CALTRANS CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING

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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM



- Climate Change impacts along the state highway system are driving the need for Vulnerability Assessments statewide
- Caltrans is legislatively mandated to consider climate change in every project

CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY

- District Vulnerability Assessments Completed 2019
 - Identifies projected climate vulnerabilities on the SHS
 - Sea Level Rise, Storm Surge, Cliff Retreat, Precipitation, Wildfire, and Higher Temperatures
- <u>Statewide Vulnerability Assessment Summary Completed 2021</u>
 Summarizes identified projected climate vulnerabilities on the SHS
- District Climate Adaptation Priority Reports Completed 2021
 - Strategically prioritizes identifies vulnerabilities on the SHS for adaptation investment based on exposure and consequences.
- ArcGIS Online Mapping Tool
 - Statewide climate vulnerability data available via ArcGIS Webmap



CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY



2070-2099 Wildfire Risk, District 2

1.75m of Sea Level Rise, District 4

CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH INTEGRATION & ADVOCACY



CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: PROJECT ANALYSIS

PILOT FACILITY LEVEL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ASSESSMENT

- <u>Pilot facility level assessment</u>: Climate change adaptation assessment for Culvert which conveys Little Indian Creek under California State Route 70 in Plumas County.
- <u>Pilot results</u>: Methodology was validated; however, implementation on a large scale was not practical due to cost, time and effort.
- <u>Modified Approach</u>: Integrate analysis into existing planning and project delivery process.



For Culvert 90704001416

LEAD CLIMATE ACTION

- Greenhouse Gas Emission and Mitigation Report
 - Points to areas of activity for Caltrans to maximize its contribution to state GHG reduction efforts.
- <u>Climate Change Communication Guide</u>
 - Articulates best practices to educate, inform, and strengthen collaboration internally, among external partners, and with the public
- <u>Caltrans Adaptation Strategy Report</u>
 - Evaluates Caltrans procedures and processes and recommends how to incorporate long-term, agency-wide adaptation implementation strategies into Caltrans business operations.



CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: NEXT STEPS

2020-2024 CALTRANS STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Caltrans 2020-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN



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Soal: LEAD CLIMATE ACTION

Actions related to this goal aim to achieve the following outcomes:

Mitigation — Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

Resilience — Strengthen our capability to withstand and recover from the impacts from climate change.

Leadership — Demonstrate leadership in climate action.

STRATEGIES:

- I Develop and start implementing a Caltrans Climate Action Plan that incorporates the CalSTA Climate Action Plan for Transportation Investments.
- Accelerate sustainable freight sector transformation.
- Establish a robust Climate Action program of education, training, and outreach.
- Partner and collaborate to lead on climate action.
- Establish a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) monitoring and reduction program.
- I Engage with communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts to inform development and implementation of Climate Action activities.

CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: NEXT STEPS

IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH INTEGRATION & ADVOCACY

- Develop guidance, tools and training for how climate adaptation should be addressed during each phase – potentially stressor specific
- Develop Statewide Adaptation Priority Report
- Identify adaptation need for long term funding sources



CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PRODUCTS: CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS?

