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It is extremely important to keep LOS as a method of evaluating traffic in San Rafael. Our area is geographically small, so VMT is not as relevant as congestion and delays. If we must also adopt VMT, please keep LOS as well.

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This may seem insignificant to you, but it's not...

**If San Rafael backs out of the LOS methodology of traffic rating, the harmful impacts of traffic congestion on our community won't be considered.** As we begin to envision a New Northgate, we must be sure that the LOS metric is retained.

In December 2019, the San Rafael City Council tentatively agreed to retain LOS policies in their new General Plan 2040. **Please have compassion for our community as you make a final decision at the upcoming July 6, 2020 meeting.** We ARE a community. MANY vulnerable populations live near the mall, the freeway exit is already the most highly used in the Marin corridor-both ingress and egress. The traffic already from 7:30-10am and 2-7 pm is untenable due to schools of various grades, commuters to work and more.

**WE MUST BE VIGILENT!**

Using minimizing tactics for big development and ultimately corporate greed doth not a community make.

Please use your heart and your head as you take your vote and consider the health of our community that undergeirs the health of its citizens.

Thank you for your service  
Lynn Robinson

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Dear Mayor Phillips and San Rafael City Council:

I fully support retaining the LOS methodology for assessing any developments in San Rafael's 2040 General Plan. When not in Covid-shelter-in-place, we are often in gridlock at certain intersections at certain times. This situation will return, as we are already seeing, with the lifting of restrictions. VMT does NOT replace the LOS metric that the city has long used to measure potential traffic impacts to busy streets and intersections. Cars idling while waiting for traffic to move burn more GHGs than cars moving. Increasing gridlock will increase San Rafael's GHG metrics, in contradiction to its approved Climate Change Action Plan.

While the state is forcing the VMT metric, it does not preclude San Rafael from also using LOS. Please keep this more functional way of assessing impacts in the 2040 General Plan.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor and Council members -

Please support staff's recommendation #2 to continue to use Level of Service (LOS) as a tool for transportation planning in San Rafael, and for maintaining adopted levels of service as possible condition of approval of projects.

The newly state-mandated Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) calculation for CEQA, as a planning tool to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve air quality, is appreciated as a means to achieve climate action goals. However, as a solo approach to transportation data collection and analysis, it significantly falls short of measuring impacts and can result in gaps in understanding the lived experiences that may result from current and future transportation and land use development choices. Retaining LOS for project merit review will broaden opportunities to study impacts.

Beyond data analysis, it's important that San Rafael's transportation planning is people-centered, that it addresses collective need, making sure that local streets are not designed to value one group of users over others, that a burden of harm from development is not placed on existing communities, and that shared streets and mobility solutions are specific to location and responsive to the comfort and safety of the people who will use them now, as well as of future generations.

Thank you,  
Kate Powers

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Please support City staff's recommendations for accepting VMT criteria and thresholds for use in CEQA determinations, as mandated by State law, and for retaining LOS in General Plan 2040 and subsequent planning and development review procedures.

Also, please emphasize the need for transparency in determining what data is used, and why, to feed into the VMT software systems. Without correct data in, the data out will be meaningless.

San Rafael will be one of the few jurisdictions in the state to fulfill the state mandate from SB743. The City staff have done a terrific job.

Thank you,

Pam Reaves