

REPORT

DATE: June 16, 2022

TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **REGIONAL VEHICLE OF MILES TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION FEE STUDY OVERVIEW**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG is currently conducting a study to explore the potential for a Regional Vehicle of Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program. Following the passage of SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013), local jurisdictions are required to evaluate transportation impacts under CEQA using VMT rather than level of service (LOS). In 2020, the SGVCOG developed a Regional VMT Analysis Model to help member agencies evaluate the VMT impacts of development projects and comply with SB 743 requirements. In September 2021, the SGVCOG launched a one-year initiative to support 25 San Gabriel Valley cities through their LOS-to-VMT transitions by studying the opportunity to create a Regional VMT Mitigation Program.

The Study explores methodologies for jurisdictions to mitigate VMT impacts through implementing actions that reduce VMT across the San Gabriel Valley region. Given that VMT impacts are regional in nature, mitigation strategies allow for more flexibility to mitigate impacts and enable more effective allocation of mitigation dollars by spending them in places where they will have the greatest effect in reducing VMT. Since the launch of the Study, the SGVCOG reviewed and analyzed various VMT mitigation options, benefits and challenges of implementing a regional VMT mitigation approach, and framework implementation strategies. At the end of the Study in September 2022, the SGVCOG aims to collaborate with San Gabriel Valley cities to implement the proposed San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Program.

Given that the Study is anticipated to be completed over the next several months, the SGVCOG is in the process of conducting an educational series for San Gabriel Valley elected officials. The educational series will be conducted in two rounds, with the first round focusing on VMT introductory topics and the second round focusing on the proposed Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Program. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Round 1: VMT Introductory Topics

- Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM – SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 8:00 AM – Standalone Workshop
- Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM – SGVCOG Governing Board Meeting

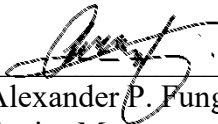
Round 2: Proposed Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Program

- Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 8:00 AM – Standalone Workshop
- Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM – Standalone Workshop
- Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM – Standalone Workshop

While each round of workshops has three sessions, interested individuals only have to attend one session per round given that the additional sessions were scheduled to accommodate elected officials' availabilities. Each San Gabriel Valley city manager has already received an invitation letter from the SGVCOG with the appropriate registration links. Staff encouraged city managers to share the registration links with their respective city councilmembers.

SGVCOG staff will provide a detailed presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Study at this meeting.

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ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Study Fact Sheet](#)