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Illegal street racing and drag racing on local roads is an ongoing nuisance and public safety issue throughout Los Angeles. The problem has seen an increase in the San Fernando Valley, where drivers and participants take over select streets and intersections to race, rev engines, and perform stunts. Criminal enforcement has been the primary method used to curtail this activity. However, the short time frame and transitory nature of the events, the City's limited authority to increase fines and penalties, as well as an overabundance of locations, makes law enforcement challenging. A coordinated effort of enforcement and traffic management strategies is needed to develop techniques in areas known for street racing.

Illegal street racing generally occurs over a short section of a wide, straight local road with low levels of traffic volumes and easy access to freeways and major arterials that allow participants to quickly disperse. These characteristics render traffic engineering techniques, particularly traffic calming measures, an effective and cost-efficient means of deterring illegal racing, since they can be targeted to the specific locations. Traffic calming is a tool designed to limit travel speed by introducing physical roadway geometric changes. Examples include, but are not limited to, speed humps, rumble strips, raised center medians, curb extensions, and traffic circles. In light of the increasingly dangerous nature of illegal street racing, the City should examine the feasibility of both temporary and permanent traffic calming measures in these

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force, to report with recommendations on a menu of traffic calming measures that can be implemented at locations where illegal street racing occurs, including temporary devices that can be quickly installed and removed. The report should include a map overlaying known racing corridors and intersections with Vision Zero traffic data.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force meet on a quarterly basis and jointly report to Council Offices regarding data and updates to street racing in their respective districts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Street Services and the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force identify key racing intersections and provide recommended street treatments and programmatic steps to pilot these treatments in Council District 7, and further, Citywide.

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