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The COVID pandemic did not deter some of our region's biggest efforts, and you will see progress on many of them in 2022:

- *We're improving how we travel:* Construction of CV Sync, our regional signal synchronization project, will continue along Highway 111, Ramon & Washington. This has been decades in the making, and the state-of-the-art traffic control system will make it much easier and efficient to travel, especially as visitors return back to the Coachella Valley for big events. If you are traveling by foot, bike or golf cart, you'll have more segments of CV Link in 2022. Construction continues in the Cities of La Quinta and Indio, and next year you'll also see additional construction sites starting with Palm Springs and Coachella. At the same time, we're working with our cities to secure some of the state funding that's coming down in 2022 for additional bike and pedestrian investments.
- *We're improving our connections to each other via the Internet:* CV Sync was recently chosen by the Governor's Office as one of 18 projects that will receive broadband investments. (See details here:
http://www.cvag.org/downloads/admin/exec/EXEC_12_06_2021SR7B.pdf) We expect to learn more next year & make significant progress on bringing broadband across the Coachella Valley.
- *We're planning for an energy-efficient future:* CVAG has been working with our partners in western Riverside County & San Bernardino

County to launch the Inland Empire Regional Energy Network.

(You can learn more about I-REN here:

http://www.cvag.org/downloads/admin/exec/EXEC_12_06_2021SR7A.pdf)

I-REN will bring millions of dollars to our region each year that will be invested in energy efficiency programs. It was approved by the CPUC last month, and you can expect that it will a major CVAG initiative in 2022 as our Committees work to finalize how the money will be spent.

- *We're providing regional solutions to homelessness:* CVAG's CV Housing First program showed considerable success in 2021. Next year, we'll continue to work with local law enforcement & healthcare care partners to get chronically homeless individuals off of the streets and into permanent housing.
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