

Frequently Asked Questions

Here are answers to some common questions about how the proposed **Los Angeles County Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program Report** would work, who it would impact, and how it would support safer, healthier, and more connected neighborhoods.

What is the VMT Mitigation Program Report?

The Los Angeles County Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program Report is a program that the County is researching that may provide transportation solutions and offer smarter ways to support new development while improving everyday travel. This research report aims to provide guidance for reducing unnecessary vehicle miles traveled in support of more sustainable development and transportation choices that help to meet environmental, mobility, and climate objectives for a future program to be implemented.

What is "VMT" and why is it important?

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) measures how much and how far people drive. Reducing VMT can mean fewer emissions, less air pollution, a safer transportation system, and less time spent on the road. It can also help the County meet State climate and sustainability goals.

How would the program affect my community?

If you live, work, or travel in unincorporated LA County, the program could benefit you by creating a safer travel environment, improving your travel experience, creating greater connectivity, and improving air quality throughout the region. VMT reduction strategies may also result in fewer vehicles on the road and reduce barriers to walking and biking.

How would this help protect our environment and health?

The program would support California's efforts to fight climate change and improve quality of life for everyone. When fewer people drive alone, less air pollution and greenhouse gases are produced, leading to cleaner air and healthier neighborhoods. It can also help the County meet State climate and sustainability goals.

How would the program improve safety for people walking, biking, or driving?

The program would support safer future programs to enhance street designs, such as improved crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and traffic calming measures, so everyone can move around more safely no matter how they choose to travel. In addition, reducing VMT could lead to fewer cars on the road, which would reduce exposure risks for people walking and biking.

How would the program make it easier to walk or bike?

By funding wider sidewalks, better lighting, more bike parking, and smoother connections between neighborhoods, the program aims to make walking and biking safer, more comfortable, and more accessible.

What would be done to improve public transit and connections?

The VMT Mitigation Program Report could help fund improvements like upgraded bus stops, shade structures, dedicated bus lanes, and improved first-/last-mile connections, making it easier to get around by transit.

Would the program slow down new development?

No. To the contrary, the program would help new development projects move forward by providing clear guidelines for project design and more options for managing potential transportation impacts. Developers would be able to implement proven VMT reduction strategies to meet their obligations under State law to mitigate project impacts.

How would the program affect traffic?

By incentivizing VMT reduction measures like free transit passes, secure bike parking, and improved sidewalks, the program would help facilitate more options for getting around without a car. Investing in these measures could lead to fewer cars on the road throughout the County.

How would the program connect to other County plans?

The program would work in conjunction with the County's ongoing efforts to make neighborhoods healthier, safer, and more connected. The program would support the County's General Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Housing Element, Climate Action Plan, and Sustainability Plan.

How will the community be given opportunities to provide input?

LA County Public Works will provide many opportunities for input from community members, organizations, and local leaders to make sure the program reflects community needs, including both in-person and virtual public meetings, survey opportunities, and more. Your ideas, feedback, and experiences will help achieve better outcomes.

How can I get involved or stay informed?

To sign up to receive updates, share a comment, find upcoming events, and more, go to:

www.pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/transportation/VMT

