

A photograph of a busy city street, likely in San Francisco, showing a bus, pedestrians, and buildings. The street is paved with red bricks. A white bus with a red stripe is on the left. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk. Buildings with large windows and signs are on the right. An American flag is hanging from a building. The text "Pathways to Update CEQA Review" is overlaid in large white letters.

Pathways to Update CEQA Review

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SB 743- What cities *must do*

- Remove LOS from CEQA review



SB 743 - What else they can accomplish

- Update the TIF process and fees to address the full transportation system
- ID performance metrics that reflect city goals
- Strategically update review process to achieve desired transportation system and development patterns



Pathways to change - Pasadena

- Developed plan for high density urban core (2004)
- Updates general plan and calls for VMT metrics to address broad goals for infill and transportation projects (2008)
- Pasadena City Council votes to *eliminate LOS* and *adopt VMT* for transportation impact review to meet general plan needs (2014)
- Formal transportation impact review process includes additional metrics to address City analysis needs



Pathways to change - San Francisco

- SFCTA proposes removal of LOS from CEQA, replace with an impact measure based on the number of automobile trips generated (2003)
- City develops new transportation impact review process and remove LOS
- San Francisco Planning Commission adopts a resolution to replace LOS with a VMT threshold for all CEQA environmental determinations, consistent with OPR recommendations (2016)
- San Francisco immediately implements changes to CEQA analysis rather than wait for state adoption



Pathways to change - Oakland

- City reviews and comments on OPR's draft VMT metrics and proposed CEQA updates
- Oakland proposes update consistent with OPR recommendations; conducts internal and external stakeholder outreach
- Oakland Planning Commission directs staff to update CEQA review process (2016)
- City of Oakland immediately implements changes to CEQA analysis for Land Use Development review to address near-term analysis needs
- Updates for Transportation Plans and Projects and Land Use Plans up next
- Evaluate and adjust as necessary



Pathways to change – San Mateo

- San Mateo Sustainable Streets Plan recommends replacing LOS with VMT
- Plan is approved but not adopted (2015)
- VMT recommendation will be formalized as part of the City's General Plan update when it is adopted



Photo - San Mateo Sustainable Street

Pathways to change - Alameda

- City anticipates VMT as review metric
- Incorporates VMT analysis according to OPR recommendation, along with LOS
- No official administrative process yet
- Waiting for official direction from the state



Thank You!



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