WHAT IS SB743?

Senate Bill (SB) 743 changes the way agencies analyze transportation improvements and development projects for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Traditionally, Level of Service (LOS) was used to measure transportation impacts. Now, agencies are required to transition to using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to evaluate transportation impacts. VMT measures total vehicular travel by accounting for the number of vehicle trips and the length of those trips. VMT changes transportation analysis from measuring the impacts of delay on drivers to the impacts of driving on the environment.

GOALS



Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions



Support the development of infill land use projects and multimodal transportation networks



Encourage a diversity of land uses within developments







HOW DOES THIS AFFECT PROJECTS?

Land use projects will need to be evaluated to determine if there will be significant transportation impacts. If significant transportation impacts are identified, feasible mitigation measures to avoid or reduce the impact are required.

POTENTIAL MITIGATION TYPES









Pedestrian Network Improvement



Subsidized Transit Program





Construct or Improve Bike Facility

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure