

# City of Los Angeles Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance

## Section 98.0411 of the Municipal Code (Chapter IX)

J. Transportation Demand Management and Trip Reduction Measures. (Added by Ord. No. 167,700, Eff. 3/31/93.)

1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this section, certain words and terms are defined as follows:

**Carpool.** A vehicle carrying two to five persons to and from work on a regular schedule.

**Development.** The construction of new non-residential floor area.

**Gross Floor Area.** That area in square feet confined within the outside surface of the exterior walls of a building, as calculated by adding the total square footage of each of the floors in the building, except for that square footage devoted to vehicle parking and necessary interior driveways and ramps.

**Preferential Parking.** Parking spaces, designated or assigned through use of a sign or painted space markings for Carpools or Vanpools, that are provided in a location more convenient to the entrance for the place of employment than parking spaces provided for single-occupant vehicles.

**Transportation Demand Management (TDM).** The alteration of travel behavior through programs of incentives, services, and policies, including encouraging the use of alternatives to single-occupant vehicles such as public transit, cycling, walking, carpooling/ vanpooling and changes in work schedule that move trips out of the peak period or eliminate them altogether (as in the case in telecommuting or compressed work weeks).

**Trip Reduction.** Reduction in the number of work-related trips made by single-occupant vehicles.

**Vanpool.** A vehicle carrying six or more persons to and from work on a regular schedule, and on a prepaid basis.

**Vehicle.** Any motorized form of transportation, including but not limited to automobiles, vans, buses and motorcycles.

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This subdivision applies only to the construction of new non-residential gross floor area. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner/applicant shall agree, by way of a covenant that runs with the land, to provide and maintain in a state of good repair the following applicable transportation demand management and trip reduction measures.

3. **REQUIREMENTS:**

(a) Development in excess of 25,000 square feet of gross floor area. The owner shall provide a bulletin board, display case, or kiosk (displaying transportation information) where the greatest number of employees are likely to see it. The transportation information displayed should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Current routes and schedules for public transit serving the site;
- (2) Telephone numbers for referrals on transportation information including numbers for the regional ridesharing agency and local transit operations;
- (3) Ridesharing promotion material supplied by commuter-oriented organizations;
- (4) Regional/local bicycle route and facility information;
- (5) A listing of on-site services or facilities which are available for carpoolers, vanpoolers, bicyclists, and transit riders.

(b) Development in excess of 50,000 square feet of gross floor area. The owner shall comply with Paragraph (a) above and in addition shall provide:

- (1) A designated parking area for employee carpools and vanpools as close as practical to the main pedestrian entrance(s) of the building(s). This area shall include at least ten percent of the parking spaces required for the site. The spaces shall be signed and striped sufficient to meet the employee demand for such spaces. The carpool/vanpool parking area shall be identified on the driveway and circulation plan upon application for a building permit;
- (2) One permanent, clearly identified (signed and striped) carpool/vanpool parking space for the first 50,000 to 100,000 square feet of gross floor area and one additional permanent, clearly identified (signed and striped) carpool/vanpool parking space for any development over 100,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- (3) Parking spaces clearly identified (signed and striped) shall be provided in the designated carpool/vanpool parking area at any time during the building's occupancy sufficient to meet employee demand for such spaces. Absent such

demand, parking spaces within the designated carpool/vanpool parking area may be used by other vehicles;

(4) No signed and striped parking spaces for carpool/vanpool parking shall displace any handicapped parking;

(5) A statement that preferential carpool/vanpool spaces are available on-site and a description of the method for obtaining permission to use such spaces shall be included on the required transportation information board;

(6) A minimum vertical clearance of 7 feet 2 inches shall be provided for all parking spaces and accessways used by vanpool vehicles when located within a parking structure;

(7) Bicycle parking shall be provided in conformance with Section 12.21A16 of this Code.

(c) Development in excess of 100,000 square feet of gross floor area. The owner shall comply with Paragraphs (a) and (b) above and shall provide:

(1) A safe and convenient area in which carpool/vanpool vehicles may load and unload passengers other than in their assigned parking area;

(2) Sidewalks or other designated pathways following direct and safe routes from the external pedestrian circulation system to each building in the development;

(3) If determined necessary by the City to mitigate the project impact, bus stop improvements shall be provided. The City will consult with the local bus service providers in determining appropriate improvements. When locating bus stops and/or planning building entrances, entrances shall be designed to provide safe and efficient access to nearby transit stations/stops;

(4) Safe and convenient access from the external circulation system to bicycle parking facilities on-site.

4. EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to developments for which an application has been deemed complete by the City pursuant to Government Code Section 65943, or for which a Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been circulated or for which plans sufficient for a complete plan check were accepted by the Department of Building and Safety, on or before the effective date of this ordinance.

5. **MONITORING.** The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for monitoring the owner/applicant's continual implementation and maintenance of the project trip reduction features required by this ordinance.
6. **ENFORCEMENT.** Applicants shall execute and record a Covenant and Agreement that the trip reduction features required by this ordinance will be maintained, that required material specified in Subdivision 3 (a) (1)-(5) will be continually posted, and that additional carpool/vanpool spaces within the designated preferential area will be signed and striped for the use of ridesharing employees based on demand for such spaces. The Covenant and Agreement shall be acceptable to the Department of Transportation.
7. **HARDSHIP EXEMPTION.** In cases of extreme hardship, duly established to its satisfaction, the City Council, acting in its legislative capacity, and by resolution, may grant an exemption from any/or all the provisions of this ordinance. In granting such an exemption, the City Council shall make the following findings:
  - (a) Specific features of the development make it infeasible to satisfy all of the provisions of this subsection; and
  - (b) The applicant has committed to provide equivalent alternative measures to reduce vehicle trips.