

# LOS

- Traffic Engineer Jargon: “**L**evel **O**f **S**ervice”
- Used Frequently Today in Environmental Impact Reports
- Soon will be *irrelevant* in Environmental Impact Reports

# SB745

**“Environmental quality:**

**transit oriented infill projects,**

**judicial review streamlining for environmental  
leadership development projects,**

**and entertainment and sports center in the City of  
Sacramento.”**

**Approved September 27, 2013**

**Implementation regulations not yet issued by the  
Governor’s Office of Planning Research (OPR)**

# SB745

- “Infill Opportunity Zone” [Defined as area] within one-half mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor included in a regional transportation plan.
- Level Of Service standards ... shall not apply to the streets and highways within an infill opportunity zone.
- Aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project ... on an infill site ... within a transit priority area .. shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment.
- This bill would, except for specified circumstances, exempt from CEQA residential, employment center, and mixed-use development projects meeting specified criteria.

# **Under SB745 the State of California specifically denies the importance of traffic congestion.**

"New methodologies under CEQA are needed for evaluating transportation impacts that are better able to promote the state's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic-related air pollution, promoting the development of a multimodal transportation system, and providing clean, efficient access to destinations.

**The OPR seems to be leaning toward use of  
"Vehicle Miles Traveled" (VMT)  
to replace LOS**

***Expect final guidelines "soon"***

# VMT

- **A “global” versus a “local” measure**
- **Obviously selected because it encourages infill**
- **Traffic Engineers are unprepared to implement**
  - **Limited guidance for methodologies**
  - **Some pilot studies underway**
- **Favors increases in downtown density versus new rural development**
- **Development opponents will need to find new arguments**
- **Impact on Plan Update?**