

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
UPDATING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT TRANSPORTATION
THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 743

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 using alternative metrics that promote a reduction in greenhouse gases, the development of multimodal transportation, and a diversity of land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) released the Proposed Updates to the CEQA Guidelines in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Agency released the Final Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action Amendments to the State CEQA Guidelines in November 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Administrative Law approved the CEQA Guidelines on December 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles City Council introduced a motion directing the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to "begin specific tasks in anticipation of the State's adoption of the amended CEQA Guidelines implementing SB 743"; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7(b) allows lead agencies to adopt thresholds of significance for the lead agency's general use in its environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, the DCP and LADOT have prepared the proposed updated Transportation thresholds of significance, pursuant to Senate Bill 743 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, for the City Council's consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation thresholds of significance are more stringent than OPR's recommendation, in order to account for the size and varying travel characteristics of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, staff may need to update Transportation thresholds of significance, based on a data-driven evaluation, in order to meet the intent of State legislation and Council direction; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 506 grants the head of each department the power to make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the exercise of the powers conferred upon the department by the Charter, including rules and regulations to implement CEQA compliance for the department's projects, such as, establishing thresholds of significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, hereby:

1. Adopts the proposed Transportation thresholds of significance as the City's thresholds of significance for transportation-related environmental impacts in the City's projects, pursuant to CEQA, replacing all other City transportation thresholds of significance including but not limited to those identified in 2006 CEQA Thresholds Guide (Threshold Guide) (including as described on pages L. 1-1 to L.8-1, with the exception of emergency access covered in K.2).
2. Authorizes the Director of the DCP, in consultation with LADOT, to update the Transportation thresholds of significance for land use projects and plans, as necessary and appropriate, provided any update is consistent with the intent of Senate Bill 743 and in compliance with procedural and substantive requirement of CEQA and all other applicable state and local laws.
3. Authorizes the General Manager of the LADOT, in consultation with DCP, to update the Transportation thresholds of significance for transportation projects, as necessary and appropriate, provided any update is consistent with the intent of Senate Bill 743 and in compliance with procedural and substantive requirement of CEQA and all other applicable state and local laws.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles on the 30th day of July 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF JUL 30 2019
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

BY [Signature]
DEPUTY

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
_____, CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO BE EXEMPT FROM
THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 1990, the voters of California passed Proposition 111 and the requirement that urbanized counties develop and implement a Congestion Management Program (CMP); and

WHEREAS, the legislature and governor established the specific requirements of the Congestion Management Program by passage of legislation which was a companion to Proposition 111 and is encoded in California Government Code Section 65088 to 65089.10; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has been designated as the Congestion Management Agency responsible for Los Angeles County's Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65089.3 allows urbanized counties to be exempt from the Congestion Management Program based on resolutions passed by local jurisdictions representing a majority of a county's jurisdictions with a majority of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Program is outdated and increasingly out of step with current regional, State, and federal planning processes and requirements, including new State requirements for transportation performance measures related to greenhouse gas reduction; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of vehicle miles traveled as the City's performance metric pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will provide a more comprehensive evaluation framework of the transportation system, and will better integrate land use and transportation decisions than as provided under the Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Plan 2035 encourages the evaluation of a range of transportation metrics in evaluating the efficiency of the transportation system including supporting land use decision that reduce vehicle miles traveled, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of VMT will allow LADOT to more closely monitor the transportation demand of development projects that are subject to the CEQA process; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of VMT allows the City to focus on transportation demand management (TDM) strategies that improve choice and lead to more efficient transportation outcomes; and

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WHEREAS, on June 28th, 2018 the Metro Board of Directors took action to direct Metro staff to work with local jurisdictions to prepare the necessary resolutions to exempt Los Angeles County from the Congestion Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That the City of Los Angeles hereby elects to be exempt from the Congestion Management Program as described in California Government Code Section 65088 to 65089.10.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles on the 30th day of July 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

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RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
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