

San Diego Region VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM

Transportation Committee

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Role of a Regional Program

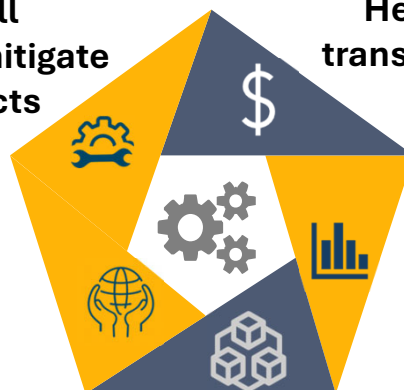
Create a set of tools that
can be used by all
jurisdictions to help mitigate
VMT related impacts

Help fund local regional
transportation infrastructure

Implementation of
the Sustainable
Communities
Strategy

Organize a database of
VMT reducing
improvements and
programs that can be used
to mitigate impacts

Create a framework for
jurisdictions to exchange VMT
credits and infrastructure



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Hybrid Program



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Local In-Lieu Fee Guidelines

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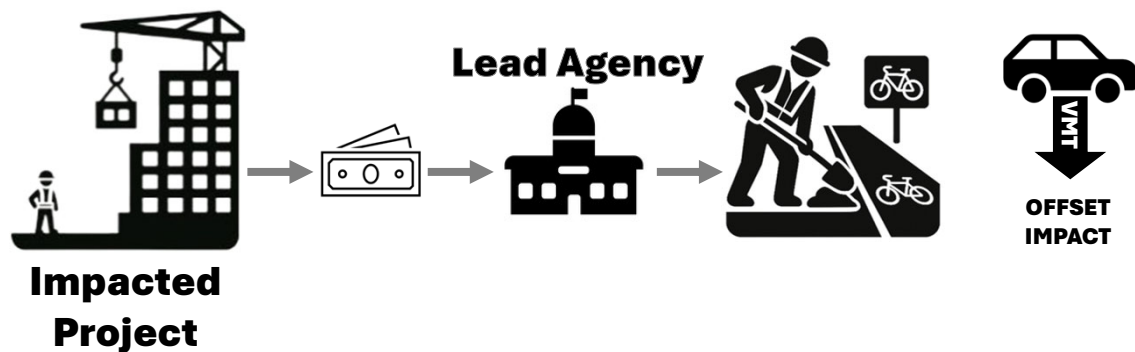
Program Outline

The guidelines would provide a roadmap to develop an in-lieu fee program with little-to-no outside assistance:

- Provide methods and formulas needed to calculate the fee rates
- Provide an outline of a typical nexus study and fee program ordinance
- Provide legal framework and references to establish a fee program
- Provide links to example studies

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Program Overview



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Regional Programs

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Calculating VMT Reductions

- **Jurisdictions would calculate the VMT reductions of proposed infrastructure**
- **A VMT reduction calculator tool is being developed to assist with this calculation**
- **Program Administrator would verify calculations are consistent with the calculator OR that there is correct alternative documentation for the proposed VMT reduction**

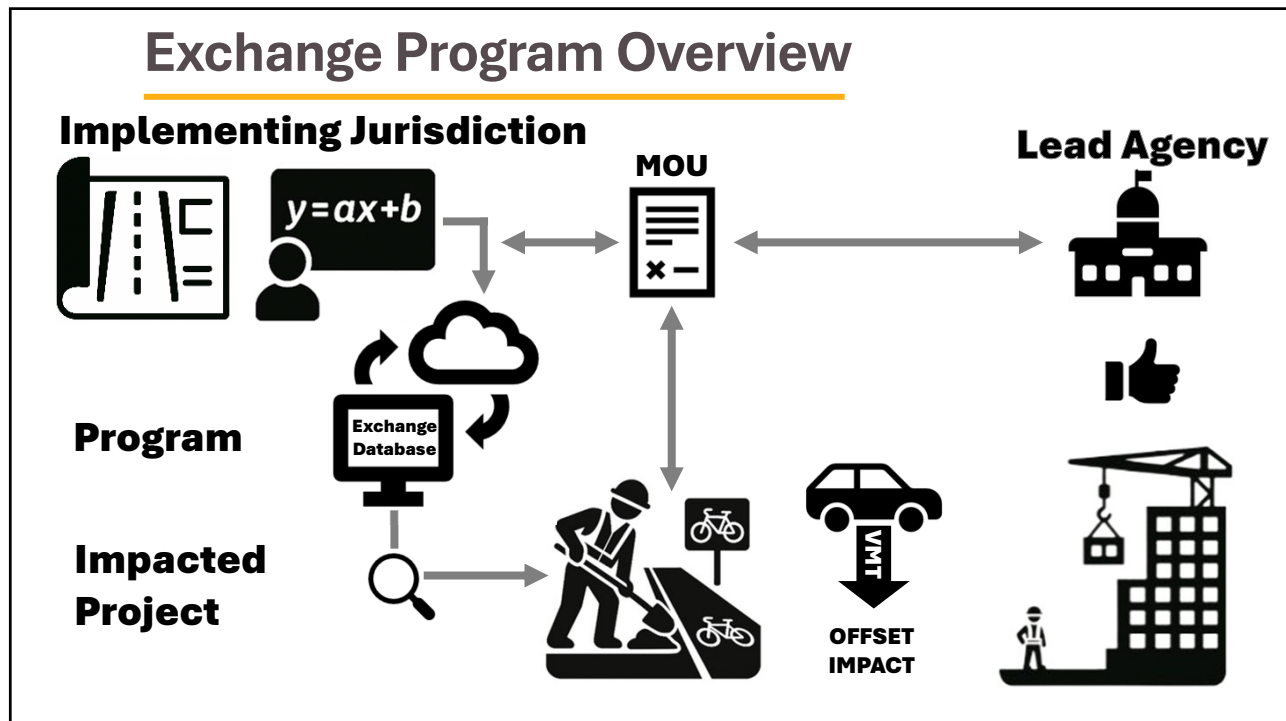
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Infrastructure Included in the Calculator

Mode	Infrastructure
Bicycle	Protected Bikeways (Class I, Class IV)
	Bike Lanes (Class II)
	Bicycle Boulevard
	Bicycle Parking
Transit	Transit-Only Lanes
	Queue Jumper Lanes
	Transit Signal Priority
	Microtransit / Neighborhood Shuttle
	Provide Transit Shelters
	Provide Local Shuttles
Pedestrian	Enhancements
	Gap Closure
Other	NEV Network
	Park & Ride Lots

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Exchange Program Overview



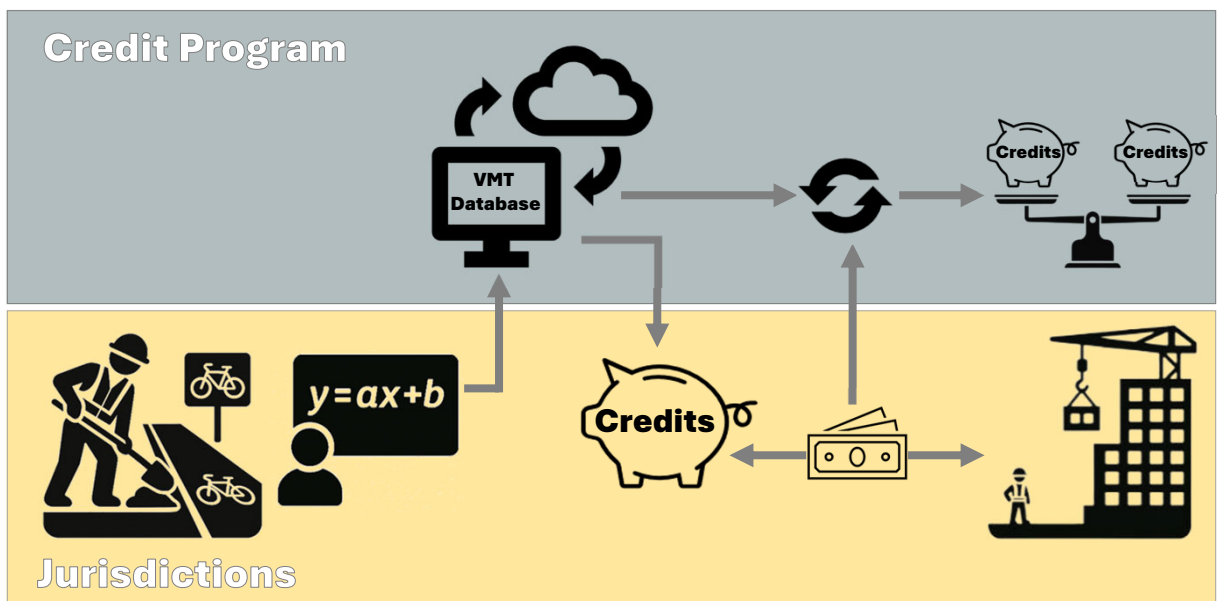
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Infrastructure Requirements

- It must be proven through accepted or peer reviewed calculations that the infrastructure would reduce VMT on a daily basis
- The infrastructure must be permanent
- The infrastructure must be shovel-ready before being posted to the Exchange Program

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Credit Program Overview



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Infrastructure Requirements

- **It must be proven through accepted or peer reviewed calculations that the infrastructure will reduce VMT on a daily basis**
- **The infrastructure must be fully constructed and operational to receive credits**
- **The infrastructure must be permanent**
- **The funding used to construct/implement the infrastructure cannot be associated with other mitigations or development requirements**
- **Infrastructure constructed prior to the jurisdiction's participation in the Credit Program cannot be claimed**

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Additional Requirements

- **Funds generated through the sale of credits could only be spent on additional VMT reducing infrastructure**
- **Participants in the Program would need to report how credit revenue is spent, consistent with Government Code Section 66006(b)**
- **The Program Administrator would review the jurisdictional reports to ensure that they maintain consistency with the Credit Program requirements, similar to the RTCIP Fee**
- **Jurisdictions who did not follow the reporting requirements would no longer be able to participate in the program**

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TAC Feedback

- **Requested language that specifically confirms that transportation projects can use the regional programs to offset VMT impacts**
- **Expressed concerns about additionality with the Credit Program**
- **Requested further clarification about who could potentially be the Program Administrator and what that role would entail**
- **Noted that having the programs in place could potentially make it difficult to approve projects with unmitigated VMT impacts**

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RPC Feedback

- **Recommended exploring costs of implementing a regional VMT mitigation pilot program**
- **Recommended exploring potential funding sources for implementing a regional VMT mitigation pilot program**
- **Recommended deferring a decision about whether any potential regional pilot program would be an exchange or credit program or both**

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AB 130

- **Will develop a statewide VMT mitigation program**
- **Will focus on VMT mitigation through the development of affordable housing**
- **Will not include VMT reduction credits associated with multi-modal infrastructure**
- **Will be in place by July 1, 2026**

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Next Steps

- **Receive feedback from Transportation Committee**
- **Present to County Board of Supervisors in June**
- **Complete assessment in June under terms of the planning grant**
- **Analyze emerging statewide VMT mitigation efforts under AB 130**

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Open Questions

- **Is there interest in implementing a regional VMT mitigation pilot program?**
- **If a regional VMT mitigation pilot program were developed, would an exchange or credit format be better for our region?**
- **Are there additional issues or concerns that should be addressed in a pilot program?**

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