

California Senate Bill 743 Vehicle Miles Traveled Data Disclaimer

A. Definitions

ABM	Activity-Based Model
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
OPR	California Office of Planning and Research
SB 743	California Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013)
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled

B. Overview

The SB 743 VMT maps provide an estimate of personal vehicle travel by residents and employees within the San Diego region. The OPR released a Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA (<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/sb-743/>), and the maps provided by SANDAG are an interpretation of the guidelines provided as a resource to the jurisdictions in our region to use as they see fit.

The estimated data in these maps are an analysis of travel using SANDAG's ABM. The currently approved ABM version (14.2.2) used for the 2021 Regional Plan is ABM2+ with the Series 14 Growth Forecast version 38. The historic version of the ABM (14.1.1) was used for the 2019 Regional Transportation Plan with the Series 14 Growth Forecast version 17. These maps and data are subject to change as new estimates are produced using updated inputs and methodologies.

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The estimated data are provided at four geographic scales: City, City/County CPA, Census Tract, and Traffic Analysis. For each geography SANDAG provides the VMT data per capita and per employee. VMT per capita represents the average amount of personal, non-commercial, vehicle travel made on an average weekday by each resident who lives within that geographic boundary. VMT per employee represents the average amount of personal, non-commercial, vehicle travel made on an average weekday by each resident employee whose employment/work location is within that geographic boundary.

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Current 2016 VMT Data

SANDAG Activity Based Model 2 Plus (ABM2+), Release v14.2.2, Series 14 Growth Forecast ID 38, Forecast Year 2016, Reference ABM2+ Scenario ID 458, September 2021.

Historic 2016 VMT Data

SANDAG Activity Based Model 2 (ABM2), Release v14.1.1, Series 14 Growth Forecast ID 17, Forecast Year 2016, Reference ABM2 Scenario ID 434, October 2019.

Short citation for charts and maps

Current 2016 VMT Data

SANDAG ABM2+ / 2021 Regional Plan Forecast Year 2016

Historic 2016 VMT Data

SANDAG ABM2 / 2019 Regional Transportation Plan Forecast Year 2016