# MODERNIZING TRANSPORTATION IN LOS ANGELES



## MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome & Introduction
- **2** Update to Transportation Analysis Methods
- Update to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance
- **4** Q + A















## TRANSPORTATION IN LOS ANGELES









47% of all trips < 3 miles



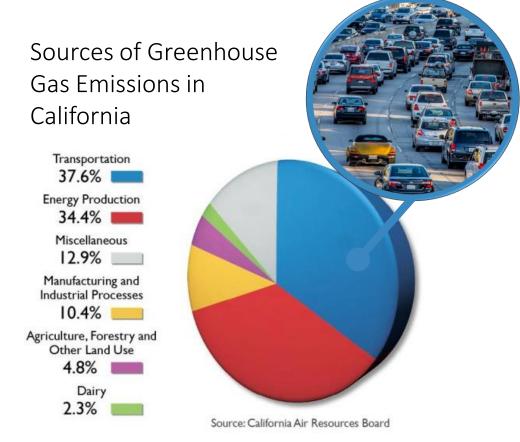
300 days of good weather



## WHY MODERNIZE TRANSPORTATION IN LOS ANGELES?

## TO AVOID

- **57 unhealthy air days** in 2012
- 2,000+ premature yearly deaths
   attributed to air pollution from vehicles
- Typical households spend 15-20% of income on transportation
- 36,000+ people injured or killed in motor vehicle collisions per year (100 per day)
- 37% of California's greenhouse gas
   emissions from transportation





## WHY MODERNIZE TRANSPORTATION IN LOS ANGELES?

## TO ACHIEVE

- + Better public health by improving air quality
- + Offer affordable travel options, reducing household costs
- + Save lives by reducing collision risk
- + Fight global climate change





## WHY MODERNIZE TRANSPORTATION IN LOS ANGELES?

### TO GROW SUSTAINABLY

#### TODAY

- 3,800,000 people
- 1,600,000 jobs

## Los Angeles in 2040

• 4,609,400 people



• 2,169,100 jobs



Source: SCAG 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



### UPDATED ANALYSIS METHODS

## California Senate Bill (SB) 743

Requires CEQA transportation analysis to measure impacts with Vehicle Miles Traveled, promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, promoting public health through active transportation, and efficient access to destination such as removing barriers to infill development.



## Using **vehicle delay** to evaluate land use projects restricts efficient development



Development Review Metric	Outcome			
Level of Service (LOS)	More sprawl			

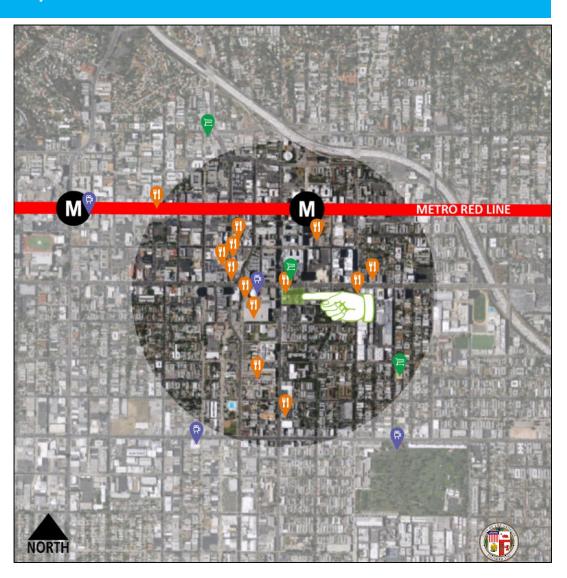


## VMT is a better measure of the effects of land use on the transportation system

**Development Review Metric** 

**Outcome** 

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Projects where they make sense



## BENEFITS OF MEASURING VMT





Safer streets for all



**Evaluation of mitigation effectiveness** 



Growth where it makes sense



Fighting climate change





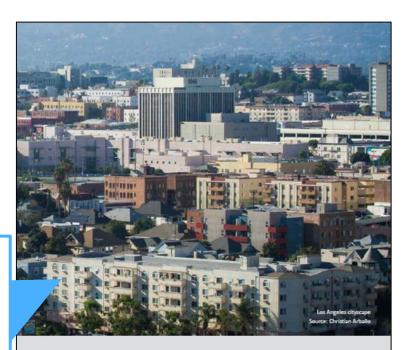
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#### Affordable Housing Projects

Residential or mixed-use developments that include Affordable Housing Units [as defined in LAMC 12.22-A.25 (b)] are eligible to use the trip generation rates presented in **Table 5**, which are based on the total number and type of dwelling units reserved as affordable. These trip generation rates are based on vehicle trip count data collected at affordable housing sites in the City of Los Angeles in 2016. These trip generation rates for Affordable Housing units are not subject to any of the aforementioned adjustments in this Section.

Table 5: Trip Generation Rates for Affordable Housing Projects

Affordable Housing Type	<b>Daily Rate</b> (Trips per DU)	Average AM Peak Hr Rate (Trips per DU)	% AM Trips In	% AM Trips Out	Average PM Peak Hr Rate (Trips per DU)	% PM Trips In	% PM Trips Out
Family	4.08	0.50	40%	60%	0.34	55%	45%
Seniors	1.72	0.12	38%	62%	0.15	52%	48%
Permanent Supportive Housing / Special Needs	1.27	0.12	44%	56%	0.12	59%	41%



LADOT

Transportation Impact Study Guidelines

December 2016



- ✓ Collected vehicle trip data at local affordable housing & mixed use sites
- ✓ Updated the City travel demand forecasting model





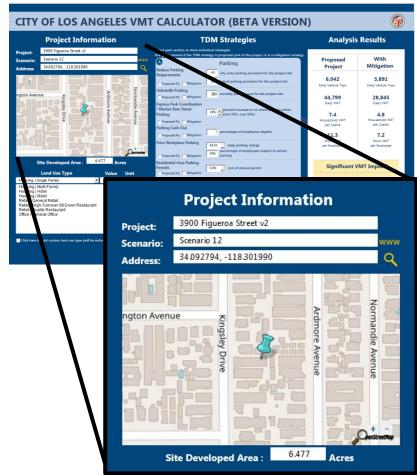


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- ✓ Developed and beta tested VMT Calculator





## WHY UPDATE THE TDM ORDINANCE?

### City's current ordinance:

- Dates to 1993
- Features outdated mobility options
- Does not include monitoring or evaluation
- Out of sync with regional and statewide policy shift



## GOALS & BENEFITS

### **Policy Goal**

Improve people's access to destinations as the population grows by shifting travel from driving alone to sustainable travel choices

Benefits of Accomplishing our Goal



Better public health outcomes



Improved quality of life



Administratively manageable



## KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

#### **Project Targets**

Site-specific SOV trip reduction target to shift mode share

#### Choices

Menu of TDM measures applicant may choose from to achieve target

### Feedback Loop

Monitoring and evaluation to measure program effectiveness

















## PROPOSED EXEMPTIONS

The City proposes to **exempt** the following projects:

- Projects building <16 housing units
- Projects creating <25,000 sq. ft. retail, mixed use, or nonwarehouse employment
- Projects building <250,000 sq. ft. warehouse

















## PROPOSED APPLICABILITY

#### **LEVEL 1**

Projects proposing to build:

- ≥16 housing units
- ≥25,000 sq. ft. retail, mixed-use, nonwarehouse employment



PROJECTS LIKE Urban Village: 45 units



#### **LEVEL 2**

Projects proposing to build:

- ≥50 housing units
- ≥50,000 sf. retail, mixed-use, non-warehouse employment

PROJECTS LIKE 1133 Hope St: 28-story, 200 units

1400 S Figueroa St: 7-story mixed-use, 110 units







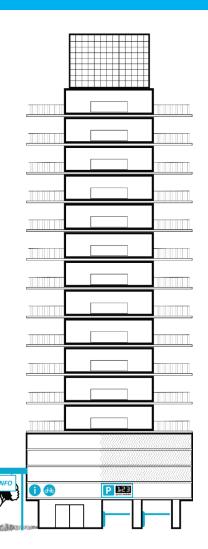


## PROPOSED APPLICABILITY

#### **LEVEL 3**

Projects proposing to build:

- ≥250 housing units
- ≥100,000 sq. ft. retail, mixed use, non-warehouse employment
- ≥250,000 sq. ft. warehouse
- ≥250 hotel rooms
- Campus and special use projects

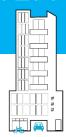


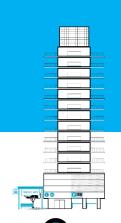
PROJECTS LIKE 1200 S Figueroa: 35-story, 648 housing units, 48,000 sq. ft. retail





## PROPOSED APPLICABILITY







#### LEVEL 1

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#### LEVEL 2

- ≥50 housing units
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## **CHOICES IN ACTION**









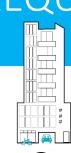


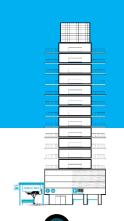






## TIERED MONITORING REQUIREMENTS







Annual Site
 Transportation Plan

#### LEVEL 2

- Annual Site
   Transportation Plan
- Site Occupant Travel
   Survey data

#### LEVEL 3

- Annual Site
   Transportation Plan
- Site Occupant Travel
   Survey data
- Employment Sites:
   AVR (Average Vehicle
   Ridership) reporting

















## MONITORING & EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

#### Performance Targets

- Assessment of baseline conditions
- Establish performance target for Level 3 Projects

#### Prioritize Data

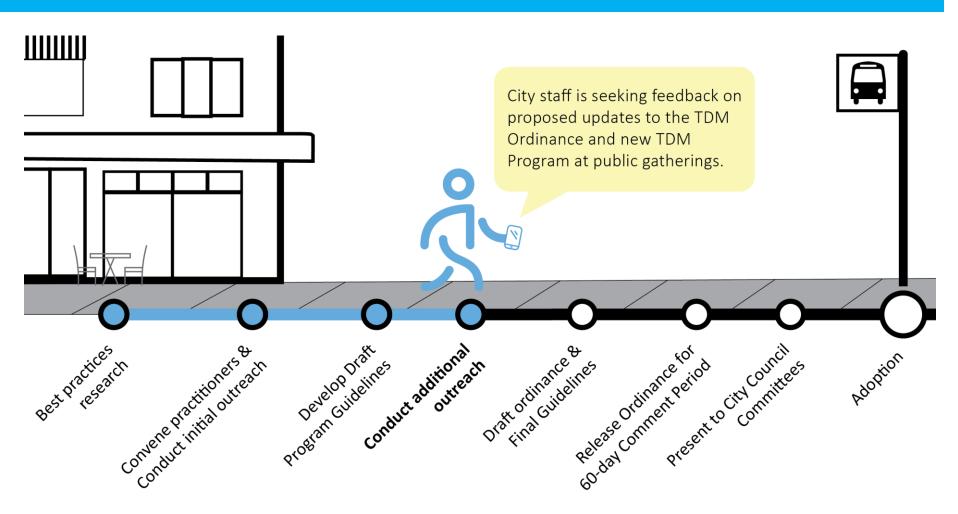
 Prioritize most useful data for project performance evaluation

#### Feedback Loop

- Analyze data to measure program efficacy and progress
- Use findings to inform transportation and land use planning



## **NEXT STEPS**





## See you on the streets

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