

# Regional VMT

Mitigation Program Study

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### **Study Purpose**

To determine the feasibility of a Regional VMT Mitigation Program for the Fresno Region.





### Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committees

#### **Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

- Caltrans Members
- Fresno COG member jurisdictions
  - Fresno County
  - 15 Incorporated Cities
- Community-based Organizations (CBOs)
- Developer Community Members
  - Including those who have expertise in affordable housing

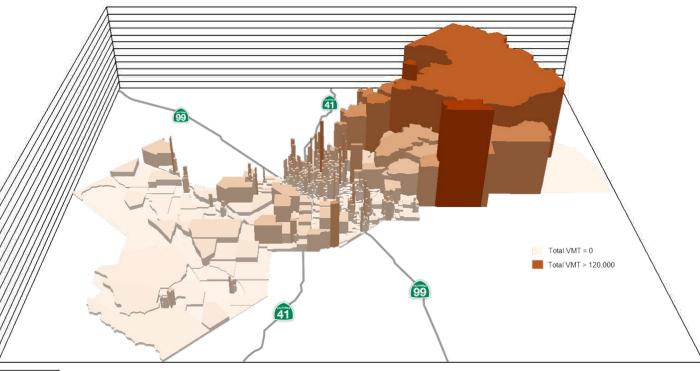
#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

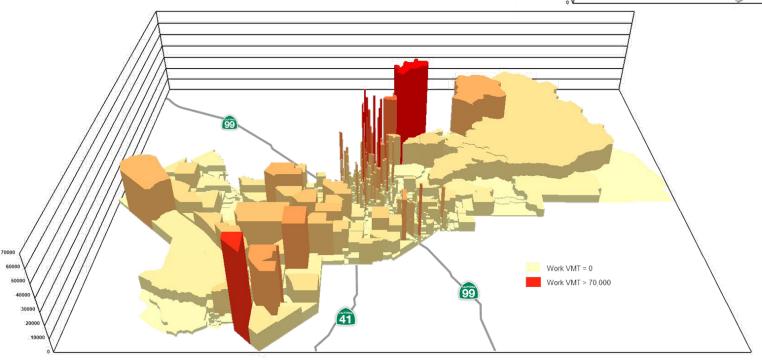
- 4 Caltrans Members
- 1 Land Use Attorney
- 2 Public Agency Members
  - CCTA and Santa Cruz County
- 2 Consultant Technical Experts

30 Total Members

9 Total Members

**VMT Mitigation Need** 





| 2035 Daily VMT Summary for Anticipated Growth | Totals (13%<br>Threshold) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Households under Threshold                    | 41,257                    |
| Households over Threshold                     | 39,163                    |
| Employment under Threshold                    | 26,335                    |
| Employment over Threshold                     | 15,500                    |

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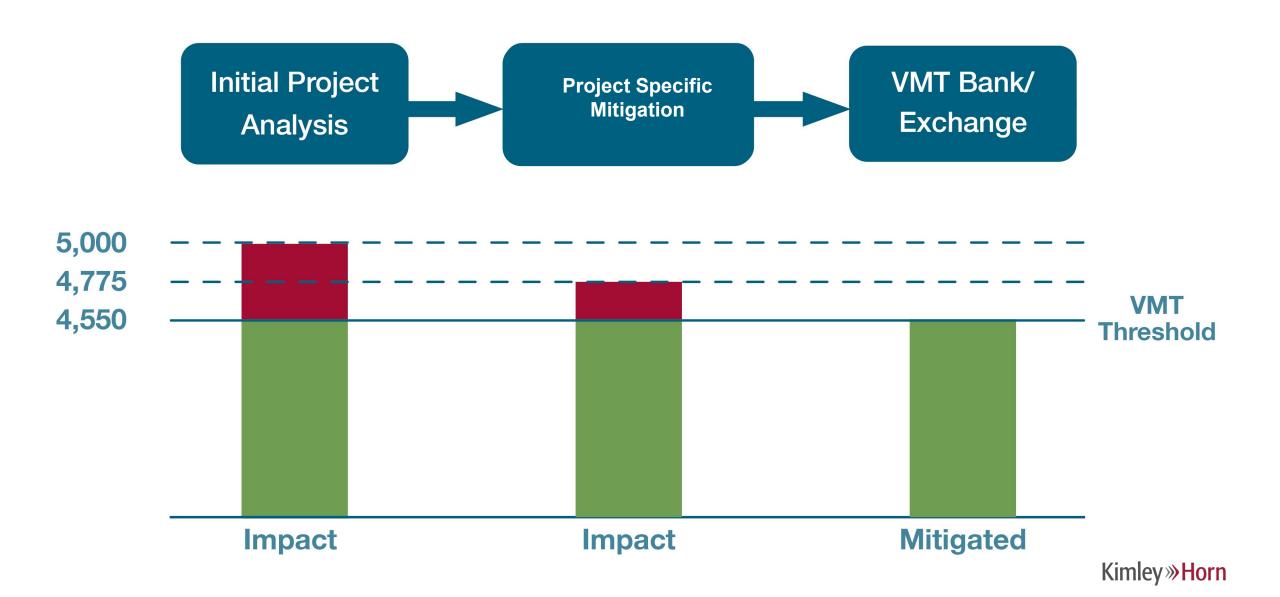
## **Program Analysis**

|  |                | VMT Bank | VMT Bank Plus | VMT Exchange | VMT Bank with<br>Exchange | VMT Impact Fee |
|--|----------------|----------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|  |                | <u></u>  | <b>m</b> +    | 1000         |                           |                |
| ŢŢ   | Legal          |          |               |              |                           |                |
| \$   | Effective      |          |               |              |                           |                |
| TÜ!  | Geography      |          |               |              |                           |                |
| Service Servic | Administration |          |               |              |                           |                |
| 111  | Equitable      |          |               |              |                           |                |
| +  | Alignment      |          |               |              |                           |                |

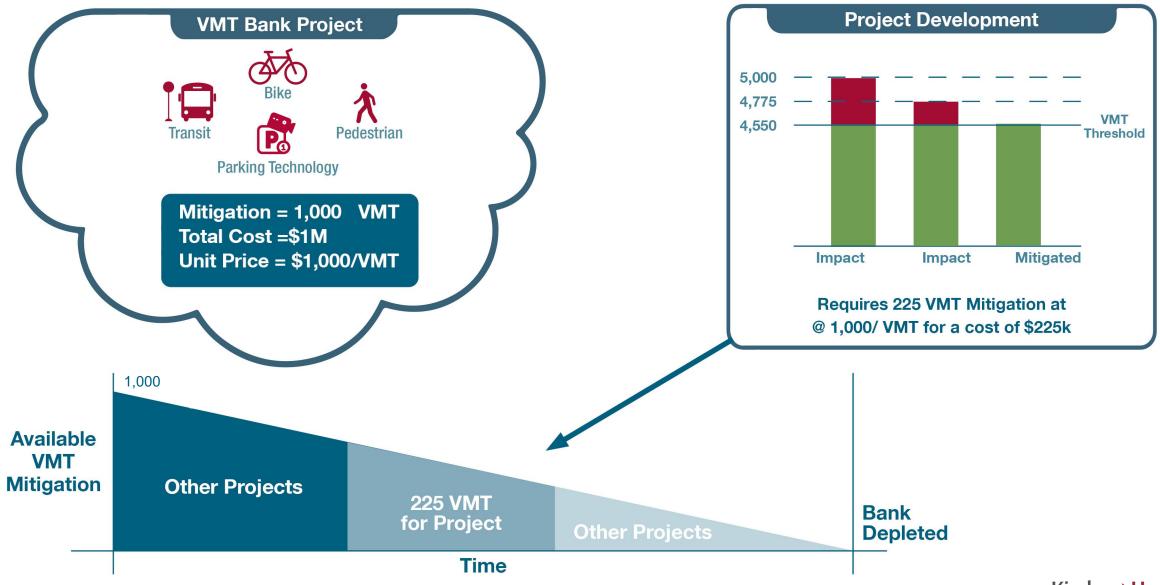




#### **How a VMT Bank Works**



#### **How a VMT Bank Works**



### **Project Evaluation Summary and Potential Fee**

| Project ID                                 | Project Type | Project                                  | Project<br>Cost | VMT<br>Reduced | \$/VMT   |
|--|--------------|--|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1  | Bike         | Blackstone Bike Lane                     | \$7,980,000     | 2,219          | \$3,596  |
| 2  | Bike         | Belmont Avenue Bike Lane & Road<br>Diet  | \$605,000       | 2,003          | \$302    |
| 3  | Transit      | Shaw Avenue Express Service              | \$25,000,000    | 654            | \$38,226 |
| 4  | Transit      | Veteran's Boulevard Service<br>Expansion | \$2,500,000     | 205            | \$12,195 |
| 5  | Transit      | Peach Avenue Line Extension              | \$1,500,000     | 684            | \$2,193  |
| 6  | Land Use     | Affordable Housing                       | \$38,000,000    | 764            | \$49,738 |
| 7  | TDM          | Carpool Program                          | \$70,940        | 70             | \$1,014  |
| 8  | TDM          | Vanpool Program                          | \$288,480       | 399            | \$723    |
| Projects Tested that Increase Regional VMT |              |  |                 |                |          |
| -  | Bike         | Clinton Avenue Bike Lane & Road<br>Diet  | \$1,210,000     | Increase       | N/A      |
| -  | Bike         | Maple Road Diet                          | \$755,000       | Increase       | N/A      |
| -  | Transit      | Clovis Avenue Service Expansion          | \$4,000,000     | Increase       | N/A      |

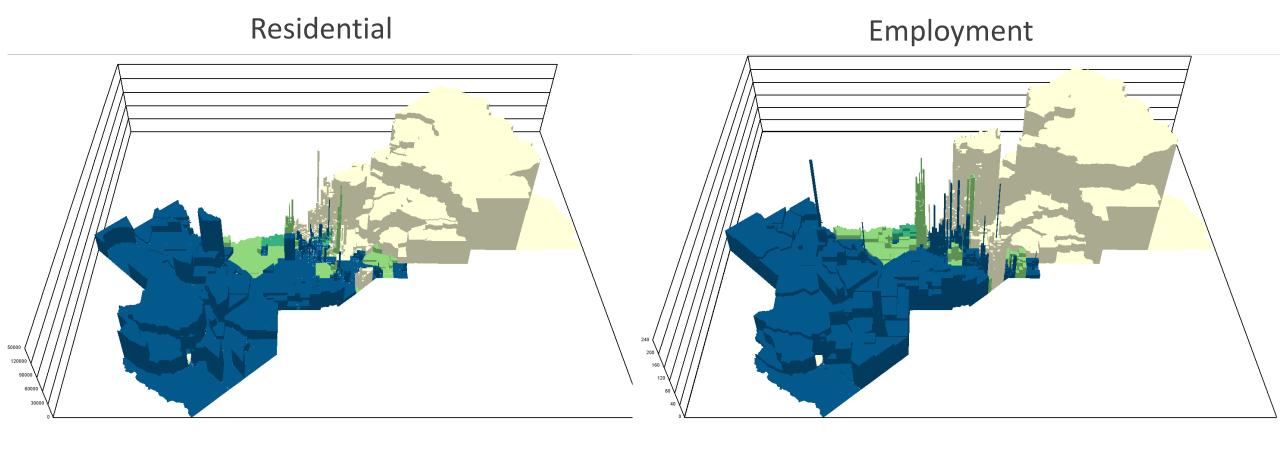




## Case Studies – Project Testing

| Example Projects           |                    | ROI | Comments  |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----|---|--|
| 次                          | Pedestrian         | -   | Often to costly with minimal VMT reduction (short trip lengths)   |  |
| <b>₫</b>                   | Bike               | +   | Need to remove recreational trips. Multi-use/Class IV tend to be overly expensive but less costly improvements (paint) generally show promise |  |
|                            | Transit            | +/- | Often good VMT reduction, how high costs of improvements and operating costs can make transit less feasible                                   |  |
|                            | Road Diet          | +/- | Works best on larger facilities or on multiple nearby facilities, otherwise it can result in route diversion, often increasing VMT            |  |
| P                          | ITS/ TSM           | -   | Difficult to quantify, generally minimal impact, better for GHG   |  |
| <u></u> <b>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</b> | Mobility Hub       | +   | Can provide a good ROI by serving to connect modes systems that already exist   |  |
|                            | Affordable Housing | -   | Depends on definition of additionality. Developments with a large number of units have better ROI   |  |
| •_•                        | Vanpool/Carpool    | +   | Shows high promise and cost effective   |  |
| <b>₽</b> R                 | Park-and-Ride      | +/- | Very dependent on unique local circumstances. Only limited information on efficacy available  |  |

#### **Environmental Justice**







### **Findings and Next Steps**

- Program is feasible
- VMT Banking would be the most appropriate initial program
  - Does not exclude applicant from doing their own project with local jurisdiction
  - Over time other program exchange variations could be introduced
  - Impact fee could be complicated in the context of other programs
  - Support to coordinate and or/integration with local VMT Mitigation Programs
- Study established methods for evaluating VMT mitigation
- Project to implement a VMT Bank
  - Select specific VMT projects
  - Finalize administration format
  - Define pilot and/or implement program





### **Questions**

