

## **APPENDIX 12B**

### **VMT REPORT**

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## **ANIMAL CARE FACILITY VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) SCREENING EVALUATION**

Urban Crossroads, Inc. is pleased to provide the following Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Screening Evaluation for the Animal Care Facility (**Project**), which is located at 18317 Valley Boulevard in the Bloomington area of unincorporated County of San Bernardino (Assessor's Parcel Number (**APN**) 0252-161-09-0000 and 0252-161-10-0000).

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

#### **EXISTING USE ON PROPOSED SITE**

The proposed Project site previously served as Bloomington Recreation and Park District operated Ayala Park located in the Valley Region of San Bernardino County, in the community of Bloomington. Ayala Park was a neighborhood park that primarily served residents north of Interstate 10. This 6.0-acre former park site is part of the Valley Corridor Specific Plan and is generally surrounded by the cities of Rialto and Fontana in San Bernardino County, and Jurupa Valley in Riverside County. The Valley Corridor area consists of 355.0 acres oriented along a 1.25-mile corridor of Valley Boulevard between Bloomington's western boundary with Fontana (Alder Avenue) and eastern boundary with Rialto (Spruce Avenue). The area extends north to Marygold Avenue and south to Interstate 10 (I-10 Freeway).

Ayala Park was relocated to a new site in August 2022, and as part of the relocation, the former site (proposed Project site) was cleared, and former structures and park features were demolished or removed (site is presently vacant with none of the remnants of the former park remaining on-site). The only remaining structure is a transformer that enables the site to connect to electricity.

#### **EXISTING ANIMAL CARE FACILITY (DEVORE)**

The existing Devore Animal Shelter facility is made up of 80 dog kennels, 81 cat enclosures, and 50 other animal housing units for a total of 211 animal housing units. The existing Devore Animal Shelter will remain in operation, but operations will be revised. Currently, the Devore Animal Shelter serves as the primary Animal Control and Animal Care Facility within the County. The Devore Animal Shelter

would be re-named to the “San Bernardino County Animal Care Logistics Center.” It will be reconfigured and repurposed to serve as a location for Animal Control field staff to retrieve/drop off their department vehicles for their assigned shifts, Animal Control fleet parking, and will continue to serve as an animal shelter accepting, caring for, and adopting out large animals in addition to continuing to serve as an animal disaster recovery/holding area for the County. For the purposes of this analysis and based on the available data from the existing Devore Animal Shelter operations, small animal care consists of about 80% of the existing operations of the Devore Animal Shelter, which will be transferred to the proposed Bloomington Animal Shelter

### **PROPOSED PROJECT (BLOOMINGTON)**

The County is proposing to relocate all small animal care services from Devore to the proposed Project site located in Bloomington. The proposed Project site is approximately 6.0-acres in size. The Devore Animal Shelter has currently exceeded its useful life span and is unable to accommodate the growth required due to existing facility deterioration, limited wastewater and sewage capacity, remote location, and other factors. As such, the Project is proposed to enhance services and expand capacity and additional work areas to accommodate the growth of the Animal Care Division.

The Project will include enhanced services, expanded capacity, and additional work areas to accommodate the growth of the Animal Care Division. The new facility will increase animal housing units to allow the County to serve additional municipalities in the Central Valley Region of the County. Program services will be enhanced to include a veterinary clinic; expanded pet adoption areas; animal exercise play yard; increased staffing work areas; volunteer work areas; expanded parking and other provisions to allow the Division to accommodate growth and increased demand for services. The new shelter will consist of a 14,826 square foot administrative office building, seven dog housing/kennel buildings totaling 35,846 square feet, a 2,758 square foot medical clinic, 8,896 square foot support building, 5,830 square foot cat and other animal housing building, 5,934 medical dog building, 436 square foot euthanasia building, and 540 square foot car wash (total of 74,391 square feet, excluding the covered truck wash).

240 dog kennels would be provided, free roaming and individual animal housing units for 266 cats would be provided, and 56 animal housing units for other animals would be provided (total of 562 housing units). The preliminary Project site plan is shown on Attachment A.

### **BACKGROUND**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires all lead agencies to adopt VMT as the measure for identifying transportation impacts for land use projects. To comply with CEQA, the County of San Bernardino developed and adopted their own adopted their own San Bernardino County Transportation Impact Study Guidelines (County Guidelines) (1) which documents the County's VMT analysis methodology and approved impact thresholds. This VMT screening evaluation has been developed based on the adopted County Guidelines.

## VMT SCREENING

Consistent with the screening thresholds identified in the County Guidelines, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) VMT Screening Tool (**Screening Tool**) was used to aid in the VMT screening process. The County Guidelines state that a project may have a less than significant impact and screen out of requiring a project level VMT analysis if it meets at least one of the County's VMT screening criteria. The County's adopted VMT screening criteria are as follows:

- Local Serving Project Screening
- Project's Generating Less than 110 Daily Vehicle Trips
- Transit Priority Area (TPA) Screening
- Low VMT Area Screening

A land use project need only to meet one of the above screening thresholds to result in a less-than-significant impact.

### **LOCAL SERVING PROJECT SCREENING**

County Guidelines identifies projects serving the local community as having the potential to reduce VMT and therefore should not be required to complete a VMT assessment. The proposed Project consists of the relocation of all small animal care services, which accounts for approximately 80% of the existing operations of the Devore Animal Shelter to the Project site located in Bloomington. In addition, the Project also includes an expanded veterinary clinic and pet adoption to serve the local community.

The Bloomington site is more centrally located and better suited to serve the cities and county areas in the Valley Region of San Bernardino County. As the majority of the operations that are more commonly used are moving to the Bloomington site, it has the potential to shorten the distance that visitors would otherwise have to travel. In addition, the veterinary clinic and pet adoption will provide community services for residents in the area which also has the potential to shorten vehicle trips. Both the Animal Clinic's more centrally located site and the services it will provide have the potential to result in a reduction in VMT.

**The Project Type screening criteria is met.**

### **PROJECTS GENERATING LESS THAN 110 DAILY VEHICLE TRIPS**

County Guidelines state projects generating less than 110 daily vehicles trips are presumed to have a less than significant impact on VMT. The proposed Project is anticipated to generate more than 110 daily trips (see Attachment C).

**Projects Generating Less Than 110 Daily Vehicle Trips Screening criteria is not met.**

## **TPA SCREENING**

County Guidelines state that projects located within a Transit Priority Area (TPA) (i.e., within ½ mile of an existing “major transit stop”<sup>1</sup> or an existing stop along a “high-quality transit corridor”<sup>2</sup>) may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. However, the presumption may not be appropriate if a project:

- Has a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of less than 0.75;
- Includes more parking for use by residents, customers, or employees of the project than required by the jurisdiction (if the jurisdiction requires the project to supply parking);
- Is inconsistent with the applicable Sustainable Communities Strategy (as determined by the lead agency, with input from the Metropolitan Planning Organization); or
- Replaces affordable residential units with a smaller number of moderate- or high-income residential units.

Based on the Screening Tool results presented in Attachment B, the Project site is not located within ½ mile of an existing major transit stop, or along a high-quality transit corridor.

**TPA Screening criteria not met.**

## **LOW VMT AREA SCREENING**

As noted in the County Guidelines, “development in efficient areas of the County will reduce VMT per person/employee and is beneficial to the region”<sup>3</sup> County Guidelines state that projects with VMT per person/employee lower than 4% below the existing VMT per person for the unincorporated County are considered to have a less than significant VMT impact.

The San Bernardino Transportation Analysis Model (SBTAM) has been utilized to determine the existing VMT per service population (employees + visitors) generated by the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) in which the Project is located (TAZ 53744601). TAZ 53744601 was found to generate 22.2 VMT per service population which is below the County’s adopted impact threshold of 4% below the existing VMT per service population or 26.78 VMT per service population.

**Low VMT Area Screening criteria is met.**

As the Project was found to meet the Local Serving Project Screening criteria and the Low VMT Area Screening criteria it is presumed to have a **less than significant VMT impact**.

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<sup>1</sup> Pub. Resources Code, § 21064.3 (“Major transit stop” means a site containing an existing rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods.”).

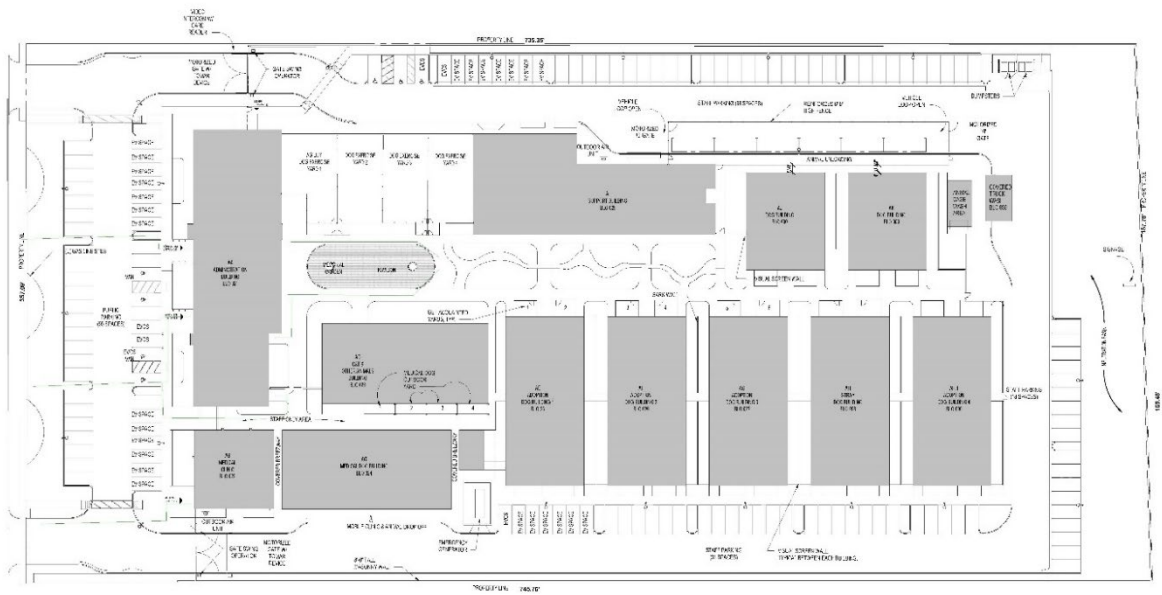
<sup>2</sup> Pub. Resources Code, § 21155 (“For purposes of this section, a high-quality transit corridor means a corridor with fixed route bus service with service intervals no longer than 15 minutes during peak commute hours.”).

<sup>3</sup> County Guideline; Page 19

## REFERENCES

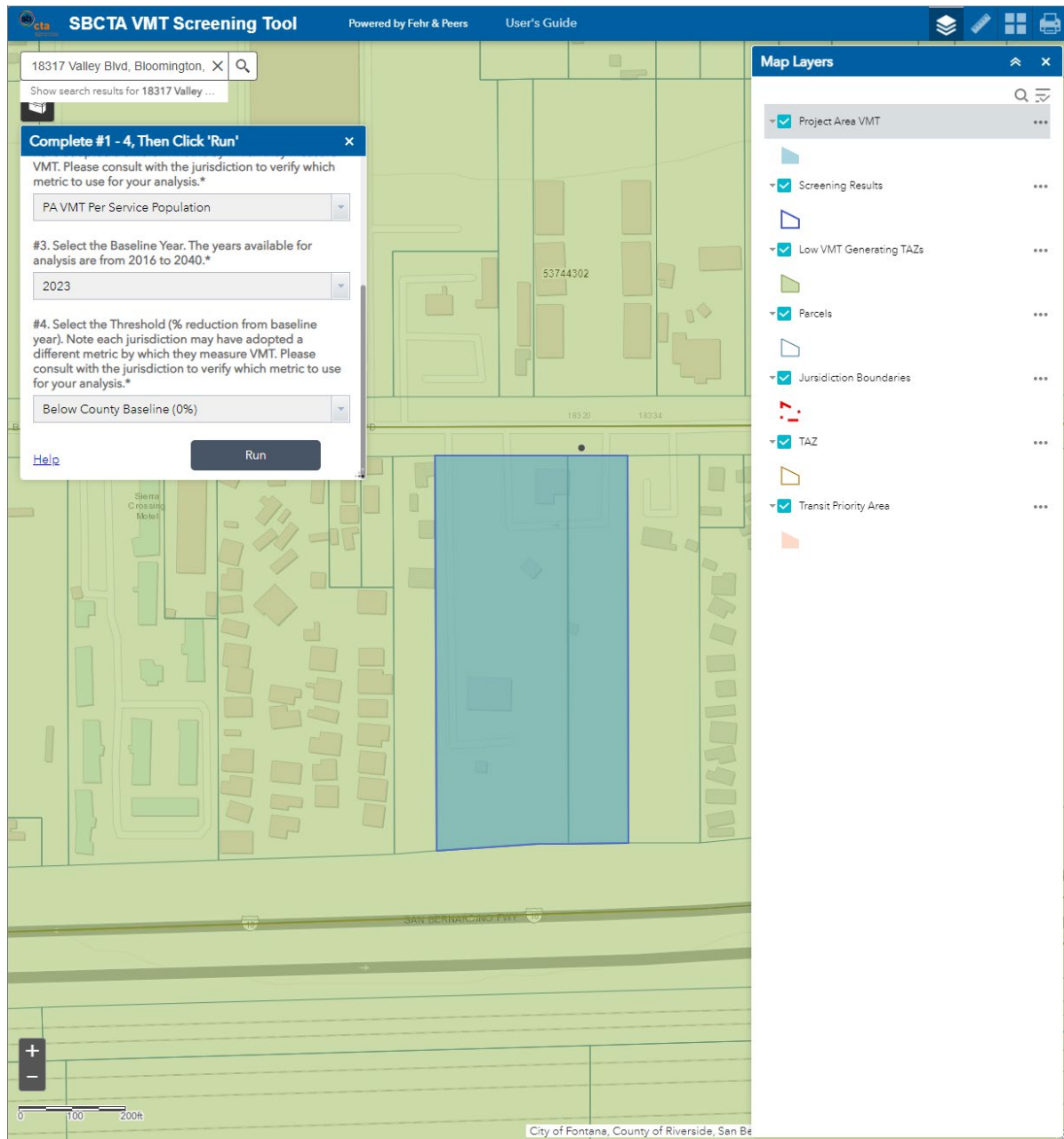
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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN**





**ATTACHMENT B**  
**TPA SCREENING RESULTS (SBCTA SCREENING TOOL)**



**ATTACHMENT C**  
**TRIP GENERATION DATA**

**TABLE C-1: EXISTING TRIP GENERATION**

Average Trip Generation	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour			Daily
	In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	
Animal Care Facility							
Passenger Cars:	9	1	10	5	12	17	141
Trash Trucks:	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
<b>Total Vehicles<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>148</b>

\* Note: Average of data collected on May 2 through May 4, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Total average traffic associated with existing facility, of which 80 percent is associated with the animal care that will be transferred to Bloomington.

**TABLE C-2: TRIP GENERATION RATES**

Land Use	Units	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour			Daily
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	
Animal Care Facility <sup>1</sup>	HU							
Passenger Cars:		0.03	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.54
Trash Trucks:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03

<sup>1</sup> Source: Calculated by dividing 80% of the total driveway count data shown on Table 1 by the existing 211 housing units or HU).

**TABLE C-3: PROJECT TRIP GENERATION SUMMARY**

Land Use	Quantity Units <sup>1</sup>	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour			Daily
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	
Animal Care Facility	562 HU							
Passenger Cars:		19	2	21	11	25	36	302
Trash Trucks:		2	0	2	0	0	0	16
<b>Total Project Trips</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>318</b>

<sup>1</sup> HU = Housing Units