

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. If adopted, the VMT thresholds will reduce costs for some applicants for processing of applications.

OPTIONS:

Adopt the final memo as recommended by the Planning Commission

ATTACHMENTS:

Planning Commission Resolution recommending Adoption of the VMT Thresholds

Prior meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/events/planning-commission-meeting-february-13-2024/>

APPROVALS:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: February 21, 2024

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: February 21, 2024

The proposed action is exempt under Section 15378(b)(5) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as this is a required action to comply with State Law.

Administrative Services (Financial) Approval Date: 2/26/2024

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: Yes No N/A

Account Code (f applicable)

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: 2/27/2024

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: 2/28/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
(VMT) THRESHOLDS

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol completed a comprehensive General Plan update with adoption of a new General Plan on November 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, codified at Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR, § 15000 et seq.), on November 15, 2016, the City Council certified and adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sebastopol General Plan (the “Project”; State Clearinghouse No. 2016032001); and

WHEREAS, the State of California SB743, effective 2020, which shifts transportation impact metrics for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) from vehicle level of service (LOS) for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the General Plan, in that it conforms to the following:

Goal CIR 5: Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in Order to Reduce Congestion and Help Achieve Regional Efforts to Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Policy CIR 5-1: Actively support the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) in its efforts to reduce GHG emissions and strive to meet its regional goals.

Policy CIR 5-2: Ensure that the City’s Trip Reduction Program (Municipal Code Section 8.16) is implemented. The purpose of the City’s Trip Reduction ordinance is to reduce traffic and improve air quality within the City of Sebastopol by promoting the development of Trip Reduction Programs (also referred to as Transportation Demand Management Programs, or TDM) at existing and future work sites.

Examples of TDM programs may include (but are not limited to) subsidized transit passes, guaranteed ride home, carpool matching, telecommuting, alternative work schedules, car sharing, employer-sponsored vanpools, priced workplace parking, preferential parking for carpools and/or low-emission vehicles, and shower facilities at workplaces to support bike riding.

Policy CIR 5-3: Support the establishment and expansion of a regional network of electric vehicle charging stations and encourage the expanded use of electric vehicles.

Actions in Support of Goal CIR 5

Action CIR 5a: Supply transportation data to the RCPA as requested to assist in the assessment of GHG reduction efforts.

Action CIR 5b: Establish specific TDM requirements that is consistent with the

