

**RESOLUTION NO. 6445(21)**

**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc,  
County of Santa Barbara, State of California,  
Adopting Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Thresholds and Amendments to the  
Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines for  
Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
(Planning Division File No. TA 21-02)**

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Text Amendment 21-02 (Project) includes adopting VMT Thresholds and revisions to the City of Lompoc Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on August 17, 2021, in the time and manner prescribed by law, and has duly heard and considered the Planning Commission's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission, by Planning Commission Resolution No. 949 (21), following a public hearing on July 14, 2021, in the time and manner prescribed by law, recommended the proposed amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the City Council has independently reviewed and analyzed the proposed VMT Thresholds and amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines (TA 21-02) and finds that it reflects the independent judgement of the City Council and that the action is not a project for purposes of CEQA (per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)), and therefore does not require environmental review, because it involves an administrative activity involving process only and does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby finds and determines that the adoption of VMT thresholds of significance for transportation impact analysis under CEQA and amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines described herein are (i) consistent with the 2030 General Plan, (ii) consistent with Lompoc Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning), and (iii) consistent with the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 743 and CEQA guidelines sections 15064.3, 15064.7 (a) and 15064.7 (b).

**SECTION 2:** With respect to the VMT thresholds of significance for transportation impact analysis under CEQA, the City Council hereby finds and determines:

- A. The VMT thresholds of significance assist the Planning Division in the implementation of SB 743.

- B. The VMT thresholds of significance provide a basis for how the City of Lompoc (City) will screen each project and outlines the proposed VMT thresholds of significance under consideration for development projects.
- C. The VMT thresholds of significance includes guidance, analytical methodologies, screening criteria, and mitigation procedures to ensure compliance with SB 743.

**SECTION 3:** With respect to the amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines, the City Council hereby finds and determines:

- A. The existing environmental review guidelines were last updated on May 18, 2010 and were in need of amendments to ensure compliance with the latest CEQA guidelines.
- B. The amendments provide more user-friendly guidelines for applicants and staff.
- C. The amendments were reviewed by the City's environmental consultant and senior environmental coordinator to provide updated text consistent with the latest CEQA guidelines.

**SECTION 4:** With respect to the amendments to the Traffic Study Guidelines, the City Council hereby finds and determines:

- A. The amendments provide compliance with SB 743.
- B. The amendments were reviewed by the City's Development Review Engineer to ensure amendments comply with the latest engineering standards and most recent Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual.
- C. The amendments provide a new section in the Traffic Study Guidelines that incorporate CEQA VMT Analysis Guidelines that outline the process for consultation, screening criteria, significance thresholds, analysis methodology, and mitigation for the implementation of SB 743.

**SECTION 5:** The City Council has independently reviewed and analyzed the amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines (TA 21-02) and finds that they reflect the independent judgment of the City Council and that the action is not a project for purposes of CEQA [per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)], and therefore does not require environmental review, because it involves an administrative activity involving process only and does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**SECTION 6:** The amendments to the Environmental Review Guidelines and Traffic Study Guidelines, reflected in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby adopted as set forth therein.

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on August 17, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

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Jenelle Osborne, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

Attest:

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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk  
City of Lompoc

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A – Environmental Review Guidelines

Exhibit B – Traffic Study Guidelines