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Board of Supervisors
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2020

On the motion of Supervisor: Coonerty
Duly seconded by Supervisor: Friend
The following Resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
AS THE NEW TRANSPORTATION MEASURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 743 in 2013, which directed the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop updated criteria for measuring transportation impacts using alternative metrics that promote a reduction in greenhouse gases, the development of multimodal transportation, and a diversity of land uses; and

WHEREAS, in November 2017, OPR released its proposed updates to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that stated vehicle miles traveled (VMT) shall be the new metric for measuring transportation impacts instead of using the level of service metric; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the California Natural Resources Agency released its Final Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action that amended the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2018, the Office of Administrative Law approved the amended CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, all lead agencies are required to comply with the updated CEQA Guidelines, which means using VMT to measure transportation impacts by July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7(b) allows lead agencies to adopt thresholds of significance for the lead agency's general use in its environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz intends to update VMT thresholds of significance, based on a data-driven evaluation, to meet the intent of SB 743.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Cruz adopts VMT as the County's thresholds of significance for transportation-related environmental impacts pursuant to CEQA as follows:

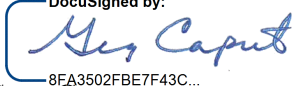
- Residential Projects: 15% below the countywide per capita average VMT;
- Office and Service Projects: 15% below the countywide per employee average VMT;
- Retail: no net increase in the countywide average; and
- All other land uses: no net increase in VMT.

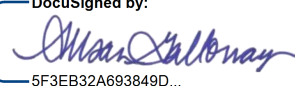
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Planning Director to update the VMT thresholds of significance for land use projects and plans, as necessary and appropriate to reflect current conditions, provided any update is consistent with the intent of SB 743 and in compliance with procedural and substantive requirements of CEQA and all other applicable state and local laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of June, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	Leopold, Friend, Coonerty, McPherson, Caput
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	None
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	None
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	None

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cc: County Counsel
 Planning Department

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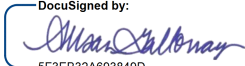
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