

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR PUBLIC
REVIEW AND NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING**

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the new Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Threshold of Significance and invited to attend the Board of Supervisors hearing to consider an Amendment for VMT Threshold to the County of Ventura Initial Study Assessment Guidelines on **Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.**

LOCATION: 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room

APPLICANT: County Initiated

APN/PROJECT ADDRESS: Countywide

AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to State Legislature passed Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), a comprehensive update to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, local agencies are required to establish Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as a new method to determine the significance of transportation impacts of a project. As of July 1, 2020, automobile delay and Level of Service (LOS) may no longer be used as the performance measure to determine the transportation impacts of land development projects under CEQA, rather Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) must be used for this analysis. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has recommended the adoption of VMT as the primary measure of transportation impacts. Using VMT as a performance measure instead of the LOS metric is intended to discourage suburban sprawl, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and encourage the development of smart growth, complete streets, and multimodal transportation networks. As such, OPR guidance suggests that the minimum reduction standard threshold for residential, office and industrial projects be 15% below the existing per capita VMT. The proposed Initial Study Assessment Guideline amendment will replace the LOS threshold criteria and methodology with interim VMT threshold criteria and methodology consistent with OPR CEQA guidance using the minimum VMT reduction standard thresholds. Although LOS is being removed from the County's environmental review process, it is not being removed from the County's development review process and is necessary for appropriate assessment of discretionary development with land use policy requirements.

The VMT Threshold is available on the Public Works Agency website at www.vcpbublicworks.org. Inquiries on this item may be directed to **David Fleisch**, Roads & Transportation Director, at (805) 654-2049 or via e-mail david.fleisch@ventura.org and **Dave Ward**, Planning Director, at (805) 654-2481 or via e-mail dave.ward@ventura.org. The Board letter will be available on **Thursday, July 23, 2020**. The Board letter may be viewed on the County's

Meeting and Agendas webpage at <https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>, or the Planning Division counter at the County of Ventura Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person is privileged to attend and be heard on this matter. If you challenge the above-described action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County of Ventura at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (805) 654-2251. Note: From time to time, hearings are cancelled or rescheduled. We recommend that you contact by phone the Directors identified above to confirm the public hearing date one day prior.

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