

Transportation Impacts & Effects in response to SB 743

City Council
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Background

- CEQA requires analysis of potential impacts for non-exempt projects
- “Transportation” is one of the areas analyzed

Pre-SB 743

Intersection delay
"Level of Service
(LOS)"

Post-SB 743

Amount and distance
of automobile travel
"Vehicle Miles Traveled
(VMT)"



Policies & Procedures

- SB 743 does not prohibit use of LOS analysis for other purposes
- The Fullerton Plan goals, policies & actions for transportation network

General Plan

Intersection delay
"Level of Service
(LOS)"



CEQA

Amount and distance
of automobile travel
"Vehicle Miles Traveled
(VMT)"



Implementing Actions

- Adopt local significance thresholds for VMT for project- and cumulative-level analysis;
- Adopt criteria to determine a project's effect on transportation using LOS;
- Adopt Transportation Assessment Policies and Procedures (TAPP) setting methods for project evaluation and the addressing of impacts or effects.



Significance Thresholds for Impacts

- CEQA allows for, and recommends specifically, for VMT
- Number of options regarding the components of the thresholds
- City consulted with Fehr & Peers and selected Fullerton-specific metrics
- Thresholds for project-level “project-generated VMT”
 - Compares project to general plan buildout
- Thresholds for cumulative-level “project’s effect on VMT”
 - Compares project to citywide VMT



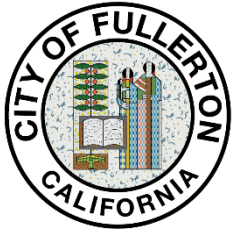
Criteria for Effects on Transportation

- Acceptable LOS / unacceptable LOS operating conditions originally identified in 1996 General Plan
 - Acceptable LOS = D (Harbor at Chapman and Commonwealth E)
 - Unacceptable LOS = E (Harbor at Chapman and Commonwealth F)
- Effect on Transportation
 - Acceptable becomes unacceptable
 - Already unacceptable gets worse



Transportation Assessment Policies and Procedures

- Establishes methodology for project evaluation and content of Assessment
- Publishes VMT significance thresholds and LOS criteria for determining effects on transportation
- Conditions of approval for effects on transportation (fair share)
- Mitigation measures for impacts
- “Hand Out” for project applicants and traffic consultants



Recommended Actions

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- ✓ Agenda material provides substantial evidence as required by CEQA
 - ✓ Statutorily exempt from CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

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