

# Public Outreach for the Proposed Updates to the CEQA Guidelines

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OPR and the Natural Resources Agency have engaged in an iterative process to develop the CEQA Guidelines proposal, and in doing so, have solicited and received extensive public comments. Since the release of the preliminary discussion draft in August 2014, OPR, the Resources Agency, or both have engaged with the following stakeholders, among others, in numerous meetings, presentations, conferences, and other venues, as listed below.

In addition to the meetings listed below, for approximately two years, OPR participated in regular standing meetings with the Caltrans Director on a monthly basis, and Caltrans staff on a bi-weekly basis. In 2016, OPR spent five full days in working group meetings with the metropolitan planning organizations in 2016. OPR has also developed a series of training materials, including a module for the Association of Environmental Professionals Spring Workshop series, and an article published in the California Bar's "Environmental Law News."

- SPUR (August 13, 2014)
- Council of Infill Builders (August 15, 2014)
- Numerous meetings with San Francisco planning and transportation; mayoral support
- Southern California Association of Governments Staff (August 27, 2014)
- Natural Resources Defense Council (August 27, 2014)
- Meea Kang (Infill Builders Federation) (August 28, 2014)
- Nelson Nygaard (September 2, 2014)
- Greenbelt Alliance (September 5, 2014)
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (September 8, 2014)
- Building Industry Association (September 8, 2014)
- UC Davis Extension (September 8, 2014) (to develop course on analyzing VMT)
- Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce (September 9, 2014)
- Bay Area Transportation Agencies (hosted by Alameda County Transportation Commission) (September 9, 2014)
- City of Los Angeles (September 10, 2014)
- City Center Association of Los Angeles (September 10, 2014)
- Kittelson Associates (September 10, 2014)
- Circulate San Diego, American Planning Association, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Caltrans (September 12, 2014)
- American Planning Association, California Chapter (September 14, 2014)
- Orange County Business Council (September 15, 2014)
- Valley Transportation Authority (September 18, 2014)
- Women's Transportation Seminar Sacramento (September 23, 2014)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, Central Valley Chapter (September 24, 2014)

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- High Speed Rail Authority (September 25, 2014)
- OPR Hosted Public Webinar (September 25, 2014)
- SANDAG phone call with modelers (September 26, 2014)
- SANDAG in person with planners (September 29, 2014)
- Circulate San Diego (September 29, 2014)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, North Bay (October 2, 2014)
- Law Seminars International, Santa Monica (October 6, 2014)
- California State Association of Counties (October 7, 2014)
- University of Southern California (October 7, 2014)
- California Transportation Commission (October 8, 2014) (in Glendale)
- California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, Planning Managers (October 10, 2014)
- Infill Builders Federation (October 13, 2014)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (October 15, 2014)
- California Bar Association, Environmental Law Section (October 17, 2014)
- Transform (October 17, 2014)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials Conference (October 23, 2014)
- Sacramento APA Speaker Series (October 24, 2014)
- Southern California Association of Governments, Stakeholder Convening (October 28, 2014)
- Center City Association of Los Angeles (October 29, 2014) (follow-up)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, South Bay (October 30, 2014)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, San Francisco (October 30, 2014)
- OPR Hosted Public Workshop (livecast) (November 3, 2014)
- Governor's Office of Economic Development (November 4, 2014)
- American Planning Association, Santa Rosa (November 6, 2014)
- California State Association of Counties (November 7, 2014)
- Port of San Diego (November 7, 2014)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (November 10, 2014)
- CalChamber and Building Industry Association (November 18, 2014)
- California Transportation Commission (December 3, 2014)
- Caltrans Interagency Modeling Forum (December 3, 2014)
- Continuing Legal Education CEQA Conference (December 5, 2014)
- Caltrans Freight (December 19, 2014)
- Caltrans Operations (December 30, 2014)
- Air Resources Board Freight (January 6, 2015)
- Transportation for America (January 8, 2015)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (January 8, 2015)
- State of Virginia Governor's Office (January 9, 2015)
- U.S. EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (January 9, 2014)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (January 9, 2015)

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- Transportation Research Board Presentation on published paper on rural VMT reduction (January 12, 2015)
- Transportation Research Board Presentation to Major Cities Committee (January 12, 2015)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (January 13, 2015)
- Brookings Institute (January 14, 2015)
- Association of Bay Area Governments (January 14, 2015)
- Housing and Transportation Steering Committee (January 15, 2015)
- League of Cities, Environmental Quality Committee (January 16, 2015)
- Land Use Seminar (Los Angeles) (January 19, 2015)
- Association of Environmental Professionals (January 27, 2015)
- Association of Bay Area Governments (Public Workshop) (February 4, 2015)
- Port of Long Beach (February 17, 2015)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, Spring Workshop (February 23, 2015)
- Kittelson Associates (February 25, 2015)
- California County Planning Directors Association (February 26, 2015)
- New City of Oakland Transportation Director (March 17, 2015)
- UC Berkeley (March 17, 2015)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers, Western Division (March 18, 2015)
- Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference (March 23-24, 2015)
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (April 2, 2015)
- City of San Pablo (April 6, 2015)
- American Society of Civil Engineers and Institute of Transportation Engineers, Riverside County, San Bernardino County (April 16, 2015)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (April 23, 2015)
- Full day UC Davis Extension Course (May 6, 2015)
- Port of Long Beach (May 21, 2015)
- San Francisco Planning Department (May 22, 2015)
- MPO-State Agency Workgroup (May 26, 2015)
- California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (June 4, 2015)
- San Francisco County Transportation Authority (June 10, 2015)
- State Smart Transportation Initiative (June 12, 2015)
- Keynote Speech at University of Michigan NECTAR Conference (June 15, 2016)
- Highway 50 Corridor Transportation Management Authority (July 15, 2016)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (July 21, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments Convening (July 28, 2016)
- Circulate San Diego Stakeholder Roundtable (July 29, 2016)
- San Francisco Bay Area Convening at Alameda County Transportation Commission (July 30, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (August 30, 2016)
- San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (August 18, 2015)
- North Natomas Transportation Management Authority (August 21, 2015)

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- Southern California Association of Governments staff (September 15, 2015)
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation (September 24, 2015)
- City of Truckee (November 3, 2015)
- California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (November 4, 2015)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (January 20, 2016)
- California legislative staff (January 26, 2016)
- SPUR (January 28, 2016)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (February 1, 2016)
- Two statewide webinar presentations and Q&A sessions, attended by over 500 participants (February 1 and 9, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (February 9, 2016)
- UC Davis Extension full-day course (February 10, 2016)
- Bay Area Working Group, Alameda County Transportation Authority (February 12, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments stakeholder convening (February 18, 2016)
- Sacramento stakeholder convening (February 22, 2016)
- Port of Long Beach (February 22, 2016)
- Sacramento Area Councils of Government staff (February 24, 2016)
- Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (February 29, 2016)
- California Legislative staff (March 1, 2016)
- Sacramento Area Councils of Government staff (March 3, 2016)
- Stanislaus County Planning Directors Meeting (March 4, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (March 14, 2016)
- Sacramento Area Councils of Government staff (March 14, 2016)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (March 17, 2016)
- Big Cities DOTs (8 largest cities, ~25% state population) (March 18, 2016)
- ClimatePlan (March 29, 2016)
- Infill Builders (April 8, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (April 8, 2016)
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association (April 13, 2016)
- Transportation For America Webinar (April 13, 2016)
- UC Davis ITS Seminar (April 15, 2016)
- MPO State Agency Working Group (April 27, 2016)
- AEP/APA/ITE/WTS/CSTF/Circulate San Diego (May 12, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments and Sacramento Area Councils of Government staff (May 24, 2016)
- Sacramento Area Councils of Government staff (July 22, 2016)
- ClimateResolve (July 27, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (August 2, 2016)
- ClimateResolve (July 10, 2016)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers National Annual Meeting (August 15, 2016)

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- San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (August 31, 2016)
- ClimatePlan (September 13, 2016)
- Portland State Symposium on transportation funding, national audience (September 21, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (September 23, 2016)
- Railvolution Conference presentation (national audience) (October 11, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments stakeholder convening (November 14, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (November 29, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments individual stakeholder follow-up (December 5, 2016)
- Southern California Association of Governments staff (November 7, 2016)
- Portland State, Big Four MPOs, San Joaquin Council of Governments, California Association of Councils of Government (January 6, 2017)
- Transportation Research Board (January 9, 2017)
- UC Davis Extension full day course (February 1, 2017)
- Erik Ruehr, Institute of Transportation Engineers (February 2, 2017)
- City of Sacramento (February 17, 2017)
- UC Davis CEQA Course (February 23, 2017)
- California State Association of Counties (March 2, 2017)
- Local Government Commission Yosemite Conference (March 18, 2017)
- Portland State, Big Four MPOs, San Joaquin Council of Governments, California Association of Councils of Government (April 4, 2017)
- Los Angeles NGOs, hosted by ClimateResolve (April 7, 2017)
- Congress for the New Urbanism Annual Conference (May 4, 2017)
- CAPCOA Planning Managers' Meeting (May 11, 2017)
- Clean Air Dialog (May 24, 2017)
- Sacramento Air Quality Management District (June 6, 2017)
- Bay Area Metro Planning Innovations (June 8, 2017)
- City of San Jose (July 14, 2017)
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation (July 14, 2017)
- ClimatePlan, Environmental Council of Sacramento, Transform (July 19, 2017)
- Association of Environmental Professionals, AEP Institute (August 4, 2017)
- City of Long Beach (September 7, 2017)
- Portland State University (September 12, 2017)
- Bay Area Metro (September 15, 2017)
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (September 22, 2017)
- American Planning Association, California Chapter, Statewide Conference (September 25, 2017) (three separate panel presentations)
- City of San Jose (October 6, 2017)
- CAPCOA Planning Manager's Meeting (October 11, 2017)
- UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference on Transportation and Environment (October 15, 2017)

## **Public Outreach**

- Caltrans, Legal Division (November 3, 2017)
- California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (November 14, 2017)
- Rural Counties Task Force (November 17, 2017)