

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Vision Zero implementation strategy for 2021.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated March 30, 2021, relative to the Vision Zero implementation strategy for 2021.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated March 30, 2021, LADOT discusses the Vision Zero implementation strategy for 2021. The report is a summary of program accomplishments from calendar year 2020 and planned work in 2021 on Priority Corridors and Priority Intersections, the Complete Streets Reconstruction Program, coordination with the California Department of Transportation, community engagement efforts, and Safe Routes to School/for Senior Citizens.

The goal of Vision Zero is to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in City streets and crosswalks. LADOT seeks to achieve this goal by:

- Prioritizing projects with the highest potential to reduce the greatest number of collisions resulting in severe injuries and fatalities
- Prioritizing projects that address known threats to public safety, addressing severity, vulnerability, social equity, and cost-effectiveness
- Designing improvements according to collision data and crash patterns
- Updating the High Injury Network and Priority Corridors regularly as new data arrives

At its meeting held April 20, 2021, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). LADOT staff stated there is evidence that motorists are driving faster and with less care for pedestrians and cyclists. Data for 2021 shows a significant increase in the number of vehicle collisions, and pedestrian and cyclist injuries and fatalities. The LAPD representative stated that more resources are needed to stop street racing.

LADOT staff believe that pedestrian and cyclist deaths are preventable. The Department continues to update traffic signalization timing, improve crosswalks, and construct capital improvements of major traffic corridors. State legislation such as Assembly Bill 43 will void the requirement for local municipalities to increase speed limits to allow for radar speed enforcement. Should the bill pass, the City of Los Angeles will be able to roll back speed limit increases.

Councilmember Bonin stated that LADOT is doing the right work to address pedestrian and cyclist safety, but more tools are needed to counter careless and distracted motorists and street racing. Councilmembers Koretz and Buscaino requested LADOT to identify corridors and intersections of particular concerns in West and South Los Angeles, an updated map of crash data, and a project timeline for new locations and corridors. Committee recommended that Council receive and file LADOT's report.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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BONIN:	YES
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KORETZ:	YES
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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