

Scope for the Regional Guidelines for Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA

- 1. Develop screening criteria**

The consultant team will develop screening criteria for project streamlining. Such screening criteria should include, but not limited to, project size, transit proximity, affordable housing, local serving retail, etc.
- 2. Recommend Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) threshold**

The consultant team will calculate and recommend Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) significance threshold for each of the 16 jurisdictions in Fresno County, and the entire region for all project types.
- 3. Recommend a metric and threshold for transportation projects**

Through consultation with the Technical Committee, the consultant team will recommend a metric and significance threshold for transportation projects. The consultant team will also develop guidelines for analyzing induced demand for capacity increasing projects.
- 4. Develop a VMT calculation tool that will be hosted on COG's website**

A web-based VMT calculation tool will be developed for projects that do not need to be run through COG's traffic model. The consultant team will make recommendation on the type of projects that can use the VMT calculation tool and projects that need to go through COG's traffic model.
- 5. Identify VMT mitigation measures**

The consultant team will identify mitigation measures that are feasible in Fresno region, and recommend methodologies for VMT quantification for such measures.
- 6. Recommend VMT threshold for plans.**

The consultant team will make a recommendation on the VMT threshold for both land use and transportation plans.
- 7. Conduct monthly meetings with the SB 743 Technical Committee**

The SB 743 Technical Committee will provide input and guidance on the guideline development process.
- 8. Conduct an on-site workshop and provide training to local government staff on the recommendations in the Regional Guidelines**

9. Make presentations

The consultant will present the Regional Guidelines to Fresno COG's Technical Transportation Committee (TTC), Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Policy Board. The TTC/PAC meet on the morning of the second Friday of the month, and the Policy Board meeting is in the evening of the fourth Thursday of the month.

10. CEQA legal expert opinion

The legal expert will review the Regional Guidelines and provide opinion on the recommendations in the Regional Guidelines in the context of CEQA process and SB 743 requirement.