

# Memorandum

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Date: July 1, 2020

To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS

From: RACHEL CARPENTER  
Chief Safety Officer

Subject: **INTERIM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW SAFETY REVIEW PRACTITIONERS GUIDANCE**

The purpose of the attached Interim Local Development Intergovernmental Review (LDIGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance is to provide instructions to district safety staff and other California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) personnel, lead agencies, developers, and consultants conducting safety reviews for proposed land use projects and plans affecting the State Highway System. This guidance establishes the safety impact review expectations for Caltrans and lead agencies to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This guidance also can be used by lead agencies, developers, and consultants as a model for analyzing the safety impacts of proposed land use projects and plans on local roadways. This guidance prioritizes vulnerable users and communities; enhances safety for pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular modes; and applies both reactive and systemic perspectives.

This guidance supports the shift away from using Level of Service (LOS) as a metric of analysis under CEQA, in accordance with implementing Senate Bill 743 (SB 743, Steinberg; Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013), and complements the "Vehicle Miles Traveled-Focused Transportation Impact Study Guide" (dated May 20, 2020).

This guidance also supports achievement of the goals of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Working in conjunction with other statewide safety plans such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Highway Safety Plan, and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, the SHSP provides guidance that will influence the development of goals, strategies, and performance measures for stakeholders working to improve traffic safety throughout California with a goal to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. These interim LDIGR guidelines address how to increase vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety through documented, appropriate, and targeted improvements.

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This interim guidance eventually will be replaced by the Caltrans Safety Analysis Guide, which is currently in development and expected to be released in late 2020.

If you have questions about this interim LDIGR guidance, please contact Dean Samuelson, acting traffic safety programs office chief, by e-mail sent to <dean.samuelson@dot.ca.gov>.

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