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**June 26, 2020**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

**Re: Extension of July 1, 2020 Implementation Date of Vehicle Miles Traveled Regulations**

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) thanks you for your leadership in continuing to address various regulations as new issues and concerns arise, during this unprecedented COVID-19 public health crisis.

It has been brought to my attention that a broad coalition of bipartisan state legislators, business organizations and various public agencies have respectfully requested that you extend the July 1, 2020 implementation date of the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) transportation impact analysis metric in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines adopted by the Natural Resources Agency, pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 743.

Given that the implementation date comes at a time when California is facing a housing shortage and significant economic uncertainty including unprecedented levels of new issues for city staff to address, I am submitting this letter on behalf of the SBCCOG Board of Directors in support of the concept of extending the SB 743 VMT metric implementation date for two years to July 1, 2022.

We request your favorable consideration.

With gratitude,

Christian Horvath, SBCCOG Chair  
Councilman, Redondo Beach