

Attachment A – RESOLUTION OF THE SAN
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RESCINDING THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY
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TRAVELED**

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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 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq. (CEQA) using alternative metrics that promote a reduction in greenhouse gasses, the development of multimodal transportation, and a diversity of land uses; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) has certified and adopted changes to the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) that identify vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate metric to evaluate a project's transportation impacts; and

WHEREAS, OPR released a Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA dated December 2018; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego (Board) adopted the Transportation Study Guide (TSG), a technical guide for analyzing transportation impacts under CEQA using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), consistent with Senate Bill 743.

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2021, the Board received an overview of options as part of the County's implementation of SB 743 and adoption of its TSG for VMT and directed staff to explore 13 subject matter areas or items, including to track guidance from the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research related to VMT.

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2021, OPR clarified that projects in unincorporated areas of counties should use a threshold based on the regional average VMT defined as the full geography within the jurisdictional borders of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) or a regional transportation planning agency (RTPA).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego hereby:

1. Rescinds the approval of the TRANSPORTATION STUDY GUIDE ~~INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED~~, DATED ~~JULY 4, JUNE 2020~~, including the transportation CEQA threshold of significance for Vehicle Miles Traveled contained therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

By: Brooke Miller, Senior Deputy County Counsel