TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS GUIDELINES UPDATE

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Why transportation analysis matters



- The City (including the Design Review Board and Planning Commission) reviews proposed development projects
- Projects may require environmental and technical studies
- Transportation analysis identifies potential impacts
- Findings can inform project changes, conditions, or mitigation

The purpose is to understand and address impacts before a decision is made.

Senate Bill 743 changed what CEQA measures

LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS)

How long are cars delayed?



VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT)

How much do people drive?



The focus shifted from managing congestion to reducing driving and related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Transportation Analysis Guidelines: Adoption Timeline

July 2020

Interim Guidelines were adopted to meet the State's VMT implementation deadline

Since then

Staff gained experience applying VMT, while methods and guidance continued to evolve

July 2026

Updated Guidelines combine non-CEQA traffic analysis and VMT procedures in one document

Sept. 9, 2026

Planning Commission recommended City Council adoption of the Updated Guidelines

How the guidelines will apply to development projects

	Non-CEQA Traffic Impact Analysis (LOS)	CEQA Transportation Assessment (VMT)
Initial Review	Determine whether a Traffic Impact Analysis is needed – generally for **larger projects, truck-intensive uses, or projects near strained intersections.**	Determine whether the project qualifies for VMT screening based on its **type, location in a low-VMT area, or proximity to qualifying transit.**
Further Analysis	If required, evaluate intersections, congestion, queues, access, circulation, safety, and multimodal conditions.	If the project does not screen out, model its VMT and compare it with the applicable significance threshold.
Potential Response	Signals or turn lanes, access changes, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle improvements, or fair-share contributions.	Modify the project or location; improve land-use mix, transit, walking, or biking; or implement parking and transportation-demand strategies.

A project may require one or both reviews.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution amending Vallejo General Plan 2040 by adopting the July 2026 Transportation Analysis Guidelines and finding such action not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).



QUESTIONS

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