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9:15 A.M. #2 (ID 25-1333)

HEARING to Consider adoption of the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
Reduction Program and Nexus Study and Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation
Fee; and related Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2024091129.

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From: <u>Clerk</u>

To: <u>Clerk Agendas</u>

Cc: <u>Clerk</u>

Subject: FW: Bonadelle Letter In Support of VMT Mitigation Fee

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 1:15:47 PM

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From: John A. Bonadelle

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 12:33 PM

To: Clerk < Clerk@fresno.gov>

Cc: Darren Rose

Subject: Bonadelle Letter In Support of VMT Mitigation Fee

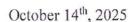
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Please see attached in support of Thursday council action item.

JOHN A. BONADELLE

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Fresno City Council 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Support for the City of Fresno's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Fee Mitigation Program and Environmental Impact Report (Agenda Item 1-B, October 17, 2025)

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Bonadelle Neighborhoods, we respectfully submit this letter in support of the City of Fresno's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Fee Mitigation Program and accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as presented under Agenda Item 1-B on the October 17, 2025 City Council agenda.

While we do not agree with the State of California's decision to impose the VMT standard as a replacement for the traditional Level of Service (LOS) metric, we recognize that the City of Fresno has taken a responsible and solution-oriented approach in responding to this state mandate. The City's proposed VMT Mitigation Program provides a balanced and pragmatic framework that enables continued residential development while maintaining compliance with state environmental regulations.

This program offers the development community clarity, predictability, and a viable path forward—ensuring that single-family housing, a critical component of Fresno's housing supply, can continue to be delivered to meet the needs of local families. In doing so, the City is making the best of an otherwise restrictive state policy by creating a system that both complies with environmental requirements and supports local housing production.

We commend City staff and leadership for their proactive engagement with the building industry and urge the Council to adopt the VMT Fee Mitigation Program and certify the accompanying EIR. This is a crucial step toward keeping Fresno's housing market moving forward and maintaining the community's ability to grow and provide critically needed market rate housing.



Vice President

From: Darren Rose
To: Clerk

Cc: Zach Gomes (); Corine Demetreos (); Georgeanne White;

Jennifer Clark

Subject: City Council Item# ID 25-1333/ Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Program and Nexus Study and Mitigation Fee

Date:Tuesday, October 14, 2025 3:47:47 PMAttachments:Fresno VMT Letter October 2025.pdf

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Please see attached letter from the Building Industry Association of Fresno/ Madera Counties.

Darren C. Rose

President/ CEO

Building Industry Association of Fresno/ Madera Counties



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The Honorable Michael Karbassi, President and Members of the Fresno City Council 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721

VIA Email

Dear President Karbassi:

Subject: Fresno's VMT Environmental Impact Report & Reduction Program

I am writing on behalf of the Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera Counties to express our support for the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Program as outlined in the recent Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The California Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 743 requires the assessment of project-level impacts using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as a metric to encourage less driving and reduce green house emissions. Fresno's VMT Environmental Impact Report & Reduction Program is the preferred alternative to requiring builders to costly and time-consuming project-level EIRs.

We commend the City of Fresno's staff for their diligent work and for creating a VMT program. The initiative provides much needed clarity and certainty for home builders as we navigate future projects.

Thank you once again for bringing the VMT EIR & Reduction Program forward and for communicating with our members.

Sincerely.

President and CEO
Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera Counties

From: Georgeanne White

To: <u>Clerk</u>

Cc: <u>Jennifer Clark</u>; <u>Jerry Dyer</u>

Subject: Fwd: 10-16-2025 City Council Agenda Item No. ID 25-1333 (VMT)

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 8:36:26 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: jeffrey roberts

Date: October 15, 2025 at 8:14:19 AM PDT

To: Georgeanne White

Subject: 10-16-2025 City Council Agenda Item No. ID 25-1333 (VMT)

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Georgeanne,

I am writing to let you know that I am in support of the proposed "VMT Program" that is being considered by the Fresno City Council tomorrow morning. I appreciated hearing your staff and your consultant team explain the proposed program and its features last week in City Hall. I think that the City of Fresno has figured out a reasonable way for proposed developments to use a combination of design "tools" and / or offset fees to achieve the goals of the VMT requirement imposed by the State of California several years ago.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this issue.

Jeffrey T. Roberts