

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Amend City Council Policy K-3 to Incorporate Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Methodology

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020**, at **5:00 p.m.**, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider amending the City Council Policy K-3 to incorporate Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Methodology.

Due to the rapidly evolving public health response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the public are advised that the City Council meeting and public hearing will be convened telephonically or in an alternate format as deemed necessary by the City. Those individuals planning to participate in the public hearing are encouraged to check the City website at https://www.newportbeachca.gov/agendas for additional information concerning in-person participation on the day of the public hearing for any updates.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Senate Bill (SB) 743, signed in 2013, changes the way transportation studies are conducted in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) replaces motorist delay as the new metric for transportation impact determinations. The State requires all cities to adopt VMT policy guidelines to include new transportation impact thresholds.

The City is proposing an Amendment to City Council Policy K-3 to incorporate a methodology and framework for completing a VMT analysis in a CEQA document. The framework includes a) screening criteria, b) significance thresholds for land development projects (residential, office, retail, other), c) significance thresholds for transportation projects, and d) mitigation measures for significant impacts. The step-by-step analysis is outlined in detail in the proposed Amendment to City Council Policy K-3.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing. For information call (949) 644-3055.

