

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN
ADDENDUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY
OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of Tulare County’s intent to adopt an **Addendum Environmental Impact Report consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines** for the approval of **General Plan Amendment GPA 20-003**. The **Addendum Environmental Impact Report is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines; for the Proposed 2020 Transportation and Circulation Element Amendment-Vehicle Miles Traveled Guidelines (SB 743 Implementation) and Complete Streets**, and has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review by appointment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394 (559) 624-7016, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am). For further information regarding this project, please call Dave Bryant at (559) 624-7130 or email at dbryant@co.tulare.ca.us. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF ONE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA 20-003), FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Vehicle Miles Traveled Guidelines (SB 743 Implementation)

The Proposed 2020 Transportation and Circulation Element Amendment- Vehicle Miles Traveled Guidelines would establish Tulare County’s Vehicle Miles Traveled Guideline (VMT Guidelines or Guidelines) for the implementation of Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) in the unincorporated area of Tulare County. SB 743 was passed by the legislature and signed into law in the fall of 2013. This legislation led to a change in the way that transportation impacts will be measured under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Starting on July 1, 2020, automobile delay and level of service (LOS) may no longer be used as the performance measure to determine the transportation impacts of land development projects under CEQA and the new performance measure will be vehicle miles traveled (VMT). SB 743 applies to both land development and transportation projects.

Complete Streets

Legislatively, the California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358) requires all cities and counties to identify how to provide for routine accommodation of all roadway users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, seniors, and users of public transportation. The adopted Tulare County General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element includes policies that support a balanced multi-modal transportation network including policies that support the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, but does not specifically include the term “Complete Streets” in the policy section of the element. The proposed Complete Streets policy will build on the existing adopted Complete Street Plans and formalize the existing and future Complete Streets Framework through inclusion in the Tulare County General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element.

APPLICANT/AGENT: County of Tulare

LOCATION: Countywide (Unincorporated Tulare County)

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Addendum Environmental Impact Report consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines; and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Proposed 2020 Transportation and Circulation Element Amendment-Vehicle Miles Traveled Guidelines (SB 743 Implementation) and Complete Streets (State Clearinghouse #2006041162).

REVIEW PERIOD: 10 days until Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 W. Burrel Avenue Visalia, California 93291

PLANNING COMMISSION meetings start at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291. **PLANNING COMMISSION** meetings start at 9:00 a.m. Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, **members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Planning Commission meetings in the following ways: Remote Viewing Listen to the live audio stream of the Planning Commission meetings at http://tulare.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=31**. Instructions on how to participate in the live meeting can be found in the link above. For environmental questions please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at 624-7121.

If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters 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 Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Economic Development and Planning Branch, within the review period described herein.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

HECTOR GUERRA, CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

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