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**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

825 Fifth Street  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Eureka, California

**AGENDA**

Thursday, May 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting - Hybrid

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1. <https://zoom.us/j/87544807065> Password: 200525
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<https://humboldt.legistar.com> or by watching Access Humboldt on cable
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1. **In Person Public Comment:** Any person may appear and present testimony for an item on this agenda at the hearing located in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California. The Planning Commission needs 15 COPIES of any materials submitted at the meeting.
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Public comments may be submitted via email to [Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us). Please provide the project title, record or case number and date of the hearing. The deadline for submitting written comments is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, \_\_\_, 2025. After the deadline, written comments may be submitted to the commission in person during the meeting (15 copies). Comments can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "Meeting Details" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com> and will be included with the administrative record. If you do not have access to email, contact the Planning Clerk at 707-267-9409.

**A. CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG****B. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

## C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** At this time persons may appear before this Commission on any matter pertinent to the Commission's Jurisdiction and that is not on the agenda. When the Chair asks for public comment, please address the Commission from the microphone. Unless otherwise stated, speakers will have three (3) minutes for public comment. Although the Commission may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Commission at this time.

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## E. CONSENT AGENDA

*These Public Hearing matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. The Chair will poll the audience and members of the Commission to determine if any item on the consent agenda should be pulled for public comment or further discussion.*

## F. OLD BUSINESS

*The projects listed below are previously heard hearing items that have generated public comment prior to the hearing date or have other issues related to them that may require discussion*

[25-585](#)

1. Adopt a Vehicle Miles Traveled Policy by Resolution for CEQA Threshold and Screening Criteria Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 000-000-000  
Record No.: LRP-2023-18792  
Unincorporated Humboldt County.

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt by resolution a policy establishing a Humboldt County Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) CEQA threshold of significance and screening criteria for new development projects, to comply with California Senate Bill 743.

**Recommendation:**

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Adopt the resolution [Attachment 1] recommending that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors take the following action:

a) Find that the proposed policy for VMT threshold is not a project pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and

b) Adopt the proposed VMT Threshold Policy Guidelines [Attachment 2] establishing thresholds of significance and screening criteria for the purpose of analyzing VMT transportation impacts under CEQA.

**Attachments:**      [18792 VMT Threshold Policy Staff Report 05.01.25](#)  
                             [Attachment 1 - Draft Resolution](#)  
                             [Attachment 2 - VMT Threshold Policy Guidelines](#)  
                             [Attachment 3 - Humboldt County VMT Study](#)  
                             [Attachment 4 - OPR Technical Advisory](#)  
                             [Attachment 5 - HCAOG Regional Transportation Plan VROOM 2022 - 2042](#)  
                             [Attachment 6 - StreetLight SB743 VMT Metric Methodology and Validation White Paper](#)  
                             [Attachment 7 - StreetLight SB743 Overview Readme](#)  
                             [Attachment 8 - Referral Comments](#)  
                             [Attachment 9 - Public Comments](#)  
                             [Attachment 10 - Responses to Public Comments](#)  
                             [Attachment 11 - Recommended Low-VMT Screening Area Maps](#)

**G. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT**

**H. REPORT FROM PLANNER**

**I. PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**K. NEXT MEETINGS:   May 15, 2025   6:00 p.m.   Regular Meeting - Hybrid**