

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Committee Members, My name is John Yi and I'm with Los Angeles Walks, LA's pedestrian advocacy nonprofit. I'm also a member of the OUR STREETS ACTION COMMITTEE, a coalition of transportation justice advocates. To help guide the Council on this CLA report we created a set of guiding principles we believe are key to creating a policy that serves all. Please see attached. We look forward to going into more detail with you at the meeting. Thank you! John

# OUR STREETS ACTION COMMITTEE

## PRINCIPLES

The City's actions and policies must be rooted in six core principles:

**Principle 1: EQUITY.** All street updates and repairs must **prioritize communities of need first**, leveraging things like racial and socio-economic data, the High Injury Network, the emerging CAO's equity framework, and LA Metros' Equity Focus Communities.

**Principle 2: CROSS-DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.** Eliminating traffic deaths and giving all Angelenos dignified transportation options must be a City-wide effort, not of one agency. That means having a **functioning cross-departmental approach with central, clear decision-making that is held accountable. It must include empowered City leaders who are held accountable** on all issues touching our City's largest right-of-way, and on City initiatives like Vision Zero, Green New Deal, etc.

**Principle 3: A PLAN BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT.** Streets consist of infrastructure from property line to property line. Transportation is more than what just happens on the blacktop. The City of LA must invest and manage our sidewalks and everything in the public right-of-way through a multiyear budgeting and project plan, the **Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP)** that encompasses federal, state, and local funding. This process should include meaningful engagement with the public, transparent planning and prioritization, and speedy implementation. We cannot advocate for equitable budgeting without a comprehensive, accessible and transparent budget and projects list.

**Principle 4: PROPERLY STAFFED AND FUNDED AGENCIES.** Fixing the public's most used and largest right-of-way is more than policy change, it requires that city leaders maintain **well-funded budgets and retain action-oriented staff** that genuinely engages and equitably compensates the community.

**Principle 5: LOCAL AND EQUITABLE HIRING.** Project contracts and City investments in our neighborhoods should also enrich our community beyond infrastructure. Projects must **hire locally and equitably** from the community it is seeking to serve.

**Principle 6: THE NEXT MOBILITY PLAN.** Our community transportation and streets are always changing and we need a City responsive to those changes. LA's Mobility Plan must be regularly updated through an equitable, transparent, and accountable process.