**Call for Applications**

**Design Guidance Advisory Committee**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) invites applications for the Design Guidance Advisory Committee (DGAC). The DGAC will advise Caltrans staff on technical issues related to highway design standards as they apply to the State Highway System. This team is a result of recommendations from the CalSTA Report of Findings from the AB 2363 Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force, January 2020.

Caltrans’ authority is limited to the State Highway System per the California Streets and Highways Code. For example, the Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) says in the Foreword: “This manual was prepared for the California Department of Transportation by the Division of Design for use on the California State highway system.” It further states “The standards, procedures, and requirements established and discussed herein are for the information and guidance of the officers and employees of the Department.”

Caltrans is seeking input from transportation professionals by means of the DGAC, in recognition that some State routes traverse through a local agency’s roadway system and in a variety of land-use context. Caltrans also recognizes that some local agencies use the HDM on their roadway system for similar highways. It is anticipated that the accommodation of all roadway users will be improved through this collaborative effort.

California law prescribes that public roadway design is entrusted to a registered civil engineer. Many local agencies use registered civil engineers for their roadway projects. Both registered civil engineers and non-engineers with a technical design background are welcome to be part of this committee if they have experience in utilizing the Caltrans design guidance associated with highway design. Caltrans seeks applicants for a limited number of committee seats but also include diverse membership representing: north, south, and central geographies; urban, suburban, and rural community types.

We will have meetings using the Webex video-conferencing application.

Please submit an application to serve on the DGAC, by answering the following questions, and emailing your completed application to David Cordova, Caltrans Highway Design Manual Editor at david.cordova@dot.ca.gov.

**Deadline for applications: June 15, 2023**

* Name:
* Title:
* Agency/Organization:
* Please list your educational background or experience relevant to revising and improving design and project development polices and guidance toward the benefit of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle modes of transportation.

* Professional California License or Registration (e.g., PEs, PTOE, RSP):

* Describe the community type(s) you represent (e.g., rural area-developing corridors, suburban-high density/regional community center). Also check the boxes that best identifies your specialty, check all that apply:

[ ]  Urban [ ]  Suburban [ ]  Rural [ ]  Disadvantaged

* Identify travel mode type(s) you have experience planning or designing:

[ ]  Walk [ ]  Bike [ ]  Transit [ ]  Passenger Vehicle [ ]  Trucks

* Briefly describe your involvement in planning or designing roadway facilities, both on the local and State highway system. Provide specific examples: developing roadway plans utilizing Caltrans or other guidance, performing plan check for compliance with standards, etc.

* Provide years of experience planning and designing roadway facilities.
* Briefly describe your interest in serving on the DGAC. Provide any additional information relevant to your background that would be an asset to your representation on this advisory committee.