

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-217

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CHARTERED CITY OF
VISTA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION
IMPACT ANALYSIS GUIDELINES**

The City Council of the City of Vista does resolve as follows:

1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds and declares the following:

A. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was enacted in 1970 to ensure the long-term protection of the environment and requires public agencies to analyze and disclose the effects of their actions on the environment.

B. The California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) develops CEQA Guidelines to interpret CEQA statutes and published court decisions, including several appendices to the CEQA guidelines that contain forms and guidance for lead agencies when performing environmental review.

C. The City of Vista as a Lead Agency on certain projects as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15367 implements CEQA pursuant to Chapter 15.04 of the Vista Municipal Code.

D. Currently, the City's Circulation Element specifies significance thresholds of adverse traffic impacts in terms of level of service (LOS) analysis and quantification, which is based on automobile delay.

E. California Senate Bill (SB) 743, enacted in 2013 and codified in California Public Resources Code Section 21099, changes transportation impact analysis as part of CEQA compliance in that vehicle delay and other similar measures of vehicular capacity or traffic congestion generally no longer constitute a significant environmental impact under CEQA.

F. In 2018, OPR established, and the California Natural Resources Agency certified and adopted, new CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, which identifies vehicle-miles traveled (VMT), meaning the amount of automobile travel attributable to a project, as the metric to evaluate and measure a project's transportation impacts.

G. The new State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3 went into effect on July 1, 2020.

H. The City of Vista wishes to adopt guidelines to employ VMT analysis and establish VMT significance thresholds in compliance with the new State CEQA Guidelines; and to employ LOS analysis and establish LOS significance thresholds consistent with the City's General Plan to preserve acceptable levels of traffic safety and operations for the City's residents and the traveling public.

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2. Action.

A. The Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, including the VMT and LOS significance thresholds contained within, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk, are hereby adopted and approved.

3. Adoption. PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Vista held on December 8, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Ritter, Green, Contreras, Melendez

NOES: Franklin

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAROLD PIEPER, CITY ATTORNEY

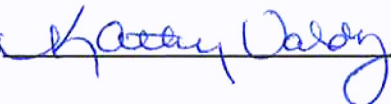
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JUDY RITTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KATHY VALDEZ, CITY CLERK

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