



# City of Temecula

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## Community Development

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May 27, 2020

Ms. Rosemarie M. Anderson  
Supervising Legal Certification Clerk  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**SUBJECT: Filing of a Notice of Exemption for Long Range Application No. LR18-1506  
California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Transportation Vehicle Miles  
Traveled ("VMT") Analysis Guidelines**

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Enclosed is the Notice of Exemption for the above referenced project. In addition, pursuant to Assembly Bill 3158 (Chapter 1706) please find a check in the amount of \$50.00, for the County Administrative fee to enable the City to file the Notice of Exemption required under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507. The City of Temecula is paying the \$50.00 filing fee under protest. It is the opinion of the City that the administrative fee has been increased in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of State Law. Under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507, the County is entitled to receive a \$25.00 filing fee.

Also, please return a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption **within five working days** after the 30-day posting in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sara Toma at (951) 506-5185.

Sincerely,

Luke Watson  
Director of Community Development

Enclosures: Check  
Copies of this letter (2)  
Self-addressed stamped envelopes (2)  
Previous Filing Fee Receipt (if applicable)

**City of Temecula**  
**Community Development**  
**Planning Division**

**Notice of Exemption**

**TO:** County Clerk and Records Office  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**FROM:** Planning Division  
City of Temecula  
41000 Main Street  
Temecula, CA 92590

**Project Title:** Long Range Application No. LR18-1506 California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Transportation Vehicle Miles Traveled ("VMT") Analysis Guidelines

**Description of Project:** The City updated its Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines to conform to State Law Senate Bill ("SB") 743 by replacing vehicle Level of Service (LOS) with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) transportation analysis metric under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). While LOS will not be used under CEQA, a project applicant will still be required to analyze traffic impacts under the General Plan's Circulation Elements as it relates to infrastructure requirements.

**Project Location:** Citywide

**Applicant/Proponent:** City of Temecula

The Community Development Director approved the above described project on May 27, 2020 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268);             | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions (Section Number:                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a));   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Section Number: 14 CCR § 15378(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Section 15162 Categorical Exemption                          |

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that the adoption of the CEQA Traffic Analysis update VMT Thresholds and Guidelines, which is an action consistent with Senate Bill ("SB") 743, will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and thus the Thresholds and Guidelines are not subject to CEQA (14 CCR § 15378 (a)). In addition, the Thresholds and Guidelines are not a "project" within meaning of CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR § 15378 (b)(5) and constitute an action involving procedures for the protection of the environment which is exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR § 15308. Finally, if the Thresholds and Guidelines are determined to be subject to CEQA, they are exempt therefrom because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these amendments will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR § 15061 (b)(3)).

**Contact Person/Title:** Sara Toma/Assistant Planner

**Phone Number:** (951) 506-5185

**Signature:**



Luke Watson  
Director of Community Development

**Date:**

5/27/2020