design review process shall assess the adequacy of proposed design features and landscaping materials.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description	
		Planning; Architectural Review Committee; Planning Commission, City Council	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The development review process includes review of landscape plans, including both preliminary landscape plans during the entitlements stage, and final/construction landscape plans during the plan check stage. Projects subject to review and approval by the ARC, PC, and/or City Council will include landscape plans.
Policy 12	The City shall, to the greatest extent possible, regulate development in the vicinity of significant mineral resources located in the City and its sphere-of-influence.				Ongoing		According to the City's General Plan EIR, there are no mapped or exploited mineral resources within the City or its SOI. Should mineral resources be discovered within the City or its SOI, appropriate development regulations may be established.
Policy 13	Support and cooperate with the hillside and habitat conservation management programs of the Santa Rosa Mountains Conservancy.				Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's Hillside Protection Ordinance (CCMC Ch. 9.52) includes the Santa Rosa Mountains, specifically in the mountainous area surrounding the Cathedral Canyon Cove south of Highway 111. This area is also protected under the MSHCP as the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area.

Policy 14	The City shall provide a high-quality network of parks and recreational facilities that meet the needs of families, young adults, seniors, children, and disabled individuals.					
Program 14.A	Work with the Palm Springs Unified School District to provide joint-use facilities in areas where park and recreation facility deficits exist. Mitigate issues associated with school open space, such as vandalism, wear and tear, maintenance, and school expansion.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; Public Works	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City has an agreement with Palm Springs Unified School District ongoing for the use and operation of the Cathedral City High School swimming pool for a summer swim program in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
Policy 15	Develop, wherever possible, recreation facilities that have multi-use capabilities and high degrees of adaptability to more intensive uses as recreation demand changes and/or population density increases.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Measure W passed in November 2024, which will allow the City to begin the process of exploring a future community center, including consideration for potential sites as well as evaluation of the City's needs for size and type of facilities, including consideration for adaptability to changes in demand and population.
Policy 16	Locate new local parks and recreation facilities near other community-oriented public facilities, such as schools, libraries, and recreation centers, where feasible, so that they may function as the heart of the community.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues striving to locate new parks and recreation facilities near existing community facilities. For example, Esperanza Park (currently under construction) is located in proximity to the Agua Caliente Elementary School and includes connections with CV Link. Furthermore, as the City explores potential locations for a future community center, proximity to other parks and recreation facilities can be taken into consideration.
Policy 17	Design parks that reflect community character and identity, incorporate local natural and cultural landscapes and features, and consider surrounding land uses and urban form and cultural and historic resources.				Ongoing	Ongoing; For example, the concept for Esperanza Park had significant community input, including six neighborhood workshops and an eight-day online outreach event by the City and in conjunction with Agua Caliente Elementary School staff, students, and parents. Also, the Ocotillo Park Bench Painting Project provided 25 benches painted by local artists to the existing park, incorporating local identity, nature, culture, and history.
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES SUB-ELEMENT						
Goal 1	Preservation and protection of the unique biological resources in the City and region.					
Goal 2	A functional, productive, harmonious, and balanced relationship between the built and natural environments.					
Policy 1	The City shall continue to participate in the preservation of habitat for endangered, threatened, and sensitive species.					
Program 1.A	Through the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, maintain an accurate and regularly updated map of sensitive plant and animal species and habitat in Cathedral City and its planning area.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, CVCC	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission maintains accurate and regularly updated maps of sensitive plans and animal species and habitat in the Coachella Valley, including in Cathedral City and its SOL.
Program 1.B	The City shall continue to implement and abide by the provisions of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, including collection of development impact fees and implementation of land use adjacency guidelines for development within or adjacent to MSHCP-designated Conservation Areas.	Planning, CVCC	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; Development projects on parcels that share a common boundary with any parcel in a Conservation Area will be reviewed pursuant to the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines set forth in Section 4.5 of the MSHCP. As stated in the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan, projects that may be located adjacent to the Willow Hole or Edom Hill Conservation Areas must also comply with applicable avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures presented in Section 4.4 of the MSHCP. These mitigation measures include payment of the Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF) for all development on previously undisturbed land.
Program 1.C	City staff will continue to request biological resource surveys for new development in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements.	Planning	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; New development proposals that require CEQA review will involve biological resource surveys as applicable.
Program 1.D	When considering development proposals near the Willow Hole CA and the Willow Hole-Edom Hill Preserve, the City will require developers to consider the impacts of their project on wind-blown sand transport, and encourage creative design techniques, such as units clustering and open space areas, in project design that sustain these ecological processes.	Planning, Public Works	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; In accordance with the North City Specific Plan, development that is allowed in and adjacent to MSHCP Conservation Areas, including the Willow Hole-Edom Hill Preserve, is required to adhere to strict guidelines for non-native and invasive plant species, and the location of wind barriers and other such construction, to minimize impacts of development on the fragile ecosystem of the habitats.
Program 1.E	The City shall continue to work closely with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to help assure that development on tribal lands in the planning area conforms to the provisions of the Tribal Habitat Conservation Plan.	Planning, ACBCI	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues to coordinate and consult with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, including to ensure that development on tribal lands conforms to the Tribal Habitat Conservation Plan.

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Program 1.F	The City shall continue to implement and abide by the provisions of the US Fish & Wildlife Service Casey's June Beetle management plan, requiring surveys and mitigation where appropriate, and implementing land use adjacency guidelines of the CVMSHCP, where appropriate.	Planning, CVCC	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing: The City continues to enforce the USFW Casey's June Beetle management plan and CVMSHCP land use adjacency guidelines for applicable projects.
Policy 2	As part of the development review process, projects shall be evaluated for their impacts on existing habitat and wildlife, and for the land's value as viable open space.						

Program 2.A		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
	The City shall encourage developers to recover native and drought tolerant plant materials, and incorporate them into project landscaping, to provide or enhance habitat and serve to extend the local desert environment into the urban design of the City.	Planning	Continuous	No Action			
Program 2.B	The City shall distribute a listing of planting materials which emphasizes native vegetation, but may also include non-native, plants which are compatible with the local desert. A list of prohibited plants shall also be made available to land developers and the general public.	Planning	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing: CVWD's Lush and Efficient Landscaping Guide for lists of native, desert-friendly, and prohibited plants is available for reference at City Hall. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will include updated design guidelines, which may include a list of planting materials.
Policy 3	Encourage and cooperate with other agencies in establishing multiple-use corridors that take advantage of drainage channels and utility easements as wildlife movement corridors, public access ways, and linkages between open space areas and the built environment.						
Program 3.A		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
	Consult and coordinate with relevant public and quasi-public agencies, including Riverside County Flood Control, CVWD and Southern California Edison, to encourage the establishment of a system of multiple use wildlife and public access corridors.	Planning; Riverside County Flood Control, CVWD, Southern California Edison, others	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: CV Link, a multi-modal transportation path, is primarily being constructed on top of flood control levees and at the top of stormwater channel slopes, including in the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel in Cathedral City. The project is being lead by CVAG, and involves coordination between Cathedral City and regional agencies such as CVWD and RCFC. Buildout of CV Link is underway.
Policy 4	Assure that sensitive habitat and wildlife areas, as well as state and federal lands, are appropriately buffered from the built environment and associated edge effects.						
Program 4.A		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
	Where appropriate, the General Plan Land Use, Circulation, and Open Space and Conservation Elements shall recognize, reflect, and provide an effective buffer between urban land use and development and valuable and sensitive habitats and natural communities within the Santa Rosa Mountains, the Willow Hole-Edom Hill Preserve, MSHCP Conservation Plan, ACBCI Tribal Habitat Conservation Areas, and other open space and conservation lands.	Planning, Planning Commission, City Council	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing: Where appropriate, the General Plan establishes open space buffers along the City's southern boundary adjacent to the Santa Rosa Mountain Conservation area, and north of I-10 adjacent to the Willow Hole and Edom Hill Conservation Areas.
Policy 5	Promote the protection of biodiversity and proactively encourage an appreciation for the natural environment and biological resources.						
Program 5.A		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
	Encourage the Palm Springs Unified School District and other organizations, such as The Living Desert, Friends of the Desert Mountains and others to provide educational programs that offer an understanding of the region's natural environment and make the public aware of the importance and value of biological resource issues.			No Action			

CULTURAL RESOURCES SUB-ELEMENT							
Goal 1	Identification, preservation, and revitalization of significant cultural, historical, and archaeological resources that are valuable to the City of Cathedral City's heritage.						
Policy 1	The City will ensure that sites in archaeologically and historically sensitive areas are surveyed prior to development.						
Program 1.A	Develop and maintain a database of archaeological and historic resources, incorporating information from the Eastern Information Center (EIC) at the University of California-Riverside, General Land Office Survey, site surveys conducted in the planning area, and other data sources.	Responsible Parties Planning; Cathedral City Historical Society; ACBCI THPO	Schedule 2018-2020	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action			
Program 1.B	City staff shall require, early in the project review process, the preparation of focused cultural resource surveys in areas of known sensitivity.	Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: Focused cultural resource surveys shall be required as applicable for development proposals that require CEQA review and that have the potential for impacts to cultural resources.
Program 1.C	The City shall adopt specific standards for the identification, preservation and maintenance of archaeological and historic sites. In consultation with the ACBCI THPO, these standards shall be developed to include professional qualifications for persons performing site-specific surveys.	Planning; ACBCI THPO	2020	No Action			
Program 1.D	The City shall work closely with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office to help assure that development near culturally sensitive areas conforms to the provisions of the Tribal Historic Preservation Management Plan and the ACBCI THPO Ordinance.	Planning; ACBCI THPO	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing: Pursuant to SB 18 and SB 52, the City continues to consult with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians THPO for applicable projects, including to ensure that development near culturally sensitive areas conforms to the provisions of the Tribal Historic Preservation Management Plan and the ACBCI THPO Ordinance.
Program 1.E	As part of the development review process, the City shall transmit development review applications to the Eastern Information Center for comment on potential impacts to historic resources.	Planning	Ongoing	No Action			
Program 1.F	In the event that archaeological resources are identified during construction, the City shall require that development cease, the appropriate Tribe shall be contacted, and if necessary a professional archaeologist shall be employed to examine and document the site, and in consultation with the Tribe the City shall determine subsequent actions.	Planning; ACBCI THPO; Tribes	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: Projects subject to CEQA review include Program 1.F as a standard mitigation measure.
Program 1.G	The City shall develop a historic preservation ordinance, in consultation with the ACBCI THPO, that establishes a Cathedral City Register of Historic Resources and the criteria and procedures to designate buildings, structures, and objects for inclusion on that Register and consistent with the provisions of the ACBCI THPO Ordinance. The ordinance shall also include procedures for review of proposed changes to designated resources for appropriateness.	Planning; ACBCI THPO	2018-2025	No Action			
Program 1.H	In the event that culturally significant resources are identified during construction, the City shall require that development cease, and the appropriate Tribe is contacted and, if deemed necessary, a cultural monitor shall be employed, if not already appointed per AB 52, to examine and document the site to determine subsequent actions.	Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing: Projects subject to CEQA review include Program 1.H as a standard mitigation measure.
Policy 2	The City shall make every effort to protect sensitive archaeological and historic resources from vandalism and illegal collection.						
Program 2.A	Mapping and site-specific information shall be kept confidential, and access shall be given only to those with appropriate professional credentials.	Responsible Parties Planning	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
					Ongoing		Ongoing: Projects subject to CEQA review and involving cultural resource assessments will maintain mapping or site-specific information regarding sensitive archaeological and historical resources as confidential.

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Program 2.B	The preservation of sensitive sites or artifacts in-situ should be considered whenever feasible.	Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; In the event that cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities, the City shall coordinate with the archaeologist and tribal monitor/THPO (in the case of tribal cultural resources) to determine the appropriate approach to mitigate impacts to the find. The preservation of cultural resources in-situ may be considered as appropriate.
Policy 3	The City shall encourage the Cathedral City Historical Society to establish a program to qualify and list locally significant resources on available state and federal registers.						
Program 3.A	The City, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Historical Society shall cooperate to complete a city-wide cultural resource inventory to include both prehistoric and historic resources.	Responsible Parties Planning; ACBCI THPO; Cathedral City	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
Program 3.B	The City will evaluate and consider participating in the Certified Local Government program in order to secure better local control over the management of cultural resources.	Planning; City Council	Ongoing	No Action			
Policy 4	Encourage public participation and appreciation of archaeological and historic resources.						
Program 4.A	Continue to coordinate and cooperate with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in the identification, preservation, and protection of sensitive Cahuilla Indian sites. The City will work with the THPO to educate the public.	Responsible Parties Planning; ACBCI THPO	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
					Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to coordinate with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians pursuant to SB 18 and SB 52.
Policy 5	Consider offering economic incentives, such as low-interest loans from all possible sources, and application/permitting fee reductions or waivers, to property owners to encourage the maintenance of significant historical and cultural buildings and sites.						

Program 5.A	Provide property owners with information and guidance on property rehabilitation measures and financing alternatives.	Responsible Parties Planning; Economic Development; ACBCI THPO	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action			
WATER RESOURCES SUB-ELEMENT							
Goal 1	A sustainable, long-term supply of clean and healthful domestic water available for existing residents and future growth.						
Policy 1	The City shall require the use of water-conserving appliances and fixtures in all new development, as mandated by State law.						
Program 1.A	Require the installation and application of water-conserving technologies, in conformance with Section 17921.3 of the Health and Safety Code, Title 20, California Administrative Code Section 1601(b), and other applicable sections of Title 24 of the Public Code.	Responsible Parties Public Works, Planning	Schedule Continuous	Implementation Status			Description
Program 1.B	Provide information to developers, contractors, property owners and other appropriate parties on the usage and benefits of water conserving bathroom fixtures.	Planning, Building	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; Through the plan check process, the Building and Safety Division continues to require that new buildings comply with the Title 24 efficiency standards, including water conserving bathroom fixtures as appropriate.
Policy 2	Continue to encourage the use of low water-consuming, drought-tolerant landscape plantings as a means of reducing water						
Program 2.A	The City shall maintain, update and fully implement a water conserving landscape ordinance, which requires the use of natural and drought-resistant planting materials and efficient irrigation systems in new development.	Responsible Parties Planning	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status			Description
					Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to maintain and implement CCMC Chapter 8.57, which adopts by reference the Coachella Valley Water District Ordinance No. 1302.1, titled "An Ordinance of the Coachella Valley Water District Establishing Landscape and Irrigation System Design Criteria" ("CVWD Ordinance No. 1302.1").
Program 2.B	Coordinate with the Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency to expand and strengthen educational materials and programs that inform residents of the methods and benefits of water-saving techniques available.	Planning, Building, CVWD, DWA	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; A copy of the CVWD Lush & Efficient: Desert-Friendly Landscaping in the Coachella Valley is available at City Hall for public reference.

Policy 3	Encourage the expanded use of tertiary treated wastewater as a means of reducing impacts of development on groundwater resources.					
Program 3.A	Coordinate with CVWD and DWA regarding the continued use and future expansion of recycled and reclaimed wastewater to serve new and existing development projects.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works, CVWD, DWA	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Public Works Department continues to coordinate with CVWD on their ongoing effort to expand reclaimed wastewater lines towards Cathedral City.
Policy 4	The City shall require the connection of all new development to the community sewer system.					
Policy 5	The City shall require existing development currently connected to septic tanks to connect to the sewer system when it becomes available					
Program 5.A	Coordinate with CVWD and DWA regarding the feasibility and financing of extending sewer facilities to the unsewered areas of the City.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		City Manager's Office, Public Works, CVWD, DWA, CRWQCB	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City is currently working through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund process to secure funding for an engineering design team to design sewer systems for unsewered areas of the City.
Policy 6	The City shall coordinate with other appropriate agencies to minimize the potential for groundwater contamination within and in the vicinity of the city.					
Program 6.A	Coordinate with the Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, California Regional Water Quality Control Board and other appropriate agencies to share information on potential groundwater contamination sources, and develop and maintain a system of record and information sharing with these agencies.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		City Manager's Office, Planning, CVWD, DWA, CRWQCB	Continuous	No Action		
Program 6.B	Evaluate all proposed land use and development plans for their potential to create groundwater contamination hazards from point and non-point sources, and confer with other appropriate agencies to assure adequate review.	Planning, CVWD, DWA, CRWQCB	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Engineering and Public Works departments consider the potential for groundwater contamination during the plan review process. The City also coordinates with the Regional Water Quality Control Board on long term monitoring and mitigation for groundwater contamination.
Policy 7	Establish and enforce guidelines for the development and maintenance of project-specific, onsite storm water retention/detention facilities in a manner consistent with local and regional drainage plans and community design standards.				Ongoing	Ongoing; As part of the development review process, the Engineering Department reviews project-specific, on-site stormwater retention and detention facilities to ensure they are consistent with local and regional drainage plans and requirements.
Policy 8	The City shall protect aquifer recharge facilities from degradation of water quality and reduction of recharge.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues efforts to protect aquifer recharge facilities, including through working with the CRWQCB on long term monitoring and mitigation for groundwater contamination.
Policy 9	Maximize stormwater filtration and/or infiltration in areas that are not subject to high groundwater by maximizing the natural drainage patterns.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City encourages the use of drainage plans that maximize natural drainage patterns when possible.
Policy 10	Require new development to protect the quality of water bodies and natural drainage systems through site design, source controls, storm water treatment, runoff reduction measures, and best management practices (BMPs).				Ongoing	Ongoing; Development projects that meet the criteria for requiring a project-specific WQMP must incorporate site design, source controls, storm water treatment, runoff reduction measures, and BMPs to protect water quality as appropriate.
Policy 11	Require new development to minimize the use of directly connected impervious surfaces and to retain stormwater run off caused from the development footprint at or near the site of generation.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Through the development review process, the City encourages new developments to minimize impervious surfaces and requires stormwater retention for run-off caused from the development footprint.
ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES SUB-ELEMENT						
Goal 1	The appropriate use of energy and mineral resources to assure that both limited and renewable resources are sustainable in the long-term.					
Policy 1	Encourage conservation in the planning and construction of urban uses and in the regional transportation system.					
Program 1.A	The City shall provide developers with available data on energy efficient and conserving building design and technologies. This information the City's Green for Life handbooks and may also include information from utilities, trade organizations, state agencies and other system resources that can enhance overall energy conservation.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		City Manager's Office	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's website provides information on energy saving programs offered by utilities. The Economic Development Division is available to provide energy efficiency data and resources to developers as needed.
Program 1.B	Encourage Southern California Edison and other providers to facilitate the transfer of data, information and technologies to enhance public education on energy conservation.	City Manager	Continuous	No Action		
Program 1.C	The City shall participate in the energy management and conservation efforts of SunLine Transit and encourage the expanded use of compressed natural gas, hydrogen fuel cell and other alternative-fuel buses with bike racks and other system improvements that enhance overall energy efficiency and conservation.	City Manager, Economic Development, City Council	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues to encourage SunLine Transit's expanded use of alternative-fuel buses and other system improvements. SunLine plans to have the fixed route bus fleet converted entirely to zero-emissions buses by 2035.

Policy 2	The General Plan and other City documents, such as the 5 Year Capital Improvement Program, shall assure an efficient circulation system and land use pattern in the City which minimizes travel.					
Program 2.A	Amendments to the land use map and Land Use Element shall consider the provision of convenient neighborhood shopping, medical and other professional services appropriately located to minimize travel and facilitate the use of alternative means of transportation.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: Review of proposed amendments to the land use map and Land Use Element include consideration for efficient land use patterns, including proximity of residential land uses with shopping, services, and transportation facilities.
Policy 3	Support long-term strategies, consistent with state and federal legislation and regulations, that assure affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable production and delivery of electrical power to the community.					
Program 3.A	The City shall participate in regional efforts to provide affordable, dependable electric power to its residents and businesses, including CVAG efforts and regular consultation with SCE.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, City Council, CVAG.	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City continues to participate in regional efforts to provide reliable and sustainable energy, including through participation in the CVAG Energy & Sustainability Committee.
Policy 4	Continue to proactively support and participate in local and regional efforts to develop and operate alternative systems that take advantage of local wind, solar and other renewable resources.					
Program 4.A	As a part of Green for Life, Energy Action Plan and other City programs, continue to evaluate the use of co-generation and other energy management systems for new larger industrial and commercial businesses in the City as they arise.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Building	Continuous	No Action		
Policy 5	To further reduce nonrenewable energy use in transportation, the City shall facilitate provision of information on bike and NEV routes, bus routes and the transit network, ridesharing and ride-booking services to residents and businesses.					
Program 5.A	Facilitate the development of a community-wide and regional multi-modal path system to provide residents and visitors with alternatives to motor vehicle transportation	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; City Council	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City is continuing to build out the Active Transportation Plan, including bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use trails along East Palm Canyon Drive (construction complete), Cathedral Canyon Drive (construction ongoing), and Perez Road (design phase). The City also continues to build out CV Link. Beginning in December 2024, paving of the trail along the top of the Whitewater River channel levee from Date Palm Drive to Cathedral Canyon Drive is ongoing.
Program 5.B	The City shall make available information on ridesharing, ride-booking and SunLine Transit services available to residents and businesses, throughout the City.	Public Works, SunLine Transit	Ongoing	No Action		
Policy 6	The City shall continue to explore and update policies that increase energy efficiency and the use of alternative sources for the economic, environmental and social benefit of the City.					
Program 6.A	Establish a revolving loan fund for internal efficiency upgrades. Rules for use of the fund and its reimbursement will be established.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works	Ongoing	No Action		
Program 6.B	Implement the City's Commissioning/Retro-Commissioning practice and procedures to identify and plan for maintenance and enhancement of energy and cost efficiencies, as well as ensuring optimal comfort and human satisfaction in City workspaces.	Public Works, Building	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City is currently preparing an updated Facilities Master Plan. According to the draft Master Plan, the plan will incorporate preventative maintenance to mitigate costs and save energy.
Program 6.C	The City will leverage state and federal incentives for energy efficiency to augment incentives provided by Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, and others. Consider energy efficiency in capital improvement budget discussions.	Public Works, Building	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City strives to leverage state, federal, and utility (SCE, SoCalGas) incentives and grants to the greatest extent possible, including for energy efficiency projects. The capital improvement budget for 2023-2024 describes the funding sources for CIPs.
Program 6.D	The City shall seek grants and partnerships to increase the development of solar PV systems, and the continued market growth in Electric Vehicle and Compressed Natural Gas vehicles, and associated charging/refueling stations at City facilities and elsewhere throughout the community.	Planning, Public Works	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City requires the incorporation of PV systems in new development consistent with the Title 24 requirements. The City also seeks grant opportunities on an ongoing basis, including to support the uptake of electric vehicles and supporting infrastructure.

Chapter XIII

AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE STABILITY ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
Goal 1	Preservation and enhancement of local and regional air quality to assure the long-term protection of the community's health and welfare.						
Policy 1	The City shall be proactive in regulating local pollutant emitters and shall cooperate with Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to assure compliance with air quality standards.				Ongoing		Ongoing; The City is working with CVAG and other participating cities to develop a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
Policy 2	The City shall fully implement dust control ordinances, and coordinate and cooperate with local, regional, and federal efforts to monitor, manage, and reduce the levels of major pollutants affecting the City and region, with particular emphasis on PM10 emissions.						
Program 2.A	On an on-going basis, the City shall continue to cooperate and participate in efforts to monitor and control PM10 emissions from construction and other sources, and all other air pollutants of regional concern. The City shall coordinate with CVAG and the SCAQMD to provide all reporting data for SCAQMD annual report.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Building, Public Works, Planning, CVAG, SCAQMD	Continuous and On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to enforce the Coachella Valley Dust Control Ordinance (CCMC Chapter 6.16), including the requirement for the preparation of the Fugitive Dust Control Plan for all projects requiring a grading permit, or involving more than 5,000 sf of soil disturbance of 100 cy of material import/export per day. The City also provides data to SCAQMD through the permitting process for specified construction equipment types.
Program 2.B	The City shall maintain records of historic and current regional and local air quality trends and make them available to the public. Access to data may be made available via an Internet link, printed material, or other means.	Public Works, Planning, CVAG, SCAQMD	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; Historic and current regional and local air quality trends are available to the public on the SCAQMD website.
Policy 3	City land use planning efforts shall assure that sensitive receptors are separated from polluting point sources, to the greatest extent practicable.						
Program 3.A	The General Plan Land Use Map and Element shall be developed and maintained to identify and locate air pollution point sources, such as manufacturing operations and highways, at an appropriate distance from sensitive receptors, including hospitals, schools, hotels/motels, and residential neighborhoods.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, CVAG, SCAQMD	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The General Plan Land Use Map was developed to provide a buffer between sources of air quality emissions and sensitive receptors, consistent with the guidelines established in CARB's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook. Prior to the adoption of future amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map, spacing between sensitive receptors and air pollution point sources will be considered.
Program 3.B	Buffer zones between sensitive receptors and potential air pollutant emitters shall be incorporated into new and proposed residential developments and other developments, to the greatest extent feasible.	Planning	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; Through the review of new development proposals, and in accordance with applicable zoning code regulations, the proximity of residential developments and potential or existing air pollutant emitters is taken into consideration.

Program 3.C	<p>Health Risk Evaluation: Prior to project approval, the City or project applicant shall evaluate health risks when proposed developments would result in new sensitive receptors near existing sources of substantial toxic air contaminants (TACs) or the development of sources of substantial toxic air contaminants near existing sensitive receptors. Evaluation would be based on consideration of the California Air Resource's Board Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective distance recommendation between sources and receptors. If the project would not meet the distance recommendations between sources and receptors, the City shall require the applicant to ensure that TAC impacts would be below the carcinogenic threshold (i.e., probability of contracting cancer for the Maximally Exposed Individual would be less than 10 in one million) and below the non-carcinogenic threshold (i.e., result in a Hazard Index less than 1 for the Maximally Exposed Individual). In addition, several measures to reduce potential risk from commercial or industrial land uses that would be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed commercial or industrial land uses that have the potential to emit toxic air contaminants (such as loading docks for diesel delivery trucks) would be located as far away as possible from existing and proposed sensitive receptors. • Signs would be posted at all loading docks and truck loading areas which indicate that diesel-powered delivery trucks must be shut off when not in use for longer than 5 minutes on the premises in order to reduce idling emissions. • Proposed commercial and industrial land uses that have the potential to host diesel trucks would incorporate idle reduction strategies that reduce the main propulsion engine idling time through alternative technologies such as, Idle Aire, electrification of truck parking, and alternative energy sources for transport refrigeration units to allow diesel engines to be completely turned off. 	Planning	Continuous and On-going		Ongoing	Ongoing; When appropriate, projects subject to CEQA review and that could result in the location of sensitive receptors near sources of substantial toxic air contaminants will be subject to a health risk evaluation. In general, the City's General Plan Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance are designed to provide buffers between residential land uses and commercial or industrial land uses that have the potential to emit toxic air contaminants.
Policy 4	Development proposals brought before the City shall be reviewed for their potential to adversely impact local and regional air quality, and shall be required to mitigate any significant impacts.					
Program 4.A	The City shall conduct an Initial Study and, where appropriate, require a detailed air quality analysis for all proposals that have the potential to adversely affect local or regional air quality.	Responsible Parties Planning	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status Ongoing		Description Ongoing; When appropriate, projects subject to CEQA review and that have the potential to adversely affect local or regional air quality will be required to prepare a detailed air quality analysis.
Program 4.B	Projects that may generate significant levels of air pollution shall be required to conduct detailed impact analyses and incorporate mitigation measures into their designs using the most advanced technological methods practicable. All proposed mitigation measures shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the issuance of grading or demolition permits.	Planning, Public Works	On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; When appropriate, projects subject to CEQA review and that may generate significant levels of air pollution shall be required to incorporate mitigation measures, subject to City review and approval.
Program 4.C	The City shall continue to enforce a Fugitive Dust Emissions Ordinance to reduce and control local PM10 emissions. All dust control mitigation plans prepared by contractors, developers, and other responsible parties shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the issuance of grading or demolition permits	Building, Public Works, Planning	On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to maintain and enforce Chapter 6.16 (FUGITIVE DUST EMISSIONS) of the CCMC, including requirements for the preparation of dust control mitigation plans subject to City review and approval.
Program 4.D	Provide consistent and effective code enforcement of construction and grading activities and off-road vehicle use to assure that the impacts of blowing sand and fugitive dust emissions are avoided or minimized.	Code Enforcement Department; Police Department	On-going	Ongoing		Ongoing; The Public Works Department and Code Compliance Division continue to enforce the City's Fugitive Dust Control Ordinance (CCMC Chapter 8.54) and Fugitive Dust Emissions Ordinance (CCMC Chapter 6.16).

Policy 5	The City shall encourage and promote the use of clean alternative energy sources for transportation, heating and cooling, lighting and other power needs.						
Program 5.A	Where cost-effective, vehicles that use alternative fuel sources, such as compressed natural gas and electricity, shall be purchased and maintained for use in the City's vehicle fleet.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		City Manager's Office	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City complies with the California Advanced Clean Fleet requirements as applicable to local governments, including the purchase of electric vehicles as required and when cost-effective.
Program 5.B	Site plans shall incorporate energy-efficient design elements, including appropriate site orientation, possibility for incorporation of active and/or passive solar design, and the use of shade and windbreak trees, to reduce fuel consumption for heating and cooling.	Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; During the development review process, the City recommends the incorporation of energy-efficient design elements as appropriate.
Program 5.C	The City shall support and promote the use of roof-top solar electric systems in new and existing development, and shall review the City Zoning Ordinance to ensure that City regulations do not create an undue burden on those who wish to install solar electric systems.	Planning, Building	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; As adopted by reference in Title 8 of the CCMC, the City continues to implement the most current Title 24 (California Code of Regulations) regulations, including requirements for roof-top photovoltaic systems in new residential developments. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will provide an opportunity to consider the City's regulations pertaining to solar electric systems.
Program 5.D	To encourage the use of alternative energy sources, installation of electric vehicle charging stations shall be encouraged in all new development and in major retrofits.	Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; As adopted by reference in Title 8 of the CCMC, the City continues to implement the most current Title 24 regulations, including requirements for EV-ready parking spaces and EV charging stations.
Policy 6	The City shall encourage and support the development of facilities and projects that facilitate and enhance the use of alternative modes of transportation, including pedestrian-oriented retail and activity centers, dedicated bicycle and LSEV paths and lanes, and community-wide multi-use trails.						
Program 6.A	The General Plan Circulation and Mobility Element shall encourage the incorporation of appropriate alternatives to motor vehicles in the transportation network, and shall be periodically reviewed and updated to assure the future expanded use of such alternatives.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The General Plan Circulation and Mobility Element, as well as the Active Transportation Plan, encourage the expansion of multi-modal infrastructure, including pedestrian, bicycle, and NEV/LSEV vehicle trails. There are no immediate plans to update these plans.
Program 6.B	The City shall pursue land use patterns and mechanisms, including Mixed-Use development and a balance of employment and housing opportunities that encourage pedestrian and other non-motorized transportation and minimize vehicle miles traveled.	Economic Development, Planning	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance Update will include review and updating of the City's development standards and Design Guidelines, and may include consideration of mechanisms to promote mixed-use development and other efficient land uses such as infill.
Program 6.C	The City Active Transportation/NEV Plan shall be funded and implemented to the maximum extent practicable in order to make safe and convenient alternative modes of travel the norm in the City	Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; As detailed in the APR for the Circulation and Mobility Element, implementation of ATP projects is ongoing, including construction of bicycle lanes on East Palm Canyon Drive and Cathedral Canyon Drive.
Program 6.D	The City shall draft new or modify existing ordinances that implement the Active Transportation Plan and that otherwise facilitate the use of LSEVs on City streets and other appropriate portions of the transportation network to the greatest extent practicable.	Planning, Public Works	2020	No Action			
Policy 7	The City shall promote the expanded availability of mass transit services, coordinating with Sunline Transit Authority to link residential, commercial and resort businesses, and employment centers with the City's residential neighborhoods and nearby communities.						
Program 7.A	Coordinate with CVAG, SCAG, Sunline Transit Agency and other public and private service providers to improve, expand, and optimize cost-effective regional mass transportation services.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning, Public Works, Sunline Transit Authority	On-going	No Action			
Program 7.B	Promote and support the development of ridesharing, carpooling, flexible work scheduling, telecommuting, and Park and Ride programs among public and private employers to decrease existing and future traffic levels in the Coachella Valley.	Planning, Public Works, Sunline Transit Authority, Major Employers	On-going	No Action			
Program 7.C	The City shall consider adopting a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance that applies to new or change-of-use non-residential developments employing 100 or more persons, and which requires the project proponent to demonstrate how the development will reduce the number of project-generated vehicle trips.	Planning, Public Works	On-going		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City maintains a TDM Ordinance (CCMC Chapter 9.102) applicable to non-residential projects based on employee generation factors per type of use, as detailed in Section 9.102.030 of the Municipal Code.

Policy 8	The City shall continue to implement effective street sweeping and post-windstorm cleanup programs to reduce the cumulative impacts of blowsand and nuisance dust resulting from construction activities, natural processes, and other sources.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to provide the City-Wide Sweeping Program and continues to implement standard operating procedures for post-windstorm/blowsand events. The City's street sweeping service schedule is available on the Public GeoHub GIS map.
Policy 9	The City shall promote public educational programs that describe the causes of air pollution, encourage the use of alternative energy sources, and recommend methods for reducing the impacts of blowsand.				
Program 9.A	Prepare and distribute to developers, contractors, consultants and others an air quality management manual that describes effective and appropriate methods of controlling and reducing development-related air pollutants, particularly PM10 emissions.	Responsible Parties Building, Public Works	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Control Handbook (adopted by the City in 2004) is available on the City's website.
Policy 10	The City shall continue to implement and update policies, regulations, and action plans that promote climate stability and greenhouse gas emission reductions, including but not limited to the Climate Action Plan, Energy Action Plan, Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Green for Life program.				
Program 10.A	Update the City's Climate Action Plan, Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Energy Action Plan and Green for Life program materials to include current trends in technology, climate regulations, and to track the City's efforts to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.	Responsible Parties Planning	Schedule Every 3-5 years	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The City is working with CVAG and other participating cities to develop a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
Program 10.B	Projects that require CEQA analysis shall be required to conduct detailed impact analyses and incorporate mitigation measures into their designs using the City's current Climate Action Plan prescribed reduction measures for achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. All proposed mitigation measures shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the issuance of grading or demolition permits.	Responsible Parties Building, Public Works, Planning	Schedule On-going	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; Projects that require CEQA analysis are required to conduct air quality impact analysis, as appropriate, and to incorporate mitigation measures when necessary. All proposed mitigation measures shall be subject to City review and approval. The forthcoming regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan may include updated recommended mitigation measures.

Chapter XV SAFETY ELEMENT

Program No.	Program	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
				No Action	Underway/Ongoing	Complete	
GENERAL SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES							
Goal 1	City policies and programs that effectively reduce potential short and long term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, and other hazards.						
Goal 2	A land use plan and pattern that avoids the placement of people and property at risk from seismic, flooding, wildfires, excessive noise and other environmental hazards.						
Goal 3	A City that fully cooperates and coordinates with local and regional emergency services, transportation agencies, public utilities, and other entities providing first responder services during local and regional emergencies.						
Policy 1	The City shall promote the enhanced resilience of future water, sewer, electric and other utilities, the retrofit and rehabilitation of existing weak structures and lifeline utilities, and the relocation or strengthening of certain critical facilities to increase public safety and minimize disruption of services			Ongoing			Ongoing; The City supports the enhanced resilience of new utility facilities when possible, on a case-by-case basis.
Policy 2	The City shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable the siting of critical public facilities, including hospital and healthcare facilities, emergency shelters, police and fire stations, and emergency communications, facilities outside 100-year flood plains.			Ongoing			Ongoing; Through the development review process, the City ensures that proposed sites for new critical public facilities are located outside 100-year floodplains to the greatest extent possible.
Policy 3	The City shall identify and establish specific travel routes for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes, with key considerations being capacity to safely accommodate additional truck traffic, avoidance of residential areas, and use of interstate or state divided highways as preferred routes.			Ongoing			Ongoing; The Engineering Department's Truck Route Map, updated August 2020, designates the travel routes for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes.
Policy 4	The City shall work to achieve consistency between the General Plan land use and related policies and the Palm Springs International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, as appropriate. Measures may include restrictions on permitted land uses, limitation on the intensity of a use, and such development criteria as height restrictions.					Complete	Ongoing; According to the General Plan Land Use Element (p. LU-3), the updated Land Use Map includes no existing or planned land uses that are incompatible with the PSP Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). All development projects are reviewed for conformance with the PSP ALUCP.
FLOODING AND HYDROLOGY SUB-ELEMENT							
Goal 1	The protection of lives and property from local and regional flooding hazards.						
Policy 1	Update the City Storm Drain Master Plan to reflect new hydraulic analysis, built facilities, changing conditions and the evolving needs of the City.						
Program 1.A	Local regulations and guidelines shall be established and updated consistent with the Storm Drain Master Plan to direct the management of runoff and provide for local drainage facilities which support the effective use of local and regional facilities.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Public Works; Engineering	Continuous	No Action			
Program 1.B	Monitor and periodically update the Storm Drain Master Plan, in coordination with the County and CVWD, to reflect changes in local and regional drainage and flood conditions.	Public Works; Engineering; RCFC, CVWD	Continuous	No Action			
Policy 2	Major drainage facilities shall be designed to maximize their use as multi-purpose recreational or open space areas, consistent with the functional requirements of these facilities.						
Program 2.A	Coordinate and cooperate with responsible regional agencies in multi-use agreements within flood control channels and designing safe, attractive recreational facilities while maintaining the functional requirements of the drainage facilities.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Public Works; Planning; CVWD, RCFC	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; CV Link, a multi-modal transportation path, is primarily being constructed on top of flood control levees and at the top of stormwater channel slopes, including in the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel in Cathedral City . The project is being lead by CVAG, and involves coordination between Cathedral City and regional agencies such as CVWD and RCFC. Buildout of CV Link is underway.
Program 2.B	Work closely with responsible agencies to design drainage and flood control facilities that minimize negative aesthetic impacts, blend with surrounding lands, and retain natural groundcover and vegetation to the greatest extent practicable.	Public Works; Planning; CVWD; RCFC	Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to coordinate with CVWD and RCFC to design drainage and flood control facilities that are context-sensitive and retain natural vegetation when practicable.

Policy 3	Continue to actively participate in regional flood control and drainage improvement efforts to develop and implement mutually beneficial drainage plans.					
Program 3.A	Capital Improvement Plans for drainage management and control shall be developed, updated and maintained and shall be based upon the Storm Drain Master Plan project descriptions.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works, Planning	Continuous	No Action		
Program 3.B	Coordinate and cooperate with responsible regional agencies in achieving multi-use agreements within flood control channels and designing safe, attractive recreational facilities which maintain the functional requirements of the drainage facilities.	Public Works, Planning, CVWD, RCFCD	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: CV Link, a multi-modal transportation path, is primarily being constructed on top of flood control levees and at the top of stormwater channel slopes, including in the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel in Cathedral City . The project is being lead by CVAG, and involves coordination between Cathedral City and regional agencies such as CVWD and RCFCD. Buildout of CV Link is underway.
Policy 4	The City shall cooperate with CVWD and RCFCD in securing FEMA map amendments for planning areas and projects, as they occur.					
Program 4.A	The City shall coordinate and cooperate in the filing of appropriate FEMA application materials to secure amendments to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City, consistent with existing and proposed improvements.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works; Engineering; CVWD; RCFCD	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City continues to cooperate in the filing of FEMA application materials to amend the City's FIRM maps as needed.
Policy 5	Pursue all viable sources of funding for local and regional drainage improvements needed for adequate flood control and protection.					
Program 5.A	Consider the establishment of Area Drainage Plans or Assessment Districts to fund drainage improvements.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works; Engineering	Continuous	No Action		
Program 5.B	Explore and pursue County funding, state funding under the Cobey-Alquist Flood Plain Management Act, other State programs, and federal funding options for local and area-wide flood control projects.	Public Works; Engineering	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: The City explores and pursues relevant county, state, and federal funding sources on a regular basis, including funding for flood control projects, as applicable.
Policy 6	All new development shall be required to incorporate adequate flood mitigation measures, such as grading that prevents adverse drainage impacts to adjacent properties, on-site retention of runoff, and the adequate siting and sizing of structures located within flood plains.					
Program 6.A	Stormwater retention for the 100-year storm shall be enforced through the development review process and routine site inspection.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Public Works; Planning	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: Stormwater retention requirements for new development projects are reviewed by engineering during development review process and during plan check for grading plans.
Policy 7	Assure adequate, safe, all-weather and low-flow crossings over flood control channels are provided where necessary, and are maintained for passage during major storm events.				Ongoing	Ongoing: The City continues to strive to provide all-weather crossings where necessary. The City is currently collaborating with the City of Palm Springs on the Ramon Road Bridge widening project and on the construction of the future Vista Chino Bridge. The Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge (Cathedral Canyon Drive over the Whitewater River) was completed in 2022.
Policy 8	Investigate the need for the construction of curbs and gutters in neighborhoods lacking sufficient street drainage improvements.				Ongoing	Ongoing: The Via De Anza Street Improvement Project, for example, included the construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, driveway approaches, and new asphalt concrete. Construction of this project was completed in September 2024.
Policy 9	Critical health and safety facilities shall not be located within the 100-year flood plain unless flood-proofing or other mitigation measures are implemented.					
Program 9.A	The Land Use Map and Zoning regulations shall prohibit the construction of critical facilities within the 100-year flood plain unless flood-proofing or other mitigation measures are implemented, and shall only permit residential development if adequate flood-proofing measures have been implemented.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; Public Works	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing: Development proposals, including for critical facilities, are reviewed by the Engineering Department, including review for locations in flood plains and requirements for drainage and flood-proofing improvements as necessary. All development proposals are also subject to the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance (CCMC Chapter 8.24). Projects that require CEQA analysis are also reviewed for location in relation to the 100-year flood plain, and flood-proofing mitigation measures are required as necessary.

Policy 10	The flood-prone areas designated on Exhibit S-1 and as defined by FEMA shall be considered inappropriate for conventional urban development without adequate flood control facilities. Applications for development at urban or suburban densities in areas where there is a serious risk to life shall demonstrate appropriate and cost-effective solutions before City grants approvals.		Ongoing		Ongoing; Pursuant to Chapter 8.24 of the CCMC, development permits (subject to review and approval by the City Engineer) must be obtained before any construction or development within any area of special flood hazard as defined by FEMA. Such development applications must demonstrate compliance with the construction standards set forth in CCMC Section 8.24.050.
Policy 11	The City shall consider the use of floodplains as parks, nature trails, equestrian parks, golf courses, or other types of recreational facilities or joint-use facilities that can withstand periodic inundation.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to consider the use of floodplains as open space and recreation facilities that can withstand period inundation on a case-by-base basis.
GEOTECHNICAL SUB-ELEMENT					
Goal 1	The protection of human life, public and private property, utility structures, and land from the adverse effects of seismic and geologic hazards.				
Policy 1	The City shall establish and maintain an information database containing maps and other information which describe seismic and other geotechnical hazards occurring within the City boundaries, sphere-of-influence and planning area.				
Program 1.A	Consult and coordinate with surrounding communities, the California Division of Mines and Geology, Riverside County, other applicable state and federal agencies, and professional engineering geologists to establish, improve and routinely update the database.	Responsible Parties Planning, California Geologic Survey, County Geologist, Consulting Geologists	Schedule 2019-20; Continuous	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The City coordinates with Riverside County to provide the fault zone data on the City's GIS map. Further consultation or coordination may occur in the future as updates to the data are needed.
Program 1.B	Establish and maintain a GIS database and mapping of the various geotechnical conditions, hazards and constraints within the City.	Planning	2019-20; Continuous	Ongoing	Ongoing; The CityMap GIS map includes mapping of geotechnical conditions and other hazards such as fault lines, Alquist-Priolo Fault Zones, fire hazard severity zones, and flood hazard zones.
Program 1.C	Secure available publications from trade organizations and the state, and make available to developers, property owners, and other appropriate parties, regarding geotechnical investigations that must be carried out within Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones.	Engineering, Building	2019-20	Ongoing	Ongoing; Geotechnical investigations continue to be required in Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. The City may provide information related to these investigations as required.
Policy 2	Continue to regularly update building and fire codes to provide for changes or advancements in seismic safety design.				
Program 2.A	Regularly consult and coordinate with the California Geological Survey, other relevant state and federal agencies, and surrounding communities to establish, maintain, and update building, seismic and fire codes.	Responsible Parties Planning, Engineering/Consulting Geologist	Schedule 2019; Routine updating	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The City has adopted the California Fire Code and California Building Code by reference, and shall maintain the updated codes (including seismic requirements) in response to updates adopted by the state.
Policy 3	All new development shall be constructed in accordance with the prevailing seismic design requirements contained in the most recently adopted edition of the California (International) Building and Fire Codes and as otherwise required by the City.			Ongoing	Ongoing; Through the plan check process, the City ensures that all new developments are constructed in accordance with the seismic design requirements contained in the most recent edition of the California Building and Fire Codes.
Policy 4	The City shall require geological and geotechnical investigations in areas of potential seismic or geologic hazards as part of the environmental and development review process. The City shall not approve proposals and projects for development or redevelopment which do not provide for mitigation of seismic or geologic hazards to the satisfaction of the responsible agencies.				
Program 4.A	The City shall pursue a cooperative agreement with the Riverside County Geologist, State Geologist, or contract geological engineer to review and determine the adequacy of geotechnical and fault hazard studies.	Responsible Parties Planning, Engineering	Schedule 2019-20	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The City coordinates with external geologists (County, State, or contract) to review geotechnical and fault hazard studies when necessary.
Policy 5	Promote and encourage the strengthening of older, inadequately reinforced structures in the City by retrofitting to better resist the effects of strong ground shaking.		No Action		

Policy 6	The City shall encourage the strengthening of such critical public facilities such as utilities, schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities, eldercare facilities, police and fire stations, and emergency communication facilities.					
Program 6.A	The City shall prepare and distribute informational to residents, business owners and property owners, that encourage and facilitate retrofitting of privately-owned structures, including describing appropriate methods of rehabilitation, and possible methods of financing such improvements.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Engineering	2019-2020	No Action		
Program 6.B	Coordinate with CVWD, DWA, SCE, SCG, Frontier Communications, Spectrum and other appropriate agencies, to develop and implement strategies to safeguard major utility systems, and to strengthen or relocate facilities that are in potentially hazardous areas.	Planning, Public Works, Engineering, public and quasi-public agencies	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City coordinates with utility companies as needed.
Program 6.C	Coordinate and cooperate with Caltrans, County Transportation and adjoining cities to maximize the resilience of local and regional transportation systems, including US Interstate-10 and other major transportation corridors in the event of a major quake.	Public Works, Engineering, Caltrans, County Transportation, Adjoining Cities, CVAG	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City is represented by City Councilmembers on the CVAG Transportation and Public Safety Committees. The Engineering Department also coordinates with CVAG and Caltrans as needed for the design of regional transportation corridors.
Policy 7	To the extent feasible, regulate the location of new structures, including utilities, schools, hospitals, healthcare and eldercare facilities, police and fire stations, and emergency communication facilities, in and near areas that would directly be affected by seismic or geologic hazards.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Through the development review process, proposed sites for new structures, particularly critical facilities, shall be reviewed for vulnerability to geological hazards.
Policy 8	Development proposed for human occupancy on lands within a City Fault Hazard Management Zone and where the location of the fault has not been firmly determined, fault trenching and other geotechnical investigations shall be required. Based on these investigations the City may restrict or prohibiting construction of structures for human occupancy across the fault trace.					
Program 8.A	The City shall cooperate with county, state and federal agencies in conducting geological investigations of the Garnet Hill and San Andreas faults. The City shall investigate the possibility of partnering with the Earthquake Hazards Program of the U.S. Geological Survey to better identify the active traces of the Garnet Hill and San Andreas faults.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Engineering	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City requires geological studies when necessary on a project-specific basis. Geological studies may be required for developments proposed within the Garnet Hill and San Andreas fault traces, as determined by the Director of Engineering. The City shall cooperate with county, state, and/or federal agencies if they are conducting geological investigations.
Program 8.B	The City shall require geological studies, such as fault-trenching, of the defined traces of the Garnet Hill and San Andreas fault traces shown on Exhibit S-4. The studies shall be conducted by State-certified engineering geologists following the guidelines established in the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Studies Act. The City Geologist shall review the fault studies to ensure that excavations were conducted with an acceptable level of effort to determine whether there are active faults through the proposed development, and that suitable fault setbacks are defined.	Planning, Engineering, County Geologist	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City requires geological studies when necessary on a project-specific basis. Geological studies may be required for developments proposed within the Garnet Hill and San Andreas fault traces, as determined by the Director of Engineering.
Program 8.C	The City shall require geological studies of the less well-defined traces of the Garnet Hill and San Andreas faults shown on Exhibit S-4 for critical facilities proposed within this zone. The studies shall be conducted by State-certified engineering geologists.	Planning, Engineering	Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City requires geological studies when necessary on a project-specific basis. Geological studies may be required for developments, including critical facilities, proposed within the Garnet Hill and San Andreas fault traces, as determined by the Director of Engineering.
Policy 9	Where development is proposed in areas identified as being subject to geotechnical hazards (including, but not limited to slope instability, soil collapse, liquefaction and seismically induced settlement), the City shall require the preparation of site-specific geotechnical investigations by the applicant prior to completion of CEQA studies and development approval. All such studies shall include mitigation measures that reduce associated hazards to insignificant levels.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City requires the preparation of site-specific geotechnical investigations for developments proposed in areas subject to geotechnical hazards, as determined by the Director of Engineering, on a case-by-case basis.
Policy 10	To avoid and minimize soil erosion, all grading, earthwork, and construction activities shall be in accordance with applicable fugitive dust control ordinances and regulations, including those established by the City, CVAG, SCAQMD, and other appropriate agencies.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City continues to enforce applicable fugitive dust control ordinances and regulations for all grading, earthwork, and construction activities.

Policy 11	To minimize the potential impacts of subsidence due to the extraction of groundwater, the City shall actively support and participate in local and regional efforts at groundwater conservation and recharge.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City cooperates with CVWD and DWA on groundwater conservation and recharge efforts, including as outlined in the 2022 Indio Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan. Through the plan check process, the City also requires water agency approval of the water use calculations in landscape construction plans to support water conservation efforts.
Policy 12	Restrict development along the foothills to minimize the potential impacts of slope failure. In addition, minimize grading and modification to the natural topography to prevent potential for man-induced slope failures.				
Program 12.A	The City shall discourage any grading beyond that necessary to create adequate and safe building pads. The Engineering and Consulting Geotechnical Engineer shall conduct regular inspection of grading operations to maximize site safety and compatibility with community character.	Responsible Parties Planning, Engineering, Consulting Geologist	Schedule Ongoing	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; Through the development review and plan check processes, the Planning Division and Engineering Department ensure that grading is minimized beyond what is necessary. The Engineering Department also conducts regular inspections of grading operations to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and requirements.
Program 12.B	In the hillside or mountainous areas of Cathedral City, the City shall discourage excessive grading of slopes greater than 3:1 (horizontal:vertical), and shall encourage varied slope ratios on design slopes to reduce the visual impact of grading. Cut or fill slopes steeper than 2:1 shall not be permitted.	Planning, Engineering	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing; Through the development review and plan check processes, the Planning Division and Engineering Department ensure that potential visual impacts resulting from grading of hillside or mountainous areas is minimized to the greatest extent practicable.
Policy 13	The City shall ensure to the fullest extent possible that, in the event of a major geologic disaster, dependent care and high-occupancy facilities will remain safe.			Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) includes inventories of critical facilities and analysis of population vulnerability to ensure that planning for geological disasters accounts for dependent care and high-occupancy facilities.
Policy 14	The City's Fire Department, as part of their annual inspections of businesses and dependent care facilities and schools, shall encourage and educate the owners or operators about maintaining accessibility following and earthquake, emergency backup power, and securely anchored shelves, computers and other equipment, and other non-structural elements.			Ongoing	Ongoing; In addition to annual inspections of businesses, care facilities and schools, the Fire Department conducts community training and outreach with these institutions to provide emergency preparedness and fire safety education.
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUB-ELEMENT					
Goal 1	A community and environment that is safe from the threat of hazardous conditions and hazardous and toxic materials.				
Policy 1	Utilizing the resources available through the County of Riverside and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, maintain current data on hazardous materials users within the planning area.				
Program 1.A	Update the City's data on hazardous materials users quarterly, by regularly contacting the County Department of Environmental Health and the Regional Water Quality Control Board and reviewing online databases or lists.	Responsible Parties Fire; County Environmental Health; Regional Water Quality Control Board	Schedule Continuous	Implementation Status No Action	Description
Program 1.B	Coordinate with responsible agencies to assure enforcement of state and federal regulations for the testing and monitoring of underground fuel storage tanks for leakage.	Public Works; Planning; Fire Department; State and US EPA; County Health	Continuous	Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department continues to coordinate with responsible agencies to test and monitor underground fuel storage tanks as required by state and federal regulations.
Program 1.C	A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) shall be required for all new development that generates, transports, or stores hazardous materials and shall be so reflected in the City's Zoning Ordinance.	Planning, Fire	Continuous	Ongoing	Ongoing; According to Section 9.72.010 of the CCMC, the conditional use permit is intended for those types of land uses which require special consideration because they possess unique characteristics or present special issues that make being a permitted use impractical or undesirable. Though hazardous uses are not explicitly stated in Section 9.72.010, land uses that involve the generation, transportation, or storage of hazardous materials are not permitted by right in any of the City's zoning districts.

Policy 2	Encourage and facilitate the adequate and timely cleanup of existing and future contaminated sites within the City and its sphere-of-influence.					
Program 2.A	Coordinate with responsible county, state and federal agencies to activate cleanup procedures, and monitor the status of cleanup efforts on an ongoing basis.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Fire; State and federal EPA; County Health Department; CRWQCB	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department continues to coordinate with responsible agencies to monitor cleanup efforts for hazardous sites.
Policy 3	The City shall thoroughly evaluate development proposals for lands directly adjacent or in proximity to sites known to be contaminated with hazardous or toxic materials.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Projects that require CEQA analysis are reviewed for their proximity to facilities or sites identified as meeting the Cortese List requirements. Development proposals for lands directly adjacent or in proximity to known contaminated sites shall be analyzed thoroughly to ensure the site is safe for development.
Policy 4	The City shall designate appropriate access routes to facilitate the transport of hazardous and toxic materials and wastes.					
Program 4.A	Coordinate with the Fire Department, Police Department, neighboring jurisdictions, and other appropriate agencies to identify segments of highway or local roads that shall be restricted from transporting hazardous and toxic materials.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning; Fire, Police	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's Truck Route Map establishes the permitted routes for the transport of hazardous and toxic materials and wastes. Roads not listed in the Truck Route Map shall be avoided for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes.
Program 4.B	Enforce roadway access restrictions and consider the implementation of fines or penalties for violations.	Public Works; Fire, Police	Continuous	No Action		
Policy 5	The Fire Department shall maintain a citywide Emergency Operations Plan, which provides for emergency services in the event of a hazardous spill or airborne release.				Ongoing	Ongoing; In November 2024, the City Council approved a contractor to update the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan.
Policy 6	Encourage households and small businesses to dispose of hazardous and toxic wastes in accordance with county, state, and federal regulations.					
Program 6.A	Continue to distribute information materials provided by the County and the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding proper management and disposal of household hazardous and toxic wastes, and also post information on the City web site.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Environmental Conservation Manager, County Environmental Health	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Recycling, Refuse, Water Conservation & Energy Programs section of the City website includes information regarding the proper management and disposal of household hazardous and toxic wastes. This information is also available in the City's Refuse and Recycling Guide.
Program 6.B	Implement the Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) as prepared by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and its member cities.	Engineering, Public Works	Immediate; Continuous	No Action		
Policy 7	The City shall actively oppose plans for hazardous or toxic waste dumps, landfills, or industrial processes that may potentially adversely affect the City and its Sphere-of-Influence, and shall participate in the identification of alternative sites.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Development proposals for hazardous or toxic waste dumps, landfills, or industrial processes would be carefully reviewed by the City, and would not be approved if the proposed location could result in adverse impacts to the City and its Sphere-of-Influence.
Policy 8	Confer and coordinate with the CVWD, DWA, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board in the regulation, monitoring, and phased removal of subsurface sewage disposal systems.					
Program 8.A	The development review process shall be used to assure that all new development connects to the sewage collection systems of the Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency where that service is available.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Public Works; DWA; CVWD	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; Development proposals are reviewed by the Public Works Department to ensure that new projects are connecting go the sewer system whenever possible.
Policy 9	The travel route for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes shall have adequate capacity to safely accommodate additional trucks and shall avoid the residential areas.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's Truck Route Map, as designated by the Engineering Department, also provides the designated routes for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes. The Truck Route has sufficient capacity and avoids residential areas.
Policy 10	Hazardous sites susceptible to leak or collapse during earthquakes shall be identified.				Ongoing	Ongoing; Potentially hazardous sites susceptible to leak or collapse during earthquake are analyzed and identified on a project-by-project basis.
Policy 11	The location and number of the hazardous facilities close to the schools, hospitals, and residential areas shall be regulated properly and introduce buffer zones between the hazardous facilities and sensitive facilities and/or receptors.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The City's General Plan Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance prohibit land uses involving hazardous facilities in residential areas, and generally arrange land uses as to create buffers between sensitive land use districts and industrial land uses that may involve hazardous materials.

Policy 12	The City shall minimize exposure to hazardous substances where ever possible.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to minimize the exposure to hazardous substances to the greatest extent practicable.
Policy 13	Encourage and promote practices in the community to reduce the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous waste at their source, recycle the remaining hazardous wastes for reuse, and treat those wastes which cannot be reduced at the source or recycled.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Recycling, Refuse, Water Conservation & Energy Programs section of the City website includes information regarding the proper management and disposal of household hazardous and toxic wastes. This information is also available in the City's Refuse and Recycling Guide.
Policy 14	Engage the community in overseeing remediation of toxic sites. Promote the permitting and monitoring of potentially hazardous industrial uses. Develop a response plan to address existing contaminated sites in the city.	No Action			
Policy 15	The City shall support reductions in the use of hazardous fuels to minimize their impacts to the human health and environment.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City shall support reductions in the use of hazardous fuels in the event that such opportunities arise.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUB-ELEMENT					
Goal 1	A detailed, integrated and effective emergency preparedness plan for the City ensuring a high level of readiness and responsiveness to man-made and natural disasters of any scope, and which maximizes response capabilities of the City, County, State and Federal governments.				
Policy 1	The City shall give priority to maintaining and updating of all hazard summaries and responses of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan				
Program 1.A	The City shall periodically review and update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan, including but not limited to fire protection, law enforcement, communications, alternative access, public health services, damage assessment and other emergency response parameters of Emergency Operations Plan.	Responsible Parties Fire, Police, All Other City Departments	Schedule On-going; Comprehensive update minimum once every five years	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; In November 2024, the City Council approved a contractor to update the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. The review and updating process may include consideration for fire protection, law enforcement, communications, alternative access, public health services, damage assessment and other parameters.
Policy 2	The City emergency response plans shall recognize and accommodate the physical, environmental and other conditions that could pose potentially significant hazards, and shall take proactive steps to minimize these threats to the community's residents, businesses, visitors and economy.				
Program 2.A	The City shall evaluate the full range of physical and other constraints to the effective implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan, shall develop or update strategic planning to address and minimize the effects of these constraints, and periodically report to the City Council on progress made in addressing these constraints.	Responsible Parties Engineering, Public Works, Fire, Police, Riverside County Emergency Management, Other City Departments	Schedule Annual Report	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The Fire Department is currently updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. The process of updating the Emergency Operations Plans may include review for potential constraints to implementation of the plan.
Program 2.B	The City shall coordinate with responsible flood control agencies and shall jointly develop long-term strategies and capital improvement plans that, to the extent practicable, eliminate or minimize significant flooding hazards which threaten lives, property and emergency access.	Engineering, Public Works, County Flood Control, CVWD	2019-2020; Update every five years	Ongoing	Ongoing; The Engineering and Public Works Departments coordinate with RCFD and CVWD as needed.
Program 2.C	The City shall ensure that responsible domestic water providers comply with State requirements for water storage and distribution systems to withstand strong ground shaking and other seismic hazards.	Engineering, Public Works, Desert Water Agency, CVWD	Ongoing	No Action	
Policy 3	The City shall identify and establish emergency evacuation and supply routes and plans to preserve or reestablish the use of East Palm Canyon Drive, Date Palm Drive, Dinah Shore Drive, Ramon Road, Vista Chino, Interstate-10 and other essential transportation routes.				
Program 3.A	Establish and appoint a staff liaison with adjoining cities, Riverside County, CVAG and Caltrans to facilitate the designation of emergency evacuation and supply routes, and for the development of a multi-agency emergency response plan that provides expeditious and timely repair to major streets and highways damaged by earthquakes, flooding or other disasters.	Responsible Parties City Manager, Engineering, Public Works, Neighboring Cities, Riverside County Emergency Management, Caltrans, CVAG	Schedule 2019; Continuous	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The Cathedral City Council is represented on the CVAG Public Safety Committee via a Councilmember. This committee facilitates emergency preparedness and cooperation between the City, the County, and neighboring cities, and other relevant agencies.

Policy 4	Formal lines of communication shall be established and maintained between the City, County Geologist, and the US Geological Service and/or the California Institute of Technology to assure the provision of earthquake predictions and alerts that may help minimize impacts to the City and surrounding area.					
Program 4.A	The City shall coordinate with the County Geologist and contact Caltech and the appropriate office of the US Geological Survey and establish a liaison and procedures by which these organizations contact and inform the City of updated earthquake predictions that may affect the community.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Fire, Police, County Geologist, USGS	2019; Continuous	No Action		
Program 4.B	Once available, the City shall take part in the ShakeAlert program developed by the US Geological Service, which will issue public warnings of potentially damaging earthquakes and provide warning parameter data to the City and other government agencies, and private users on a region-by-region basis.	Fire, Police, USGS	2019; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The City has promoted the ShakeAlert program to residents on the Discover Cathedral City website.
Policy 5	The City shall cooperate and coordinate with Riverside County Emergency Management, local utilities purveyors and other agencies and utilities in the preparation and distribution of public information materials to assist residents, visitors and business owners on how to prepare for and respond to local disasters and emergencies.					
Program 5.A	Coordinate and cooperate with Riverside County Emergency Management, Desert Water Agency, CVWD, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, and other agencies and utilities in the development and dissemination of information and instructions on appropriate actions in the event of a local disaster or emergency.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Police, Riverside County Emergency Management, SCE, SCG, DWA, CVWD	2019; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department is currently updating the local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) and emergency operations plan (EOP). This process will involve stakeholder engagement with local government agencies.
Program 5.B	Coordinate with local schools and appropriate public and quasi-public agencies to ensure that they are adequately prepared for and are a part of a city-wide and regional emergency response when disaster strikes.	Fire, Palm Springs Unified School District	2019; Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department provides public education and outreach to schools and community organizations to share emergency preparedness information. For example, the Fire Department provides Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for high school students.
Policy 6	The City shall thoroughly consider and assess vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters or emergencies when reviewing proposals for the siting and development of critical and essential public/quasipublic facilities.					
Program 6.A	In order to assure the maximum possible protection from environmental and manmade hazards, including earthquakes and flooding, the City shall consider vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters and emergencies when reviewing proposals for critical and essential facilities, as well as sensitive land uses.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Planning, Engineering, Public Works, Fire, Police	Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; As part of the development and environmental review processes, the proposed location for new critical facilities will be reviewed for hazard vulnerability.
Policy 7	Where practicable, the City shall encourage the development of critical facilities within private residential communities, including congregate care and similar facilities, in order to ensure preparedness and maximum safety during periods of disaster which may limit accessibility and resources.					
Program 7.A	Coordinate with management within local private and gated communities to train and educate residents, and develop, maintain and implement emergency preparedness plans, including stockpile essential supplies, in accordance with the Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program, to ensure their self-sufficiency for a period of at least 72 hours following an emergency or disaster.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
		Fire, gated communities	2019, Continuous		Ongoing	Ongoing; The Fire Department continues to provide CERT classes. The classes are open to the community, including members of private and gated communities. Teen CERT classes are provided to high school students. The Fire Department has also provided disaster preparedness presentations to communities such as the Desert Sands Mobile Home Park, informing senior about how to stay safe and be prepared in the event of disaster.
Program 7.B	Develop and maintain a record-keeping system indicating which private and gated communities have participated in the CERT training, and communicate with those communities on an annual basis to schedule training updates and coordinated response planning.	Fire, private/gated communities.	2020-22, Annually	No Action		
Policy 8	The City shall make every effort to minimize the risk of hazards associated with aircraft operations of the Palm Springs International Airport and through the adoption and implementation of land use plans and policies consistent with the County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.				Ongoing	Ongoing; The General Plan Land Use Map is consistent with the land use restrictions established in the Palm Springs ALUCP. Development projects are reviewed for consistency with the ALUCP, and are submittal for ALUC review as required.
Policy 9	Continue to encourage residents, business-owners and others in the community to sign up for the automated emergency Cathedral City Notification System to get critical information quickly in the event of severe weather alerts, unexpected road closures, missing person alerts, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.				Ongoing	Ongoing; In October 2024 the City launched the CodeRED community notification system, beginning with street sweeping alerts. Residents are also encouraged to sign up for Alert RivCo for emergency alerts.

Policy 10	The City shall review its emergency preparedness plans and ensure that it includes programs that address the need for social and emotional support following an emergency or major disaster.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Fire Department is currently updating the local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) and emergency operations plan (EOP), and may consider the incorporation of programs addressing social and emotional support.
Policy 11	The City shall coordinate with the Palm Springs School District, City Senior Center, Library and the Salvation Army, and other organizations that can serve as emergency shelters for displaced residents in the event of a major disaster.		Ongoing		Ongoing; During the summer of 2024, the Cathedral City Library served as the official Riverside County Community Action Partnership (CAP) cooling center. After Tropical Storm Hilary, the library also hosted the Local Assistance Center (LAC) run by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in partnership with Riverside County.
Policy 12	The City shall require all new development in areas within or adjacent to a very high fire hazard severity zone to use retardant landscaping, non-flammable roofing materials and other construction materials and techniques that reduce their fire hazard.				
Program 12.A	The City shall provide information on and encourage residents to plant and maintain drought-resistant, fire-retardant landscape species to reduce the risk of brush fire and soil erosion in areas adjacent to canyons; and to develop stringent site design and maintenance standards for areas with high fire hazard or soil erosion potential.	Responsible Parties Fire, Planning	Schedule 2020-22, Annually	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; Information on drought-resistant landscaping are available in the Community and Economic Development Department, and resources on fire-resistant plants are available on the Fire Department website. Through the forthcoming update to the Zoning Ordinance and Design Guidelines, the City may consider the establishment of landscape guidelines for areas subject to fire hazards or soil erosion.
Policy 13	Pursuant to Gov. Code 66474.02, prior to approval of subdivision maps in State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), the City shall condition the map to meet SRA Fire Safe Regulations and other fire hazard reduction regulations, particularly those regulations that ensure adequate and maintainable roadways for ingress, egress, and fire and other emergency equipment access.		Ongoing		Ongoing; New development proposals, including subdivision maps in SRAs of VHFHSZs, are subject to review by the Fire Department to ensure compliance with local and state fire safety regulations such as the SRA Fire Safe Regulations, as applicable.
Policy 14	The City shall make every effort to direct development away from State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), and minimize the extension of services and facilities that induce development in these areas.		No Action		
Policy 15	Every effort shall be made to avoid the location of essential public facilities outside State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) without comprehensive mitigation that precludes or minimizes the threat to these facilities.		Ongoing		Ongoing; VHFHSZs are limited to the southern portion of the City, most of which is developed. The location of essential public facilities will be considered during the development review process, and these facilities will either be located outside fire hazard areas or subject to adequate mitigation measures.
Policy 16	As resources are available, the Planning Department shall incrementally develop a database that identifies properties that are not in conformance with the City's building and fire codes in terms of roads standards and vegetative hazard, and make an ongoing effort to bring such properties or structures into conformance.		No Action		
Policy 17	New development and major rebuilding within a State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) shall be constructed according to current building standards and fire safe design in accordance with the California Building and Fire Codes, including but not limited to Gov. Code Section 51175-51189 and Public Resources Code 4290.		Ongoing		Ongoing; All new development and major rebuilding is subject to the California Building and Fire Codes, including projects within a SRA or VHFHSZ.
Policy 18	Approval of development proposed within a State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) shall require site-specific fire management plans that address fuel modification or incorporate open space and other defensible space areas, as well as multiple points of ingress and egress.		Ongoing		Ongoing; An approved site-specific fire management plan shall be required for new development proposed within a SRA or VHFHSZ.
Policy 19	Approval of development proposed or to be rebuilt in a State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) shall be contingent upon a City-approved roadside fuel reduction plan, and otherwise provide for the long-term maintenance of defensible space clearances around structures, subdivisions and other development, and include fire breaks in the VHFHSZ where appropriate.		Ongoing		Ongoing; An approved roadside fuel reduction plan shall be required for the approval of new development proposed within a SRA or VHFHSZ.
Policy 20	The City Fire Department shall periodically survey, monitor and plan to address conditions within the City's State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) zones to identify and plan for the evacuation of at-risk occupants or residents and meet their special needs.		No Action		
Policy 21	The City Fire Department Strategic Plan shall be periodically reviewed and updated as appropriate to ensure that its goals, standards and training programs and regimes are current with state requirements and the needs of the department and the community.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The Cathedral City Fire Department has a current Strategic Plan for 2023-2026. The Plan may be reviewed and updated as needed.

NOISE SUB-ELEMENT							
Goal 1	A community noise environment that complements the City's low density, resort residential character and its various land uses.						
Policy 1	Protect noise sensitive land uses, including residential neighborhoods, schools, hospitals and assisted living facilities, libraries, churches, resorts and community open space, from high noise levels generated along major transportation corridors.						
Program 1.A	Develop and maintain an inventory of existing and future noise sources and areas of incompatibility and establish procedures, methods and standards to reduce the noise levels in these areas to acceptable levels.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning; Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; A Noise and Vibration Impact Analysis was prepared as part of the EIR for the General Plan Update, including analysis of transportation, operational, and construction noise resulting from implementation of the Land Use Map. The Noise and Vibration Impact Analysis also established mitigation measures where necessary to noise to acceptable levels.
Program 1.B	Prior to development plan approvals for new noise-sensitive development projects, require submittal of noise impact and mitigation analyses to the Planning Department identifying practicable noise mitigation measures ensuring compliance with City standards.	Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development proposals for noise-sensitive uses that are subject to CEQA analysis shall be required to prepare noise impact analyses when noise might be a significant concern (e.g., when the sensitive use is proposed in proximity to sources of significant transportation or operational noise).
Program 1.C	Prior to development plan approvals for new residential and similar noise sensitive projects, require submittal of noise impact and mitigation analyses to the Planning Department that demonstrates that the interior noise levels in all habitable rooms will satisfy the 45 dBA CNEL interior noise level standard of the General Plan and Title 24, Part 2, of the California Building Code.	Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development proposals for residential and other noise-sensitive uses that are subject to CEQA analysis shall be required to prepare noise impact analyses when noise might be a significant concern (e.g., when the sensitive use is proposed in proximity to sources of significant transportation or operational noise). Demonstration of compliance with the 45 dBA CNEL interior noise level standard may also be required as a condition of approval.
Program 1.D	Prior to development plan approvals for new noise-sensitive development projects within 150 feet of UPRR railroad tracks, require submittal of a final vibration study, which identifies all practicable mitigation measures to satisfy the 72 VdB noise-sensitive and 75 VdB non-noise-sensitive vibration level standards, as defined by the FTA for frequent rail events.	Planning, Public Works	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Development projects proposing noise-sensitive uses within 150 feet of the UPRR railroad tracks shall require submittal of a final noise vibration study.
Program 1.E	Maintain, update and enforce the City's Noise Ordinance that establishes community-wide noise standards and identifies measures designed to resolve noise complaints.	Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to maintain and enforce the Noise Ordinance as set forth in Chapter 11.96 of the CCMC, both during the development review process and through code enforcement responses to noise complaints.
Program 1.F	Require major stationary noise-generating sources throughout the City to install additional noise buffering or reduction mechanisms on development sites and/or within facilities to reduce noise generation levels to the lowest extent practicable prior to the renewal of conditional use permits or business licenses or prior to the approval and/or issuance of new conditional use permits for said facilities.	Planning	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing		Ongoing; Noise impacts shall be considered during the issuance or renewal of conditional use permits for major sources of stationary noise, and mitigation measures shall be included in the conditions of approval as needed.
Program 1.G	Parking lots, loading zones, and large trash bins shall be located the greatest distance practicable from adjacent residential properties, and designed in a manner that reduces associated noise impacts to levels allowable by the City's Noise Ordinance.	Planning	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The location of parking lots, loading zones, and large trash bins in relation to sensitive uses shall be considered during the development review process. These noise sources shall be located as the greatest practicable from sensitive uses to ensure compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance.
Policy 2	The relationship between land use designations in the Land Use Element and changes in the circulation pattern of the City, as well as individual developments, shall be monitored and mitigated.						
Program 2.A	The City Zoning Ordinance and development review standards shall be used to limit land use patterns and project designs to those that are compatible with the existing and long-term noise environment.	Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status			Description
		Planning	Immediate; Continuous		Ongoing		Ongoing; The General Plan Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance both account for land use compatibility , including noise generation and sensitivity. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update will continue to consider noise compatibility.
Program 2.B	Develop guidelines and minimal criteria requirements for noise analyses for future development projects and in compliance with the General Plan Noise Study. Studies shall evaluate project impacts and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures.	Planning, Public Works	2020; Every five years		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to implement the requirements for the preparation of noise analyses for new developments as set forth in the mitigation measures in the Cathedral City General Plan update Noise and Vibration Impact Analysis.
Program 2.C	Periodically review and amend the Land Use map as appropriate to assure reasonable land use/noise level compatibility.	Planning	Annually	No Action			

Policy 3	Private sector project proposals shall include measures that assure that noise exposures levels comply with State of California noise insulation standards as defined in Title 25 (California Noise Insulation Standards).		Ongoing		Ongoing; Through the development review and plan check processes, the City ensures that new development proposals comply with the California Noise Insulation Standards.
Policy 4	Maintain a circulation map which ensures low levels of traffic within residential neighborhoods, and assigns truck routes to major roadways only.				
Program 4.A	Designate primary truck routes and ensure that they are clearly marked throughout the community and properly identified on mobile apps and other web-based platforms. Except for traffic providing location-specific services and deliveries, construction and delivery trucks shall be limited to those truck routes identified in the Circulation and Mobility Element.	Responsible Parties Planning, Public Works, Engineering	Schedule 2021	Implementation Status Ongoing	Description Ongoing; The City's truck routes are designated on the Truck Route Map, updated in August 2020, available in the Engineering section of the City's website. The designated truck routes are also available on the Staff GeoHub GIS map.
Program 4.B	Development projects which result in through-traffic in residential neighborhoods shall be discouraged through the development review process, and most viable alternative routes shall be identified and adhered to.	Planning, Public Works, Engineering	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing; The development review process includes consideration for traffic impacts, particularly for residential neighborhoods. To the greatest extent practicable, the City requires traffic to be directed to arterial roads.
Policy 5	Maintain an ongoing contact with the Palm Springs Airport to ensure that flight paths and airport improvements and operations do not impact or extend noise contours into the City.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City's representative on the Palm Springs International Airport Commission shall continue to ensure that flight paths and airport improvements and operations are generally consistent with those established in the ALUCP and analyzed in the City's General Plan EIR.
Policy 6	Coordinate with adjoining municipalities to ensure noise-compatible land uses across jurisdictional boundaries.	No Action			
Policy 7	The City shall restrict grading and construction activities that may impact residential neighborhoods to specified days of the week and times of day as set forth in the City Noise Ordinance.		Ongoing		Ongoing; The City continues to enforce the permitted hours for construction work as established in Section 11.96.070 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code.

Policy 8	The City shall evaluate and condition all development and other construction projects that have the potential to impact sensitive nearby land uses.					
		Responsible Parties	Schedule	Implementation Status		Description
Program 8.A	<p>Where applicable, prior to the issuance of building permits for new development or other construction projects, when sensitive receiver locations are within 100 feet of proposed construction activities the City shall require the submittal of construction noise impact analysis and management plans that demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior construction noise levels at the closest sensitive receiver locations will satisfy the FTA 80 dBA Leq residential and 85 dBA Leq commercial 8-hour construction noise level standards and the 0.01 in/sec RMS vibration standard for sensitive uses. The site-specific study shall identify the necessary noise and/or vibration mitigation measures, if any, required to reduce exterior noise and vibration levels to below FTA noise and City vibration thresholds; and • Measures to reduce construction noise and vibration levels, such as those provided below, shall be incorporated in the final noise management plan, if necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install temporary construction noise barriers at the development site boundary which break the line of sight for occupied sensitive uses for the duration of construction activities. The noise control barrier(s) must provide a solid face from top to bottom and shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provide a minimum transmission loss of 20 dBA and be constructed with an acoustical blanket (e.g. vinyl acoustic curtains or quilted blankets) attached to the construction site perimeter fence or equivalent temporary fence posts; o Properly maintained with any damage promptly repaired. Gaps, holes, or weaknesses in the barrier or openings between the barrier and the ground shall be promptly repaired. ▪ Install sound dampening mats or blankets to the engine compartments of heavy mobile equipment (e.g. graders, dozers, heavy trucks). The dampening materials must be capable of a 5 dBA minimum noise reduction, must be installed prior to the use of heavy mobile construction equipment, and must remain installed for the duration of the equipment use. ▪ Construction activities requiring loaded trucks, large bulldozers, and jackhammers within 50 feet of nearby sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, school, etc.) shall be minimized, or alternative equipment or methods shall be used, unless the vibration levels are shown to be less than the City threshold of 0.01 in/sec RMS. 	Planning, Public Works, Engineering	Immediate; Ongoing		Ongoing	Ongoing; As applicable and determined through the development review process, the City requires the submittal of construction noise impact analysis and/or the implementation of construction noise mitigation measures.



STAFF REPORT

CATHEDRAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024

CASE NO.: General Plan Annual Progress Report

APPLICANT: City of Cathedral City

LOCATION: City wide

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion of the General Plan Annual Progress Report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, Part 1.

STAFF PLANNER: Dominique Camps, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive Part 1 of the 2023 and 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report for information and discussion.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS:

Government Code Sections 65400 and 65700 require the City to prepare an annual progress report (APR) on the status and implementation of the General Plan for submittal to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Separate from this report, the City was also required to prepare an annual progress report on the Housing Element, which was presented to the City Council and submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on March 28, 2024. For reference, a copy of the narrative of the City Council agenda report for the annual Housing Element progress report is also attached.

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Plan, nor do they specify an appropriate number of elements. “Elements” are referred to as “topics that California law require to be covered in a General Plan” (Gov. Code Sec. 65302). Mandatory element discussion topics include Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, Environmental Justice, and Air Quality. These topics may be discussed separately or logically grouped within a common element. The General Plan stands at the apex of a pyramid of City regulatory documents. As such, zoning, subdivisions, public works, specific plans, and other regulatory documents must be consistent with the General Plan and its elements.

The 2040 Cathedral City General Plan was adopted by the City Council on July 28, 2021. The General Plan is comprised of thirteen elements, each of which provides a discussion of the topic and contains goals, policies, and programs. The programs provide implementation measures, including an implementation schedule and identification of the responsible departments, needed to carry out the policies and achieve the stated goals.

This APR provides an update on the implementation status of each of the General Plan policies and programs for calendar years 2023 and 2024. To make the reporting more digestible, the City’s General Plan APR is being presented to the Planning Commission in three parts:

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This report provides Part 1 of the APR for calendar years 2023 and 2024. The APR will be presented to the City Council for review and acceptance prior to submittal to OPR.

ANALYSIS

This report provides Part 1 of the General Plan APR to the Planning Commission for information and discussion. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a detailed list of the goals, policies and programs contained in the Land Use, Community Design, Circulation and Mobility, Housing, and Economic and Fiscal Health Elements. Attachment 1 also includes a checklist with the implementation status and a description for each policy and program. The full General Plan document can be accessed on the City website (<https://tinyurl.com/mryevh4v>).

For purpose of discussion, this report highlights key activities undertaken across City departments to implement these elements of the General Plan during 2023 and 2024.

Development Review: New development proposals are subject to a comprehensive review process. This review includes evaluation of the proposal for consistency with the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Design Guidelines, as well as other applicable regulatory documents such as specific plans, the Housing Element RHNA allocation, the Palm Springs Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (PSALUCP), and the Coachella Valley Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). Also considered during project review are existing

site conditions, as well as constraints and opportunities related to the project's context such as sensitive or hazardous environmental conditions, required infrastructure improvements, and neighborhood character. External agencies, such as Southern California Edison, SunLine Transit Agency, as well as the applicable local water agency, are consulted as needed. As the Planning Division transitions the review process to EnerGov, the Division is working to integrate consultation with external agencies as a consistent component of project review. Based on the findings made through this process, the Planning Division makes a preliminary determination about what level of environmental review will be required, if any. This process also informs staff's recommendations to the Architectural Review Committee and Planning Commission.

Goals, Policies and Programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

- Land Use Element
 - **General Land Use Program 2.A:** The City shall ensure that development plans are responsive to the wishes and aspirations of the neighborhood or district in which they are located, and shall require that land uses provide an appropriate interface with adjoining neighborhoods and districts.
 - **General Land Use Policy 5:** Land use planning and development proposals north of Interstate-10 shall take into consideration and address physical constraints, including geotechnical and flooding hazards, sensitive biological resources and MSHCP Conservation Areas, and limited infrastructure of the area. Development proposals shall conform to approved Specific Plans in this part of the City.
 - **General Land Use Policy 6:** Land use planning and development in the vicinity of the City's Mountains and hillsides shall be consistent with MSHCP Conservation Area lands, the City's Hillside Protection Program and inherent physical constraints, and shall be applied to City lands as well as those located in adjoining jurisdictions.
 - **General Land Use Policy 1:** All legislative land use proposals (i.e. General Plan amendments, zone changes, Specific Plans and amendments, and ordinance amendments) that are citywide or located within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) shall be reviewed by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). All non-legislative land use proposals within the AIA shall be reviewed by City staff as to consistency with the ALUCP, and considered by the City's approving body.
 - **Residential Land Use Policy 10:** All residential development shall be subject to review by the City Architectural Review Committee and/or the City Planning staff for compliance with City architectural standards and guidelines.
 - Circulation and Mobility Element
 - **Program 4.A:** City staff shall analyze development proposals to determine the potential of the project to adversely impact mid-block segments or intersections. Development impacts shall be identified, and fair-share mitigation shall be established and incorporated into the conditions of approval.
 - Housing Element
 - **Program 1.A.8:** Implement the formal ongoing (project-by-project) evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 to ensure sufficient residential capacity is maintained to accommodate the current cycles RHNA. Should an approval of development result in a reduction of capacity below the residential capacity needed to accommodate the remaining need for lower income households, the City must identify replacements sites to
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accommodate the shortfall and ensure “no net loss” in capacity to accommodate the RHNA.

- Community Design Element
 - **Program 2.D:** New residential development proposals shall be reviewed by City staff to assure compliance with applicable design standards and guidelines, and promote design features, such as entry statements, recreational facilities, neighborhood parks and schools, and landscaping along public rights-of-way.

Development Entitlements: Numerous initiatives are underway across departments to ensure that the City’s development entitlement process is facilitative and efficient, and to support the development review process described above. These initiatives include ongoing development services committee meetings, the launch of EnerGov and the Citizen Self Service Portal, as well as the forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update.

The development services committee (DSC) includes representatives of the Planning Division, Building and Safety Division, Engineering Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and the City Manager’s Office. Through this regular interdepartmental review of new development applications, the Planning Division is able to more effectively capture comprehensive feedback, including potential public safety, community design, circulation and public works concerns, and provide this feedback to project applicants earlier in the review process. To be more responsive to the development community, DSC meetings have increased from once a month to bi-monthly.

The buildout and launch of EnerGov and the Citizen Self Service (CSS) Portal have been an ongoing effort through the 2023-2024 reporting period. The launch of these services enables residents, business owners, and developers to apply for permits and licenses, submit plans for review, and request inspections online. On the back end, these services streamline the project review and plan check processes for staff. A consistent and facilitative development application process supports General Plan goals for community design as well as economic development.

Additionally, as described in greater detail below, the process of updating the City’s Zoning Ordinance is also underway. This overhaul of the code will further bolster efforts to modernize the development entitlement process.

Goals, Policies and Programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

- Land Use Element
 - **General Land Use Policy 9:** The consideration of major development proposals shall include and assessment of their economic vitality, and community fiscal costs and benefits associated with such proposals.
 - **Industrial Land Use Program 8.B:** Industrial and business park development proposals shall be reviewed with a special consideration for their potential to generate public health or safety issues. The issues shall be taken into consideration when assessing the appropriateness of proposed development and surrounding existing and planned land uses.
 - **Public Safety Services and Facilities Land Use Policy 1:** Ensure the planning, development and provision of public facilities and services through City programs and requirements placed on development, which results in adequate levels of service and staffing requirements, while continuing to be compatible with surrounding uses.
 - **Public Services and Facilities Land Use Program 3.A:** Establish and/or
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maintain protocol and procedures to regularly consult, coordinate and cooperate with providers responsible for public utilities, police, fire, health, and other service, protection and care services in the community.

- Community Design Element
 - **Program 2.B:** To ensure that development proposals are initiated consistent with the City's community design principles and values, the City shall maintain comprehensive development application packages that provide detailed information on and direct applicants to City design guideline documents, ordinances and other requirements, standards and guidelines.
 - **Program 1.C:** The City shall review proposed and existing commercial development for opportunities to enhance pedestrian and other multi-modal circulation, safe and convenient ingress and egress, screening of outdoor storage/loading and other unsightly areas, lighting, signage, and the planting of mature landscaping.
- Circulation and Mobility Element:
 - **Policy 4:** Given the programmatic nature of the General Plan traffic analysis, development proposals which may generate traffic volumes or other impacts beyond the scope of the General Plan analysis should be required to conduct project-specific traffic studies to assure that project impacts are adequately mitigated.
 - **Program 6.A:** The City shall apply to all development plans the adopted roadway classifications, and implement the Active Transportation Plan to maximize walking, bicycling, and use of LSEVs, and assure safe and efficient connections to City-wide and regional multi-modal facilities.
- Economic and Fiscal Health Element
 - **Program 2.B:** Continue to streamline and expedite the development review process without compromising development quality through concurrent application processing and efficient design review.

Zoning Ordinance Update: In the spring of 2024, the Planning Division began the process to comprehensively update the zoning code. This effort has included consultation with City staff, committee and commission members, as well as City Council members, about challenges with the existing code and priorities for the code update. This input has been incorporated into an RFP and Scope of Work. Staff will work with the consultant to ensure that the zoning code update supports the implementation of General Plan goals, policies, and programs. For example, programs in the Land Use Element and Economic and Fiscal Health Element address mechanisms to ensure that development plans are responsive to neighborhood character, support an efficient mix of uses, and adapt to changing industries.

Goals, Policies and Programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

- Land Use Element
 - **General Land Use Program 2.A:** The City shall ensure that development plans are responsive to the wishes and aspirations of the neighborhood or district in which they are located, and shall require that land uses provide an appropriate interface with adjoining neighborhoods and districts.
 - **General Land Use Programs 8.A:** The City shall periodically review and maintain the consistency of the Zoning Ordinance/Development Code and the General Plan, and shall amend or revise the ordinance/code to ensure compatibility and consistency, and to optimize the function of the ordinance/code as the primary implementing tool of the General Plan.
 - **Commercial Land Use Program 1.A:** The City shall encourage the development of integrated neighborhoods that include residential and
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neighborhood-serving commercial in a convenient and compatible manner, consistent with appropriate development standards set forth in the City Zoning/Development Code.

- Community Design Element
 - **Policy 1:** The City recognizes the importance of quality planning and design and shall develop and update standards and guidelines that address all areas of community design.
 - **Policy 2:** Community design, architecture, and landscaping standards and guidelines shall be compatible with and enhance the City's desert setting and natural scenic resources.
 - **Policy 1:** To the greatest extent practicable, promote residential development that provides a variety of housing types and affordability within a single neighborhood, instead of separating people by income level, age or family situation.
- Housing Element:
 - **Policy 2.E:** The City shall remove government constraints to develop affordable housing by regularly reviewing the Zoning Code and updating as necessary.
- Economic and Fiscal Health Element:
 - **Program 6.A:** Assure that appropriate development standards, applications, and review processes are in place to address the needs of new industries.

Housing: As discussed in the 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report, entitlements were approved for 276 residential units in 2023. Fifteen (15) of these approved units are deed restricted moderate-income units, which were approved as part of the 11% density bonus for the Desert Bloom Villas development (PUD 22-001 and TTM 38269). Building permits were issued for 133 residential units in 2023, including 28 permits issued for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Reporting on housing production in 2024 will be provided in the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report, which shall be submitted to HCD by April 1, 2025.

The Housing Element contains programs designed to promote housing production in Cathedral City. Some of these have been completed in 2023-2024, including the adoption of two major zoning ordinance amendments that respond to changes in state housing law: Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) No. 23-001 ("ADU Ordinance") and No. 23-002 ("Two-Unit Residential Developments and Urban Lot Splits").

The Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance provides updated development standards for ADUs, including changes to location, lot coverage, access, and parking requirements, with the goal of facilitating the construction of ADUs. In further support of this effort, the City also launched the Pre-Approved ADU Program in August 2024, providing ADU building plans to residents, available for use at no cost other than permitting fees. Consistent with Senate Bill 9, ZOA No. 23-002 allows two primary residential units on properties within single-family zones, as well as the ministerial review of parcel maps to subdivide one into two lots within single-family zones. These changes to the zoning ordinance encourage efficient development patterns and facilitate the development of housing in a range of sizes, configurations, and affordability levels.

However, there remains significant progress to be made in the implementation of programs to promote housing production. In the next twelve months, the Planning and Economic Development Divisions plan to collaborate on establishing incentives for affordable housing, such as fee waivers and expedited processing. The forthcoming Zoning Ordinance update

will also explore flexible development standards to facilitate the production of varied housing configurations and the efficient use of lands with potential development constraints. The City also needs to make progress on programs supporting the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock. For example, establishment of a Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide access to low interest loans for low-income families to mitigate displacement risks. Finally, as emphasized throughout the Housing Element, the need for continued partnerships with outside organizations, such as CVAG and local non-profits, is ongoing. The City will continue to advance these initiatives, both over the course of General Plan implementation and during the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period.

Goals, Policies and Programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

- Land Use Element
 - **General Land Use Policy 4:** In-fill development and lot consolidation shall be encouraged as a means of enhancing existing development and as a means of optimizing the use of existing roadways and utility infrastructure.
 - **General Land Use Program 4.A:** Where appropriate, the City shall identify areas where in-fill development and lot consolidation are best suited for efficient and timely development. The City shall consider such incentives as density/use intensity bonuses, City participation and other approaches that encourage in-fill and lot consolidation and development. An ongoing program shall be developed, implemented and regularly monitored and reported upon.
 - **Residential Land Use Policy 2:** In-fill development shall be encouraged on partially built-out subdivided lands, where major investments in streets and infrastructure have already been made, while maintaining and enhancing the integrity of the neighborhood.
- Housing Element
 - **Program 1.A.9:** Develop and establish incentives for subdividing large lots (10 acres or greater) or creating new parcels to make the development of affordable housing projects more feasible (lot sizes of 0.5 to 10 acres) while encouraging a range of development sizes. Affordable housing projects will be allowed by-right, and the City will establish fee waivers, flexible development standards, and expedited processing in its incentive program.
 - **Policy 1.D:** Encourage the development of appropriate unit sizes in affordable multi-family rental projects and second units on single family lots.

Circulation and Mobility: Aside from implementation of Circulation and Mobility policies and program through the development review process, several public improvement projects throughout the city have been in progress or completed during the 2023-2024 reporting period which implement the City's Active Transportation Plan and support the implementation of General Plan programs.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was adopted with the 2040 General Plan Update in July 2021. Multiple public works projects have been underway or completed during the 2023-2024 reporting period to implement the ATP. Notable projects include the construction of bike lanes on Date Palm Drive from Dinah Shore Drive to Ramon Road, bike lanes and a multi-use trail on Cathedral Canyon Drive from Ramon Road to the bridge, as well as bike lanes on East Palm Canyon from Cathedral Canyon Drive to the western City limits. These active transportation projects, in conjunction with intersection and road safety improvement projects funded by HSIP, will result in a circulation system that is safe and efficient multiple modes of transportation.

Other noteworthy infrastructure projects include the following:

- North of I-10, projects to widen and improve Date Palm Drive and Varner Road are currently in the design phase.
- In partnership with the City of Palm Springs, projects to widen the Ramon Road Bridge and to construct a Vista Chino Bridge are currently in the planning and design phase.
- Projects to repair Date Palm Drive from Dinah Shore to Ramon Road, and to widen Date Palm Drive from E Palm Canyon to the Whitewater River, are currently under construction.

Goals, Policies and Programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

- Community Design Element:
 - **Policy 1:** As many services and activity areas as possible, including commercial, professional and health services, should be located with convenience multi-modal access, including within easy walking or biking distance of transit stops.
 - **Program 1.B:** The City shall implement its Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets principles in a manner that encourages pedestrian and bicycle use and shall be spatially defined by buildings, trees and lighting, and discourages high speed traffic.
- Circulation and Mobility Element:
 - **Policy 1:** The City circulation and mobility network shall be planned and developed to assure the provision of safe and efficient vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle and LSEV access to all parts of the community, effectively linking residents and visitors to the full range of residential, employment, shopping, and recreational land uses.
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- Economic and Fiscal Health Element:
 - **Policy 2:** The City shall support completion of all segments of CV Link, particularly those within its boundaries.
 - **Program 1.B:** Continue to enhance the walkability and identity of Perez Road between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive, and promote it as a vibrant and cohesive community arts district.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: General Plan APR Checklist – Section 1 (Development)

Attachment 2: Housing Element Annual Progress Report 2023 (narrative only)



STAFF REPORT

CATHEDRAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2024

CASE NO.: General Plan Annual Progress Report - Part 2

APPLICANT: City of Cathedral City

LOCATION: City wide

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion of the General Plan Annual Progress Report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, Part 2.

**STAFF
PLANNER:** Dominique Camps, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDATION:

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ANALYSIS

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For purpose of discussion, this report highlights four key areas of activity undertaken across City departments to implement these elements of the General Plan during 2023 and 2024.

Park Improvements:

The City continues to improve and expand public parks, including through the use of grant funding to support the park design and construction. For example, the City received funding from the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant for the design and construction of the Esperanza Park in the Dream Homes community. The City has also submitted an application for the State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant to reimburse costs associated with the future construction of the Downtown Dog Park. Consistent with the City's Environmental Justice goals, the

locations for these future parks were selected with consideration for improving access to park and recreation lands in under-served areas in proximity to neighborhoods and community facilities.

The City also continues to work on improvements to existing parks facilities. Such efforts include enhancements to the accessibility of public parks for wheelchair accessibility as well as for the elderly and disabled, in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City's 2023/2024 Parks Improvement Program included ADA improvement projects such as the addition of a concrete paths of travel, crosswalks, and ramps in Century Park, Dennis Keat Soccer Park, and Panorama Park. Improvements to the City's parks also include public art projects, as spearheaded by the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission. For example, the Ocotillo Bench project will install twenty-three benches in Ocotillo Park painted by local artists.

Efforts are also underway to provide residents of Cathedral City with improved access to the region's rich network of hiking trails and natural open space. The Hiking Trails Subcommittee of the City's Parks and Community Events Commission (PACE) is currently exploring the potential for two new trailheads within the City limits. These trailheads, potentially located behind Canyon Plaza off East Palm Canyon Drive and from the wash on the west side of the Cathedral City Cove, are still in preliminary stages of securing easements and environmental approval.

As the City grows, land for parks and recreation is also considered as part of new residential developments. Applications for residential Planned Unit Developments are subject to specific standards for the provision active recreational amenities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses, children's playgrounds, or picnic areas. In accordance with the Quimby Act, new residential Tentative Tract Map applications are required to dedicate park land and/or pay fees in-lieu equivalent to three net acres of useable parkland for each one thousand persons residing within the proposed subdivision. These development standards are intended to ensure that the availability of parks, recreation facilities, and open space meets demand resulting from new developments.

In July 2024, the City Council placed Measure W, the Cathedral City Services Measure, on the ballot for the November 2024 election. If approved, the local half-cent sales tax measure would provide funding for the City to contract with the Desert Recreation District (DRD) and to allow for the development of a community center. The preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update is on hold while the City explores the potential to join the Desert Recreation District.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Parks and Recreation Element

- **Program 1.E:** Concurrent with the update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, evaluate the distribution of existing and planned park and recreation lands, and the distribution of under-served or otherwise disadvantaged neighborhoods, and ensure that the need of all sectors of the community are well served.
 - **Program 2.D:** Enhance accessibility throughout the planning of park areas and facilities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and include increased wheelchair accessibility and other requirements needed for the elderly and
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disabled.

- **Program 3.C:** Encourage or require the provision of recreation space in private development.

Arts and Culture Element

- **Program 2.C:** Where feasible, incorporate public art into public spaces.

Environmental Justice Element

- **Program 1.B:** Pursue support from federal, state, and private funding sources to assist with acquisition, design, and construction of parks and recreation facilities.

Healthy and Sustainable Element

- **Program 2.B:** To the greatest extent practicable, require the planning and development of parks, trails, and open space resources as part of community development projects.

Public Services and Facilities Element

- **Program 6.B:** Continue to investigate the feasibility of constructing a new community center, including potential sites, constraints, and funding opportunities.

Active Transportation:

As discussed in Part 1 of the General Plan Annual Progress Report, numerous active transportation projects are ongoing throughout the City. Ongoing and recently completed ATP projects include the construction of bicycles lanes on Cathedral Canyon Drive (under construction) and East Palm Canyon Drive (complete). Construction of the CV Link segment along the Whitewater River Channel between Cathedral Canyon Drive and the City of Palm Springs is also ongoing. The expansion of active transportation infrastructure supports the City's Environmental Justice and Healthy Community goals of improving the health, safety, and mental well-being of residents by creating convenient and safe opportunities for physical activity.

Furthermore, these projects will continue to increase multi-modal access to the downtown area and its arts and cultural venues, as well as providing new connections between residential neighborhoods and parks and open space. The City has also been awarded SB 821 grant funding to build a Class IV Protected Bike Lane on Perez Road, from Cathedral Canyon Drive to Date Palm Drive. This bike lane, which is currently in the design phase, will support the City's goal of strengthening the identity of the Perez Road corridor between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive as a vibrant, cohesive art district. The City also continues to implement physical improvements to make bicycle and pedestrian travel to parks and recreational facilities safer. Recent projects include the installation of a crosswalk at Avenida Maravilla and Jarana Road for Panorama Park (complete) and construction of a CV Link connection to Esperanza Park (under construction).

In conjunction with land use and housing policies to support infill and efficient development patterns, the ongoing improvement and expansion of the City's active transportation infrastructure will contribute to reductions in vehicular trips. This will, in turn, support Environmental Justice goals related to promoting public and environmental health through improved air quality.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Parks and Recreation Element

- **Program 2.A:** Improve and expand pedestrian and bicycle access and connections
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to regional parks and open space by implementing the City ATP, including the striping and/or construction of new and improved sidewalks and multi-class bikeways.

- **Program 2.B:** Implement the General Plan Circulation and Mobility Element, the ATP and other components of the City's transportation plan that address safe pedestrian, bicycle and ADA access to transit connections and facilities, especially those located between residential neighborhoods and parks and open space.
- **Program 4.B:** Identify and program physical improvements, such as crosswalks, sidewalk improvements, signs, and traffic signalization, that would make bicycle and pedestrian travel safer to parks and recreational facilities.
- **Program 4.C:** Provide children with safe and appealing opportunities for walking and bicycling to school in order to decrease rush hour traffic and fossil fuel consumption, encourage exercise and healthy living habits, and reduce the risk of injury.
- **Program 4.D:** Collaborate with CVAG, Coachella Valley jurisdictions, and other relevant agencies to support the completion of all planned CV Link segments and expansion of community connector links, particularly those in Cathedral City and neighboring communities.

Arts and Culture Element

- **Program 2.D:** Strengthen the identity of the Perez Road corridor between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive as a vibrant, cohesive art district. Potential improvements may include enhanced signage, street furniture, pedestrian walkways, street lights, and/or landscaping treatments.
- **Program 2.F:** Continue to develop multi-modal circulation plans that maximize access to the downtown area and its arts and cultural venues, including the Festival Lawn and new amphitheater.

Environmental Justice Element

- **Program 1.A:** To the greatest extent practicable, require that development be located and designed to reduce vehicular trips (and associated air pollution) by utilizing compact development patterns while maintaining community character.

Healthy and Sustainable Communities Element

- **Program 1.A:** Support the completion of CV Link and other multimodal transportation facilities, including bike lanes, complete sidewalk networks and NEV paths.
- **Program 2.E:** Encourage pedestrian-scale activity and social interaction in the downtown and other public gathering areas through the use of carefully designed open spaces areas with public art, shade features, fountains, landscape elements, and street furniture.
- **Program 1.A:** Identify traffic safety issues associated with the City's Complete Streets program and implement, as needed, roadway and multimodal path design improvements, such as reduced speeds, enhanced roadway markings and signage, separated facilities and traffic calming mechanisms.

Events and Activities Programming:

The City continues to offer rich and diverse events and activities programming, both at City facilities and in partnership with external organizations. Programming in 2023-2024 included Spring Fest, Summer Swimming Program at Cathedral City High School, Mary Pickford Free Movies for Kids, the Butterfly Festival, Cathedral City LGBT Days, and Yoga at the Amphitheater. Consistent with the goals of the Healthy and Sustainable Community Element, these programs support social and civic connections, as well as community health and well-being.

This offering of community programs and events is supported by continued partnerships between the City and historical societies, artists, cultural and civic groups, the Agua Caliente Tribe, schools, and private enterprises. For example, the Taste of Jalisco festival in partnership with Agua Caliente Casino, the Desert Art Tour held during Modernism Week, and the Butterfly Festival held in partnership with SCRAP Gallery and the Riverside County Library System.

Events such as the “Celebrating Agnes Pelton: A Journey to the Desert Art Center’s 75th Anniversary” open house, as well as performances by the Cathedral City High School Jazz Band and Choir at the Tastes and Sounds of Cathedral City event series, highlight local artists, past and present. Additionally, the Public Arts Commission administers Community Arts Grant to fund art education, performances, and other cultural events.

Through events such as the International Hot Air Balloon Festival, Modernism Week, and the Palm Springs International Film Festival, the City continues working to increase participation in regional partnerships and alliances that promote and market Cathedral City and Coachella Valley cultural tourism to broader audiences.

The City’s events programming also supports improved public awareness and access to health and wellness programs, including those for vulnerable populations. For example, the City continues to support events held at the Cathedral City Senior Center, such as a vaccine clinic for shingles and pneumonia, a Covid-19 vaccination clinic, the "PD in Motion" event for people with Parkinson's Disease, and the Fall Prevention Symposium.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through these activities:

Arts and Culture Element

- **Program 1.A:** Pursue and maintain public-private partnerships with artists, historical societies, cultural and civic groups, the Agua Caliente Tribe, schools, and private enterprises to offer community programs and events that appeal to all segments of the population.
- **Program 1.C:** Continue to encourage and sponsor arts and cultural awareness and education programs at local schools, colleges and universities, as well as community centers, and private facilities.
- **Program 1.D:** Increase participation in regional partnerships and alliances that promote and market Cathedral City and Coachella Valley cultural tourism to broader audiences, including western Riverside County and southern California.

Environmental Justice Element

- **Program 1.A:** Maintain a joint use agreement with Palm Springs unified School District and look for additional opportunities to partner in expanding resident access to shared facilities.

Healthy and Sustainable Communities Element

- **Program 3.A:** Work with health care professionals and community and advocacy groups to expand opportunities for health services that reduce the need for driving, such as mobile health care and dental clinics, one-stop health care centers, and improved transit access to health clinics and hospitals.
 - **Program 3.C:** Work with health care providers, community groups, and educational speakers to increase public awareness about available health facilities and wellness
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programs, good nutrition, health lifestyles, preventative care, and health screenings. Particular focus should increase outreach to the most vulnerable populations.

Public outreach and communication:

The City's efforts in communications and public outreach are integral to promoting community events, supporting the downtown/civic center area, and ensuring that public participation is accessible to all residents.

The Communications/Events Department is currently working on a proposal to update the wayfinding signage in the City with the aim of increasing awareness of key destinations such as the Perez Arts District and Agua Caliente Casino. Updating wayfinding signage, in conjunction with the active transportation improvements described above, will help to promote the downtown/civic center area as the City's primary arts and entertainment district and extend and connect to the Perez Road arts district.

The City also continues to explore marketing approaches that showcase community arts programs, events, and resources as a means for expanding tourism. For example, the City's public arts website (cathedralcitypublicarts.org) promotes the Perez Arts District art galleries that participate in the District's Forth Fridays series. The Discover Cathedral City website also promotes arts events and programs, such as the "RESURGENCE" art show at the Desert Art Woman Gallery and the Summer Cabaret Series at CV Rep Theater.

Initiatives are also underway to facilitate public participation, particularly with disadvantaged communities. After training staff across departments, the City is now a Certified Autism Center. In the fall of 2024, the Fire Department is providing CERT and emergency preparedness training in both English and Spanish. The City is also in process of developing a communications strategy related to diversifying methods of outreach and prioritizing where residents get their news and information.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Arts and Culture Element

- **Program 1.B:** Promote programs and events through a range of media, including the City website, newsletters, news outlets, community outreach, and marketing endeavors.
- **Program 1.E:** Explore marketing approaches that showcase community arts programs, events, and resources as a means for expanding tourism.
- **Program 2.A:** Continue to promote the downtown/civic center area as the City's primary arts and entertainment district and extend and connect to the Perez Road arts district.
- **Program 2.D:** Strengthen the identity of the Perez Road corridor between Cathedral Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive as a vibrant, cohesive art district. Potential improvements may include enhanced signage, street furniture, pedestrian walkways, street lights, and/or landscaping treatments.
- **Program 2.E:** Consider the installation of signage, monuments, and/or other design features at key intersections and roadway corridors to increase awareness and recognition of Cathedral City as an arts and culture community.

Environmental Justice Element

- **Program 1.D:** Provide staff and City officials training on the principles and methods of comprehensive public participation with an emphasis on empowering disadvantaged populations.

Healthy and Sustainable Communities Element:

- **Program 3.C:** Work with health care providers, community groups, and educational speakers to increase public awareness about available health facilities and wellness programs, good nutrition, healthy lifestyles, preventive care, and health screenings. Particular focus should include outreach to the most vulnerable populations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: General Plan APR Checklist - Part 2 (Community)



STAFF REPORT

CATHEDRAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2025

CASE NO.: General Plan Annual Progress Report - Part 3

APPLICANT: City of Cathedral City

LOCATION: City-wide

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion of the General Plan Annual Progress Report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, Part 3.

**STAFF
PLANNER:** Dominique Camps, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive Part 3 of the 2023 and 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report for information and discussion.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS:

Government Code Sections 65400 and 65700 require the City to prepare an annual progress report (APR) on the status and implementation of the General Plan for submittal to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

The General Plan is the City's comprehensive, long-term plan to guide development of the community and preserve its resources. While it has a long-term perspective, it is not a static document. Rather, it is dynamic, evolving and multi-faceted, continuously defining and addressing the changing needs of the community. It is also based on an ongoing assessment and understanding of existing and projected community needs and conditions.

State General Plan Guidelines do not mandate a specific structure or format for the General Plan, nor do they specify an appropriate number of elements. "Elements" are referred to as "topics that California law require to be covered in a General Plan" (Gov. Code Sec. 65302). Mandatory element discussion topics include Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, Environmental Justice, and Air Quality. These topics may be discussed separately or logically grouped within a common element. The General Plan stands at the apex of a pyramid of City regulatory documents. As such, zoning, subdivisions,

public works, specific plans, and other regulatory documents must be consistent with the General Plan and its elements.

The 2040 Cathedral City General Plan was adopted by the City Council on July 28, 2021. The General Plan is comprised of thirteen elements, each of which provides a discussion of the topic and contains goals, policies, and programs. The programs provide implementation measures, including an implementation schedule and identification of the responsible departments, needed to carry out the policies and achieve the stated goals.

This APR provides an update on the implementation status of each of the General Plan policies and programs for calendar years 2023 and 2024. To make the reporting more digestible, the City's General Plan APR is being presented to the Planning Commission in three parts:

- Part 1: "Development" (Ch. 4 – Land Use Element; Ch. 5 – Circulation and Mobility Element; Ch. 6 – Housing Element; Ch. 8 – Community Design Element; Ch. 10 – Economic & Fiscal Health Element)
- Part 2: "Community Services and Facilities" (Ch. 7 – Parks and Recreation Element; Ch. 9 – Arts & Culture Element; Ch. 11 – Environmental Justice Element; Ch. 12 – Healthy & Sustainable Community Element; Ch. 16 – Public Services & Facilities Element)
- Part 3: "Environment" (Ch. 13 – Open Space & Conservation Element; Ch. 14 – Air Quality & Climate Stability Element; Ch. 15 – Safety Element)

This report provides Part 3 of the APR for calendar years 2023 and 2024. The APR will be presented to the City Council for review and acceptance prior to submittal to OPR.

ANALYSIS

This report provides Part 3 of the General Plan APR to the Planning Commission for information and discussion. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a detailed list of the goals, policies and programs contained in the Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Stability, and Safety Elements. Attachment 1 also includes a checklist with the implementation status and a description for each policy and program. The full General Plan document can be accessed on the City website (<https://tinyurl.com/mryevh4v>).

For purpose of discussion, this report highlights four key areas of activity undertaken across City departments to implement these elements of the General Plan during 2023 and 2024.

Preliminary Review

New development proposals are subject to a comprehensive review process, including review for consistency with the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable regulatory documents. In addition to ensuring consistency with land use requirements, the City's interdepartmental development review process supports implementation of the Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Stability, and Safety Elements.

When reviewing a development proposal, staff review the existing site conditions and context to evaluate whether a site is suitable for the proposed use. The Planning Division now requests that proposals for new development apply for a Preliminary Review before making a formal application. The Preliminary Review application allows staff in the Planning, Building, Engineering, Fire, and Police Departments to provide high level feedback early in the review process.

During the Preliminary Review process, staff will consider whether the proposed use or site

configuration could conflict with surrounding uses. For example, sources of significant noise or air pollution are generally not suitable in proximity to residential areas. Similarly, to the greatest extent possible, critical facilities such as hospitals should be located outside of flood plains, very high fire hazard severity zones, and geological hazard areas.

The Preliminary Review process also allows staff the opportunity to advise applicants about additional requirements that may apply to their project. For example, sites located in the northern- or southern-most portions of the City may be subject to hillside preserve regulations or the land use adjacency requirements of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). Staff may also provide site design recommendations during this stage, such as building orientations to improve energy efficiency or fire access requirements.

As the outcome of a Preliminary Review, staff will provide the applicant with a recommended course of action for the project. The applicant will be advised on what planning permits and approvals will be required, such as a CUP for uses that may generate traffic and noise impacts, potential odors and light pollution, vibration, or other negative externalities. Staff will also advise on what level of environmental review will be required, or whether the project will be exempt. Overall, the Preliminary Review application allows staff to ensure that, at a high level, proposed projects are consistent with the City's goals, policies and programs, including those pertaining to open space and conservation, air quality, and safety.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Open Space and Conservation Element

- **Program 3.A:** Maintain and enforce a Hillside Preservation Regulations, which establish appropriate design standards that preserve the natural scenic value of hillsides.
- **Program 11.A:** The development and design review process shall assess the adequacy of proposed design features and landscaping materials.
- **Biological Resources Program 1.B:** The City shall continue to implement and abide by the provisions of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, including collection of development impact fees and implementation of land use adjacency guidelines for development within or adjacent to MSHCP-designated Conservation Areas.
- **Biological Resources Program 1.D:** When considering development proposals near the Willow Hole CA and the Willow Hole-Edom Hill Preserve, the City will require developers to consider the impacts of their project on wind-blown sand transport, and encourage creative design techniques, such as units clustering and open space areas, in project design that sustain these ecological processes.
- **Water Resources Policy 11:** Require new development to minimize the use of directly connected impervious surfaces and to retain stormwater run-off caused from the development footprint at or near the site of generation.
- **Energy and Mineral Resources Program 2.A:** Amendments to the land use map and Land Use Element shall consider the provision of convenient neighborhood shopping, medical and other professional services appropriately located to minimize travel and facilitate the use of alternative means of transportation.

Air Quality and Climate Stability Element

- **Program 3.B:** Buffer zones between sensitive receptors and potential air pollutant emitters shall be incorporated into new and proposed residential developments and other developments, to the greatest extent feasible.
 - **Program 5.B:** Site plans shall incorporate energy-efficient design elements, including
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appropriate site orientation, possibility for incorporation of active and/or passive solar design, and the use of shade and windbreak trees, to reduce fuel consumption for heating and cooling.

Safety Element

- **General Safety Policy 2:** The City shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable the siting of critical public facilities, including hospital and healthcare facilities, emergency shelters, police and fire stations, and emergency communications, facilities outside 100-year flood plains.
- **Flooding and Hydrology Program 6.A:** Stormwater retention for the 100-year storm shall be enforced through the development review process and routine site inspection.
- **Geotechnical Policy 7:** To the extent feasible, regulate the location of new structures, including utilities, schools, hospitals, healthcare and eldercare facilities, police and fire stations, and emergency communication facilities, in and near areas that would directly be affected by seismic or geologic hazards.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials Program 1.C:** A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) shall be required for all new development that generates, transports, or stores hazardous materials and shall be so reflected in the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials Program 8.A:** The development review process shall be used to assure that all new development connects to the sewage collection systems of the Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency where that service is available.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program 6.A:** In order to assure the maximum possible protection from environmental and manmade hazards, including earthquakes and flooding, the City shall consider vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters and emergencies when reviewing proposals for critical and essential facilities, as well as sensitive land uses.
- **Noise Program 1.F:** Require major stationary noise-generating sources throughout the City to install additional noise buffering or reduction mechanisms on development sites and/or within facilities to reduce noise generation levels to the lowest extent practicable prior to the renewal of conditional use permits or business licenses or prior to the approval and/or issuance of new conditional use permits for said facilities.
- **Noise Program 1.G:** Parking lots, loading zones, and large trash bins shall be located the greatest distance practicable from adjacent residential properties, and designed in a manner that reduces associated noise impacts to levels allowable by the City's Noise Ordinance.
- **Noise Program 4.B:** Development projects which result in through-traffic in residential neighborhoods shall be discouraged through the development review process, and most viable alternative routes shall be identified and adhered to.

Environmental review

When the planning staff review new development proposals, staff assess what level of environmental review might be needed for the project. This assessment is based on the preliminary review application or project submittal, as well as using the Environmental Information Form that is provided to applicants through the Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal during the application process. Based on the scope of the development, the proposed location and use, and whether there are previous approvals for the project, a preliminary determination is made about whether an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report will be required, whether the project is eligible for a ministerial or categorical exemption, or whether the project is consistent with the previous environmental review.

New development proposals are also distributed for review by the Development Services Committee, including the planning, building, engineering, fire, and police departments. A

component of this interdepartmental review is to determine whether project-specific studies may be required, such as site-specific biological and cultural resource surveys, site-specific geotechnical investigations, the preparation of a Water Quality Management Plan, project-specific air quality analysis, traffic studies, or noise and vibration impact analysis.

For example, a project-specific traffic study and noise analysis may be required when a change of zone or general plan amendment is being proposed. If a proposed development will diverge from the conditions analyzed in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), then new review may be required. Additional review may also be required when uses with potential negative impacts, such as traffic and noise, odors, light pollution, or vibration, are proposed in proximity to sensitive uses such as residences or schools. Technical studies, such as project-specific noise or traffic studies, provide the opportunity for staff to evaluate the severity of these potential impacts and impose mitigation measures if required.

Site-specific analysis may also be required when projects are proposed in areas with known environmental sensitivities such as sites with known cultural significance for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, or with critical habitat for species protected by the federal or state endangered species acts. Site-specific analysis may also be required for properties located in hazard zones, such as in Alquist-Priolo fault zones or in areas prone to subsidence or liquefaction. In addition to mitigation measures and monitoring programs, the results of these technical studies may require consultation with state and federal agencies.

Ultimately, the environmental review process ensures that new developments in Cathedral City are consistent with local, state, and federal requirements, including to protect biological and cultural resources, to reduce air pollution, and to protect residents from environmental hazards.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Open Space and Conservation Element

- **Biological Resources Program 1.C:** City staff will continue to request biological resource surveys for new development in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements.
- **Biological Resources Program 1.F:** The City shall continue to implement and abide by the provisions of the US Fish & Wildlife Service Casey's June Beetle management plan, requiring surveys and mitigation where appropriate, and implementing land use adjacency guidelines of the CVMSHCP, where appropriate.
- **Cultural Resources Program 1.B:** City staff shall require, early in the project review process, the preparation of focused cultural resource surveys in areas of known sensitivity.
- **Water Resources Policy 10:** Require new development to protect the quality of water bodies and natural drainage systems through site design, source controls, storm water treatment, runoff reduction measures, and best management practices (BMPs).

Air Quality and Climate Stability Element

- **Program 4.A:** The City shall conduct an Initial Study and, where appropriate, require a detailed air quality analysis for all proposals that have the potential to adversely affect local or regional air quality.
 - **Program 4.B:** Projects that may generate significant levels of air pollution shall be required to conduct detailed impact analyses and incorporate mitigation measures into their designs using the most advanced technological methods practicable. All proposed mitigation measures shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the issuance of grading or demolition permits.
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- **Program 10.B:** Projects that require CEQA analysis shall be required to conduct detailed impact analyses and incorporate mitigation measures into their designs using the City's current Climate Action Plan prescribed reduction measures for achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. All proposed mitigation measures shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the issuance of grading or demolition permits.

Safety Element

- **Geotechnical Policy 9:** Where development is proposed in areas identified as being subject to geotechnical hazards (including, but not limited to slope instability, soil collapse, liquefaction and seismically induced settlement), the City shall require the preparation of site-specific geotechnical investigations by the applicant prior to completion of CEQA studies and development approval. All such studies shall include mitigation measures that reduce associated hazards to insignificant levels.
- **Noise Program 1.C:** Prior to development plan approvals for new residential and similar noise sensitive projects, require submittal of noise impact and mitigation analyses to the Planning Department that demonstrates that the interior noise levels in all habitable rooms will satisfy the 45 dBA CNEL interior noise level standard of the General Plan and Title 24, Part 2, of the California Building Code.
- **Noise Program 1.D:** Prior to development plan approvals for new noise-sensitive development projects within 150 feet of UPRR railroad tracks, require submittal of a final vibration study, which identifies all practicable mitigation measures to satisfy the 72 VdB noise-sensitive and 75 VdB non-noise-sensitive vibration level standards, as defined by the FTA for frequent rail events.

Interagency Collaboration

An important component of the City's conservation, air quality, and safety goals is collaboration with community organizations as well as local, regional, and state agencies.

For example, the Coachella Valley MSHCP is the result of participation from local governments across the valley to enforce the guidelines and charge the impact fees for applicable developments within each jurisdiction. In Cathedral City, development standards are applied to properties within or adjacent to the Willow Hole and Edom Hill Conservation Areas in the north of the city, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area in along the southern boundary of the City. The City also regularly consults with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to ensure that development projects are consistent with the Tribal Habitat Conservation Plan, as well as the Tribal Historic Preservation Management Plan and ACBCI THPO Ordinance.

Interagency collaboration is also essential to managing environmental issues, such as air pollution and flood control, that transcend city boundaries. The engineering department regularly cooperates with the Riverside County Flood Control District and Coachella Valley Water District, including for City projects that impact flood control channels, such as the construction of bridges and CV Link. The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is currently working with the cities in the Coachella Valley to develop a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan that will include workable strategies that can be implemented locally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Fire Department has initiated the process of updating the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The process of updating these plans will involve stakeholder engagement with relevant local and regional agencies, potentially including Riverside County, neighboring cities, community organizations, as well as organizations representing vulnerable groups such as seniors services and low-income

housing organizations. The Fire Department also regularly engages with local schools and community organizations to provide emergency preparedness information. For example, the Department offers the Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to high school students with the aim of empowering youth community members to practice essential emergency preparedness and response technical as well as disaster management skills.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Open Space and Conservation Element

- **Program 6.A:** Coordinate with the Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside County Flood Control District, and utility purveyors to maximize use of flood control levees and watercourses and utility easements for inclusion in the City and regional multi-use trails systems.
- **Program 7.A:** Confer and coordinate with the Riverside County Flood Control, Coachella Valley Water District and other appropriate agencies to conduct optimum revegetation management in flood control channels and drains in order to retain wildlife habitat and as natural an appearance as possible without compromising functionality.
- **Cultural Resources Program 1.D:** The City shall work closely with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office to help assure that development near culturally sensitive areas conforms to the provisions of the Tribal Historic Preservation Management Plan and the ACBCI THPO Ordinance.
- **Water Resources Program 2.B:** Coordinate with the Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency to expand and strengthen educational materials and programs that inform residents of the methods and benefits of water-saving techniques available.
- **Energy and Mineral Resources Program 6.C:** The City will leverage state and federal incentives for energy efficiency to augment incentives provided by Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, and others. Consider energy efficiency in capital improvement budget discussions.

Air Quality and Climate Stability Element

- **Policy 1:** The City shall be proactive in regulating local pollutant emitters and shall cooperate with Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to assure compliance with air quality standards.
- **Program 2.A:** On an on-going basis, the City shall continue to cooperate and participate in efforts to monitor and control PM10 emissions from construction and other sources, and all other air pollutants of regional concern. The City shall coordinate with CVAG and the SCAQMD to provide all reporting data for SCAQMD annual report.

Safety Element

- **Flooding and Hydrology Program 4.A:** The City shall coordinate and cooperate in the filing of appropriate FEMA application materials to secure amendments to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City, consistent with existing and proposed improvements.
 - **Flooding and Hydrology Program 5.B:** Explore and pursue County funding, state funding under the Cobey-Alquist Flood Plain Management Act, other State programs, and federal funding options for local and area-wide flood control projects.
 - **Geotechnical Program 6.C:** Coordinate and cooperate with Caltrans, County Transportation and adjoining cities to maximize the resilience of local and regional transportation systems, including US Interstate-10 and other major transportation corridors in the event of a major quake.
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- **Geotechnical Policy 11:** To minimize the potential impacts of subsidence due to the extraction of groundwater, the City shall actively support and participate in local and regional efforts at groundwater conservation and recharge.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program 2.B:** The City shall coordinate with responsible flood control agencies and shall jointly develop long-term strategies and capital improvement plans that, to the extent practicable, eliminate or minimize significant flooding hazards which threaten lives, property and emergency access.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program 3.A:** Establish and appoint a staff liaison with adjoining cities, Riverside County, CVAG and Caltrans to facilitate the designation of emergency evacuation and supply routes, and for the development of a multi-agency emergency response plan that provides expeditious and timely repair to major streets and highways damaged by earthquakes, flooding or other disasters.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program 5.A:** Coordinate and cooperate with Riverside County Emergency Management, Desert Water Agency, CVWD, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas, and other agencies and utilities in the development and dissemination of information and instructions on appropriate actions in the event of a local disaster or emergency.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program 5.B:** Coordinate with local schools and appropriate public and quasi-public agencies to ensure that they are adequately prepared for and are a part of a city-wide and regional emergency response when disaster strikes.
- **Noise Policy 5:** Maintain an ongoing contact with the Palm Springs Airport to ensure that flight paths and airport improvements and operations do not impact or extend noise contours into the City.

GIS Mapping

The City's MIS Department manages the Cathedral City Public GeoHub and Staff GeoHub, online GIS maps that display information pertinent to planning, building, engineering, and public works activities. The Staff GeoHub displays geographic data from federal and state agencies, such as the FEMA Flood Hazard Zones and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. The Staff GeoHub also displays data specific to Cathedral City, such as the City's Zoning and General Plan Land Use Maps as well as the Master Roadway Classification Map.

As discussed in the Preliminary Review and Environmental Review sections of this report, staff review new development proposals to prevent conflicting land uses or significant environmental impacts. This review takes into account GIS data available on the GeoHub, such as the boundaries for the MSCHP Conservation Areas. This information helps staff determine development proposals are subject to the MSHCP fees and when the land use adjacency guidelines apply to a project. The Geohub also includes mapping of open space land and park facilities, as well as the Zoning and General Plan Land Use Maps to show residential areas. Combined with mapping of existing schools and other public facilities prepared for the General Plan EIR, this information will help as the City explores potential locations for future community center.

As the Fire Department updates the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, the consultant may use GIS to map critical infrastructure in relation to hazard zones and areas of high population density, in order to inform risk assessment. When staff evaluate sites proposed for critical facilities, GIS data displaying Alquist-Priolo Fault Zones, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as well as Flood Hazard Zones help staff ensure that these facilities are located outside of areas susceptible to hazards. In order to minimize the risk of a hazardous materials incident in proximity to residential areas, the City's Truck Route Map, available both in the GeoHub and on the Engineering section of the City's website, designates routes appropriate for the

transport of hazard materials and waste.

Geographic information, including information from external agencies, provides a valuable basis for staff to review development proposals and to ensure continued implementation of the goals, policies and programs in the Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Stability, and Safety Elements.

Goals, policies and programs implemented (ongoing or completed) through this activity:

Open Space and Conservation Element

- **Program 1.A:** With the assistance of CVCC and/or CVAG, develop and routinely update maps and other information about various open space land and facilities in the City and SOL.
- **Policy 16:** Locate new local parks and recreation facilities near other community-oriented public facilities, such as schools, libraries, and recreation centers, where feasible, so that they may function as the heart of the community.
- **Biological Resources Program 1.A:** Through the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, maintain an accurate and regularly updated map of sensitive plant and animal species and habitat in Cathedral City and its planning area.
- **Biological Resources Program 1.B:** The City shall continue to implement and abide by the provisions of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, including collection of development impact fees and implementation of land use adjacency guidelines for development within or adjacent to MSHCP-designated Conservation Areas.

Air Quality and Climate Stability Element

- **Policy 8:** The City shall continue to implement effective street sweeping and post-windstorm cleanup programs to reduce the cumulative impacts of blowsand and nuisance dust resulting from construction activities, natural processes, and other sources.

Safety Element

- **General Safety Policy 3:** The City shall identify and establish specific travel routes for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes, with key considerations being capacity to safely accommodate additional truck traffic, avoidance of residential areas, and use of interstate or state divided highways as preferred routes.
 - **General Safety Policy 4:** The City shall work to achieve consistency between the General Plan land use and related policies and the Palm Springs International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, as appropriate. Measures may include restrictions on permitted land uses, limitation on the intensity of a use, and such development criteria as height restrictions.
 - **Flooding and Hydrology Program 4.A:** The City shall coordinate and cooperate in the filing of appropriate FEMA application materials to secure amendments to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City, consistent with existing and proposed improvements.
 - **Geotechnical Program 1.B:** Establish and maintain a GIS database and mapping of the various geotechnical conditions, hazards and constraints within the City.
 - **Hazards and Hazardous Materials Policy 4:** The City shall designate appropriate access routes to facilitate the transport of hazardous and toxic materials and wastes.
 - **Hazards and Hazardous Materials Policy 9:** The travel route for the transport of hazardous materials and wastes shall have adequate capacity to safely accommodate additional trucks and shall avoid the residential areas.
 - **Emergency Preparedness Policy 15:** Every effort shall be made to avoid the location of essential public facilities outside State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) or Very
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High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) without comprehensive mitigation that precludes or minimizes the threat to these facilities.

- **Noise Policy 4:** Maintain a circulation map which ensures low levels of traffic within residential neighborhoods, and assigns truck routes to major roadways only.
- **Noise Program 4.A:** Designate primary truck routes and ensure that they are clearly marked throughout the community and properly identified on mobile apps and other web-based platforms. Except for traffic providing location-specific services and deliveries, construction and delivery trucks shall be limited to those truck routes identified in the Circulation and Mobility Element.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: General Plan APR Checklist - Part 3 (Environment)

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STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION	PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 1	PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 2	PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 3
B-2: Develop an entryway, medians, and lighting master plan to provide appealing gateways to the City.		Page 7	
B-3: Develop and implement a wilderness trail plan.		Page 3	
B-4: Complete a dog park in the southern part of the City.		Page 2	
B-7: Improve pedestrian access to parks through the use of crosswalks and sidewalk improvements.		Page 4	
B-8: Improve wayfinding signage to direct visitors to destinations in the community.		Page 7	
B-10: City Council to support a measure to provide funding for parks and recreation services through the DRD and other resident priorities including streets and enhanced Fire Department services.		Page 3	
B-11: Complete construction of Esperanza Park – 2025.		Page 2	
C-5: Implement a private development entitlement and plan review system which is predictable, streamlines internal intake and review processes, and creates applicant experiences which are facilitative vs regulatory.	Page 4, 5		
D-2: Complete and improve the installation of the Tyler EnerGov software to automate, improve and streamline the plan review, permitting and inspection processes.	Page 4		
E-4: Strengthen the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters by reviewing and updating the City's Emergency Operations Plans through annual training sessions and tabletop exercises.			Page 6
E-5: Build community resiliency through implementation of community training programs, CERT training, and other educational outreach.		Page 7	Page 7
F-1: Develop comprehensive strategy to amend zoning code and update design guidelines, including an identification of what work City staff can accomplish and what work optimally should be contracted out, including: 1) development of objective design standards in response to new state housing laws; 2) overhaul of commercial zoning code; 3) substantial update of design guidelines; 4) streamlining of development review processes; 5) implementation of Cathedral City General Plan and Housing Element goals, policies, and programs; and 5) continued implementation of new state legislation.	Page 5		
F-3: Promote additional community events and celebrations.		Page 5, 6	

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F-4: Develop and implement a marketing plan to promote and raise awareness of available city venues such as the Community Amphitheater. The marketing strategy will include promoting the City's interest in attracting and facilitating high quality events and celebrations which adds to the City's culture, support of the arts, and creation of a positive community identity.		Page 4, 5, 6	
F-5: Develop and implement a plan to improve and diversify methods to communicate with residents.		Page 7	
F-7: Review land use regulations to support diverse, accessible, and affordable housing.	Page 5, 6, 7		
F-13: Develop standard plans, streamlined processes and educational materials that promotes ADU's to increase housing production.	Page 6		