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February 25, 2015

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-1169, at its meeting held February 24, 2015.

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PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impact of the State of California's adoption of the amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines implementing Senate Bill (SB) 743.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin – Fuentes for Huizar – O'Farrell):

INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to begin specific tasks in anticipation of the State's adoption of the amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines implementing SB 743, which will require changes in the way project impacts to the transportation network performance are determined, as follows:

1. Prepare and submit comments on behalf of the City in response to Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Discussion Draft.
2. Prepare and present to the Transportation Committee a report on the following items:
  - a. A scope of work that the City will be required to undertake to comply with SB 743, including an implementation schedule, with specific goals and milestones, as well as a (provision for monitoring and evaluation requirements that will determine if recommended mitigations are effective.
  - b. How Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) will be calculated in conducting CEQA analysis.
  - c. Clarify if levels of service will continue to be used and under what circumstances.
  - d. Map the locations within the City where new VMT metric will apply based on the provisions SB 743 and OPR's draft guidelines.
  - e. Provide recommendations on additional outcomes that the City may have an interest in measuring in conducting CEQA analysis in two general categories:
    - i. An approach to CEQA analysis for both land use and transportation projects to disclose impacts.
    - ii. A new approach to project analysis that includes safety, economic development, public health, transit travel time/reliability, and other metrics.
  - f. Report on the ways the City's implementation of SB 743 will be in alignment with the proposed Mobility Element of the General Plan.
  - g. Identify any additional resources needed to support the effort, including but not limited to, grant funding opportunities.
3. Partner with other municipalities, counties and metropolitan planning organizations as necessary to provide both guidance and consistency in the effort.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against: Studio City Neighborhood Council

Summary

At the public hearing held on November 4, 2014, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Fuentes for Huizar - O'Farrell) relative to the impact of the State of California's adoption of the amended CEQA guidelines implementing SB 743. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendation contained in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER      VOTE

HUIZAR:      YES

CEDILLO:      YES

ENGLANDER: YES

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**ADOPTED**

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**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impact of the State of California's adoption of the amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines implementing Senate Bill (SB) 743.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin – Fuentes for Huizar – O'Farrell):

APPROVE the Department of City Planning and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) SB 743 Comment Letter dated November 6, 2014 (attached to the Council file).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LADOT or Department of City Planning. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against: Studio City Neighborhood Council

#### SUMMARY

On August 22, 2014, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Fuentes for Huizar – O'Farrell) relative to the amended CEQA Guidelines resulting from the adoption of SB 743. Motion movers state that review of traffic impacts currently focuses on vehicular capacity at intersections and on roadway segments. SB 743 moves CEQA review away from the auto-centric metric of level of service for determining environmental impact. Instead, impacts to transportation network performance are to be viewed through a filter that focuses on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and the promotion of a diversity of land uses. Motion recommends that Council instruct LADOT and the Planning Department to report relative to how SB 743 will impact City CEQA guidelines, and to address other related matters. Council referred Motion to the Transportation and Planning and Land Use Management Committees for consideration.

At its meeting held December 10, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT and the Planning Department. City staff has requested additional time from the State to review SB 743. The State has been advised to allow cities to set their own standard and thresholds for determining impact. Also, City of Los Angeles staff and staff from other cities have discussed the potential transportation and environment effects of the Bill. The Committee recommended that Council approve the Comment Letter prepared by LADOT and the Planning Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**ADOPTED**

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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