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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CALTRANS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW
INTERIM GUIDANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

SB 743, passed by the Legislature in 2013, requires that environmental documents not use LOS for measuring impact but instead use VMT. The Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) is currently developing guidelines to implement this legal requirement. However, Caltrans has posted interim guidance governing its review of CEQA documents. Caltrans has directed its staff to follow this document which is posted at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/documents/RevisedInterimGuidance11092016.pdf>.

At the December 7, 2016 CTC meeting, the Commission objected strongly to this action of Caltrans primarily on grounds that it amounts to a regulatory action taken without opportunity for public input, and due to the action being in advance of the OPR regulations. The CTC will be sending a letter to Caltrans voicing the objection. There is no indication on what action, if any, Caltrans will take in response to the CTC's letter. To reiterate, the Caltrans guidance is currently in effect.