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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF DELAYING VEHICLE MILES)
TRAVELED (VMT) REQUIREMENTS OF SB-743)

Resolution No. 20-202

WHEREAS, the State of California is in the midst of a housing and affordability crisis and is in desperate need of more affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, by making new housing significantly more expensive by imposing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements, SB-743 stands in opposition to that goal of affordability; and

WHEREAS, the California Building Industry Association estimates that 10,000 Californians are priced out of a home for each \$1,000 added to the overall cost; and

WHEREAS, rural communities throughout the Central Valley already lag behind other parts of California in terms of economic development; and

WHEREAS, these same rural communities will be disproportionately affected by the implementation of the VMT standards created by SB-743 because many residents of these towns must drive longer distances to find employment in urban centers; and

WHEREAS, VMT builds impenetrable barriers to the creation of jobs, housing and infrastructure development in rural communities because it imposes costly and unnecessary requirements that new developments must achieve an at least 15-percent reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled, as recommended by OPR in a technical advisory; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 recession has driven a surge in unemployment and will significantly worsen all the economic problems facing the Central Valley as described above; and

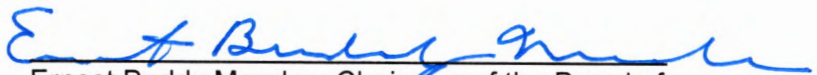
WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors is compelled by duty and honor to fight and oppose anything that might stand in the way of the prosperity of its citizens, businesses and workers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors that implementation of the VMT standard as recommended by Governor's Office of Planning and Research should be delayed for two years so that the disastrous effects of the COVID-19 recession have subsided enough to safely pursue a sensible path forward that benefits Fresno County citizens, businesses and workers.

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Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of May, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAINED: None


Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop
Deputy