
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2059 (Wilson) - California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts: vehicle miles traveled: mitigation

Version: April 22, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: E.Q. 5 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would specify that, for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a transportation project would be presumed to have less than significant transportation impacts as determined by the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metric if the project meets certain criteria.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- One-time costs, possibly in the high tens of thousands or low hundreds of thousands of dollars (General Fund), for the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) to develop, publish, and integrate CEQA guidance, as well as to update guidelines and procedures.

Committee Amendments: Committee amendments would make Caltrans the lead agency in developing VMT guidance, and sunset provisions upon publication of that guidance. Specifically, these amendments would require CalTrans to develop guidance on VMT mitigation measures for transportation projects in nonmetropolitan counties, and publish the guidance on its internet website and add the guidance as an addendum to the Transportation Analysis Framework and the Transportation Analysis under CEQA. Committee amendments would sunset the presumption about less than significant transportation impacts upon the development and publication of the CalTrans guidance.

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