

Resolution No.: 22-144

Meeting Date: September 28, 2022 (06)

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY GUIDE ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 743 in 2013, which directed the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop updated criteria for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. (CEQA), using alternative metrics that promote a reduction in greenhouse gasses, the development of multimodal transportation, and a diversity of land uses; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) has certified and adopted changes to the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) that identify vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate metric to evaluate a project's transportation impacts; and

WHEREAS, OPR released a Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA dated December 2018; and

WHEREAS, OPR defined and recommended the term region to calculate existing average VMT, dated June 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of SB 743 and CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, the County has prepared the revised Transportation Study Guide for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the revised Transportation Study Guide includes and outlines the County's VMT significance thresholds, screening criteria, and methodology for conducting the transportation VMT Analysis in compliance with SB 743 and CEQA Guidelines section 15063.4; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.7(b), the Transportation Study Guide was developed through a public review process supported by substantial evidence; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the Transportation Study Guide and VMT thresholds of significance; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022, the Planning Commission has made its detailed recommendations concerning the above item; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 1506.7 held a duly advertised public hearing on the revised Transportation

Study Guide, which includes the County's VMT threshold of significance; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the Board of Supervisors upon its independent review and within its independent discretion has made findings that are included in the Notice of Exemption dated September 28, 2022, that the project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resource Code sections 21065 and 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines sections 15378, 15060(c), 15308, and 15061(b)(3), and no exceptions to these exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors takes the following action:

1. Adopt the VMT thresholds, significance criteria, methodology and substantial evidence as identified in the revised Transportation Study Guide dated **August 2022**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors finds that the VMT Transportation Study Guide is consistent with the San Diego County General Plan in that the goals, objectives, and policies of all the elements of the plan have been or will be met.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect and be in force on September 28, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: Randall Sjoblom, Senior Deputy County Counsel

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the above Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, State of California, on this 28th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher


NOES: Desmond

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of San Diego) ^{SS}

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Resolution entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Savannah Perez, Deputy



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