

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Luke Watson, Director of Community Development

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Approve Agreement with Fehr & Peers for Updated CEQA Traffic Thresholds and Guidelines

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve an agreement with Fehr & Peers for \$174,823.98 to update CEQA Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines including vehicle miles travelled (VMT) thresholds and guidelines.

BACKGROUND: In 2013, SB 743 was approved in the State legislature with the intent to balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to infill development, promotion of public health through active transportation, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Additional regulatory changes to the CEQA guidelines were approved by the Governor on December 28, 2018. As a result, by July 1, 2020, jurisdictions must comply with the state-mandated CEQA analysis change from level of service (LOS) to vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

To assist in the facilitation of this transition and compliance of SB 743, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) created the Sustainable Communities Program, and has awarded the City a grant to assist in updating the City's Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines.

Currently, the City's TIA Guidelines provide a standard format and methodology for assessing potential traffic and circulation impacts of proposed development projects, General Plan Amendments, Specific Plans, and changes in land use zoning. The City's TIA Guidelines use level of service (LOS) based on intersection delay as the basis to analyze impacts to intersections and roadway segments within a specified area. SCAG's grant will assist in the transition the City's TIA Guidelines from LOS based to vehicle miles travelled (VMT) based guidelines, by establishing VMT baseline, thresholds, and mitigation.

The City issued an RFP for qualified firms to update the City's CEQA TIA Guidelines and selected Fehr & Peers to complete the project.

FISCAL IMPACT: As mentioned above, the City was selected for a grant for this project by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). There are sufficient funds in the

Planning Division budget for this project, however the City will be fully reimbursed for the cost of this analysis.

ATTACHMENTS: Agreement with Fehr & Peers