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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION PROGRAM**

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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

**TO:** STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND INTERESTED PARTIES

**FROM:** CITY OF LANCASTER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE CITYWIDE VEHICLE MILES  
TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION PROGRAM

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The City of Lancaster (City) is the lead agency in charge of environmental review for the Citywide Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program. The City of Lancaster is proposing to prepare a Program Level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed program. The City is soliciting comments from reviewing agencies and the public regarding the scope and content of the environmental document. For reviewing agencies, the City requests comments with respect to your agency's statutory responsibility as related to the proposed projects in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering relevant permits or other approvals for the project. The City is also seeking the views of residents, property owners, developers, and concerned citizens regarding issues that should be addressed in the EIR.

**Comment Period:** Comments may be sent anytime during the 30-day Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period. The NOP review and comment period begins on September 10, 2021 and ends on October 12, 2021. All comments must be received during the comment period and no later than 6:00 PM on October 12, 2021. Please include the name of a contact for your agency, if applicable. All comments should be directed to:

City of Lancaster  
Attention: Jocelyn Swain, Senior Planner  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, California 93534

Comments may also be emailed to [jswain@cityoflanasterca.org](mailto:jswain@cityoflanasterca.org).

**Scoping Meeting:** Oral comments may be provided at the Scoping Meeting to be held on September 22, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM via zoom. The meeting link is: <https://zoom.us/j/91316538590?pwd=NIFUSk9zaHowQ25mM0ErNIJGZmZpQT09>.

**Project Location:**

The proposed program would apply to development Citywide.

**Project Description:**

The City is proposing to adopt an ordinance that establishes a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program with the intent to reduce Citywide VMT. The VMT Mitigation Program would identify relevant transportation demand management (TDM) strategies and VMT-reducing projects within the City to be funded by future developments that trigger potentially significant VMT impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Potential VMT-reducing measures may include providing pedestrian/bicycle network improvements, traffic calming infrastructure, improved street connectivity, and City-run programs to incentivize use of alternative travel modes.

**Environmental Review:**

It is anticipated that the EIR will address potentially significant impacts associated the following topical areas:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural, Paleontological and Tribal Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Drainage
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population, and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Traffic and Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems

Based on the proposed sites, the proposed projects would not result in significant impacts with respect to Agriculture and Forestry Resources; Mineral Resources; or Wildfires. Therefore, these topics will be address in the Effects Found Not To Be Significant Section of the EIR.