

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 \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to wit: