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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT UPDATED TRANSPORTATION STUDY GUIDE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego intends to adopt an updated Transportation Study Guide in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The revised Transportation Study Guide (TSG) can be reviewed on the County website at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/SB743.html> or [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa_public_review.html) and at Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123. Comments on these proposed Transportation Study Guide must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

As directed by the Board on February 9, 2022, staff have prepared a revised Transportation Study Guide (TSG) for VMT that establishes a VMT threshold using the regional average, which includes the entire San Diego region, including the incorporated cities. The Board also directed staff to identify Infill and General Plan Village areas within or near potential "transit opportunity areas" where no VMT analysis or mitigation would be required, excluding any areas designated as High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Projects located within infill areas would not have to analyze VMT or propose mitigation for VMT but would require environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for other topic areas.

The Board also directed that the previously prepared Local Mobility Analysis for discretionary projects would be used to evaluate road operations, safety, and access. This has been reduced from the previous type of traffic analysis done based on Level of Service prior to the implementation of SB 743, the law requiring VMT analysis, in that the area evaluated is limited to a few intersections around the project with the primary focus of safety and not traffic.

The proposed action complies with CEQA because it is: 1) not a project as defined in the Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c); and (2) a ministerial action, as the County is mandated to comply with Senate Bill 743 (Section 21080(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code); and, separately and independently, even if the proposed action constitutes a project, it is (3) categorically exempt as it is an action to enhance and protect the environment (Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines); and (4) subject to the common sense exemption, because the resolution implements existing law and therefore it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines).

The public review period will begin on Thursday, May 12, 2022 to Monday, June 13, 2022. Staff will be conducting outreach leading up to and during the public review of the TSG and are available to meet and answer any questions you may have regarding VMT or the TSG. Stakeholders who wish to request a meeting with County staff, can contact Bruno Cavalieri at [bruno.galvaocavalieri@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:bruno.galvaocavalieri@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 619-323-8864. Staff will also be holding a public meeting regarding the TSG on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6PM, at the County Operations Center Chambers, 5520 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

Comments on the revised Transportation Study Guide must be received no later than **June 13, 2022** at 4:00 p.m. (a 30 day public review period). These documents can also be reviewed at the PDS, Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123. For additional information, please contact Bruno Cavalieri at [bruno.galvaocavalieri@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:bruno.galvaocavalieri@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 619-323-8864. Please reference the public review of the County's revised Transportation Study Guide in your voicemail or email.