



Proposed Fee Ordinance to Update Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees for the Goleta and Orcutt Planning Areas

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

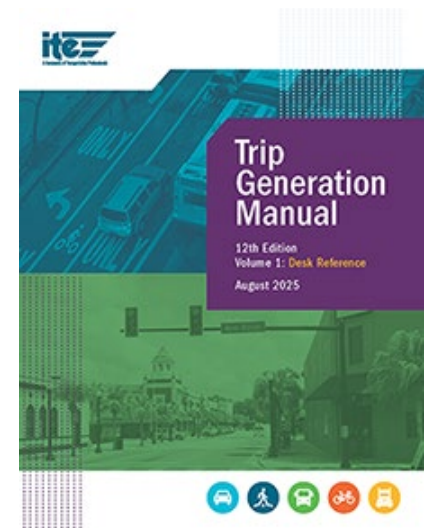
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Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees

Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees are used to finance transportation, transit and pedestrian facilities to:

- Protect public health, safety, and welfare by the provision of adequate transportation and transit facilities
- Provide developers clarity regarding financial obligations
- Ensure new development will maintain target level of service standards identified in the General Plan and Community Plans.



Fee Study Findings



- Staff conducted a fee study and recommends:
 - Aligning land use trip generation and land use categories with current Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual
 - Updating project estimates using price index adjustments
- New fees were updated based on previously identified transportation projects within the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan (OTIP) and Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan (GTIP)

Summary



Updates Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee schedule for Goleta and Orcutt



Supports operational and financial needs of Transportation Division based on the OTIP and GTIP project lists.



Addresses increased congestion from new development by contributing financing to the County infrastructure needs.



Recommended Actions

- a) Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance updating transportation impact mitigation fees for the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, pertaining to the Goleta and Orcutt Planning Areas;
- b) Read the title of the Ordinance into the record and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and
- c) Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of December 9, 2025 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance, as follows:
 - i. Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) updating transportation impact mitigation fees for the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, pertaining to the Goleta and Orcutt Planning Areas; and
 - ii. Adopt the updated fee schedule to take effect upon the effective date of the Ordinance.
 - iii. Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County approving charges that are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and are therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1), not a “project” as defined for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5).

If adopted, fees will become effective 60 days after adoption of the ordinance (February 7, 2026).