



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (SCH #2021090175)
VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION PROGRAM**

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2022

TO: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: CITY OF LANCASTER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the City of Lancaster has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program. Based on the analysis presented in the DEIR, the proposed project would not result in significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to any environmental resource area with the exception of vehicle miles traveled impacts and cumulative vehicle miles traveled. All other environmental effects evaluated in the DEIR are determined to be less than significant, or can be feasibly reduced to less than significant levels with incorporation of the mitigation measures provided in the DEIR.

A copy of the DEIR and its technical appendices are on file and available to the public during normal working hours at the following location: City of Lancaster Community Development Division – Planning, 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534. The DEIR and its technical appendices are also available for review online at the following website: <https://www.cityoflanasterca.org/our-city/departments-services/development-services/planning/environmental-review/environmental-impact-reports-eirs>.

Comment Period: Comments may be sent anytime during the 45-day public review and comment period. The public comment period begins on August 8, 2022 and ends on September 22, 2022. All comments must be received during the comment period and no later than 6:00 PM on September 22, 2022. 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.gov.

1. **Project Name:** Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program.

2. **Project Location:**

The proposed program would apply to development Citywide.

3. **Project Description:**

The proposed VMT Mitigation Program aims to establish mitigation for projects that exceed the City's VMT thresholds in the form of a mitigation impact fee. The program identifies relevant transportation demand management (TDM) strategies and VMT-reducing projects within the City to be funded by the impact fee. The impact fee was calculated based on the cost to implement identified VMT-reducing improvements and programs divided by the projected growth in Citywide VMT. The maximum allowable mitigation fee per VMT is \$425. These funds would be utilized to fund active transportation infrastructure projects in the City to help the City meet its VMT reduction goals. The overall intent of the program is to streamline the Senate Bill 743 compliance process for development projects while funding future VMT improvement projects to reduce Citywide VMT.

4. **Lead Agency:** City of Lancaster, 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534