



## VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED MITIGATION PROGRAM

# We're working on greater mobility options.

Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA, which includes more mobility options and less congestion through efforts like the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

### Overview

Metro's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program will develop a framework to mitigate VMT impacts from projects on the State Highway System in LA County, in line with Senate Bill (SB) 743's changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.

This program will allow Metro to support the region's SB 32 and SB 375 goals by reducing the impacts of VMT and correlated greenhouse gas emissions, while providing greater mobility options for the county's residents. This program is funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and local funds. The program timeline is anticipated to take two years to develop the framework, with investments and expanded mobility options to follow.



### Timeline



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## Assess Quantification Tools & Methodology

Metro will assess various VMT quantification tools for their validity and limitations. Metro will select the preferred methodology for quantifying VMT projects that increase roadway capacity.

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## Establish Evaluation Criteria for Mitigation Options

Metro will establish a series of criteria for evaluating and prioritizing potential VMT mitigation options. The criteria will address legal requirements, effectiveness in reducing VMT, geographic scope, measurability, agency priorities and equity.

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## Create Mitigation Program Framework

Metro will create a framework to prioritize mitigation options based on the established evaluation criteria. The framework will align with Metro policy priorities, such as benefits to vulnerable communities/Equity-Focused Communities.

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## Develop Mitigation Quantification Tool

Metro will create a VMT mitigation quantification tool based on the evaluation criteria. This tool will include guidance for the selection of feasible VMT mitigations for projects with VMT impacts.

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## Draft Mitigation Program

Metro will prepare a Draft VMT Mitigation Program and technical justification, describing how the program will be administered, criteria for mitigation option priorities and how it meets legal and technical requirements.

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## Stakeholder Committee Presentations and Approval

Metro will present the Draft VMT Mitigation Program and technical justification to internal Metro committees, the Planning & Programming Committee and the Metro Board for review, comment and approval.

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## Final VMT Mitigation Program Adoption

Metro staff will present the final VMT Mitigation Program to the Metro Board for adoption, reflecting changes made during the review process. Following adoption, the implemented program will allow for new and effective forms of VMT mitigation for different types of projects.

## Ongoing

### Stakeholder Outreach

Metro will perform extensive outreach to Councils of Governments, Community-Based Organizations, Environmental/Social Justice groups and other stakeholders to provide input. Metro and stakeholders will collaborate to identify feasible VMT mitigation options.

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