

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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