NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE
VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED REDUCTION PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fresno (City), as the Lead Agency, has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Program, which is being distributed for public review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Public Resources Code.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project will apply to development within the city limits of Fresno.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project aims to establish a VMT Reduction Program with the intent of reducing citywide VMT by establishing mitigation for future development projects in Fresno. The VMT Reduction Program includes two major components that can be applied, individually or in combination, to new development with VMT impacts: an Urban Design Calculator (UDC), which estimates potential VMT reductions for development projects through incorporation of various design elements; and a mitigation fee (supported by a nexus study) and mitigation bank, which would be used to fund VMT-reducing projects throughout Fresno.

The VMT Reduction Program would identify relevant transportation demand management (TDM) strategies and VMT-reducing projects within Fresno to be funded by mitigation fees from developments that trigger potentially significant VMT impacts under CEQA. Potential VMT-reducing measures may include active transportation improvements, multi-modal transportation programs, and improved street connectivity, including bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities. The program intends to streamline the Senate Bill 743 compliance process for development projects while funding future VMT improvement projects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A hard copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

City of Fresno
Planning and Development Department
2600 Fresno Street, Third Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Fresno County Public Library, Central Branch
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno, California 93721

The Draft EIR document is also available on the City's website at:

www.fresno.gov/planning/plans-projects-under-review

Documents incorporated by reference can be viewed at the Planning and Development Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City of Fresno will receive public comments on the Draft EIR from July 2, 2025 through August 15, 2025. Written comments should be received no later than 5pm (PST) on August 15, 2025. Please send your written comments to the Planning and Development Department and include your name, address, and phone number and/or email address so that we may contact you for clarification, if necessary. Comments may be made in person, by first class mail, facsimile or email to:

City of Fresno
Planning and Development Department
2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065
Fresno, CA 93721
Attention: Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager
Telephone: (559) 621-8062 Fax: (559) 621-2489
Email: Longrangeplanning@fresno.gov

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR identifies potential significant effects in the following areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Noise
- Transportation

Mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less-than-significant level in all areas except Transportation. There are currently seven contaminated sites within the Planning Area that are identified as cleanup sites consistent with Government Code Section 65962.5.