

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to an audit of the City's Vision Zero Initiative.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - Bonin):

1. REQUEST the Controller to conduct an audit of the City's Vision Zero Initiative, to serve as guidance in the City's continued efforts to reduce, and eventually eliminate, deaths and serious injuries from traffic collisions.
2. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Street Lighting, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Bureau of Contract Administration, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and any other relevant departments, bureaus or agencies to report with a status update on the implementation of the immediate and long term actions ordered in Executive Directive No. 10, as well as an assessment of the nature of the traffic related fatalities and serious injuries that continue to occur, recommendations aimed at preventing future fatalities and serious injuries, and achieving the stated timeline and goals of the Vision Zero Initiative.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 6, 2022, the Personnel and Animal Welfare (PAAW) Committee considered a Motion (Koretz - Bonin) relative to an audit of the City's Vision Zero Initiative. According to the Motion, on August 24, 2015, the Mayor issued Executive Directive No. 10, launching the citywide Vision Zero Initiative in an effort to counter these trends. Co-led by the LADOT and LAPD, the Executive Directive calls for an all-of-government response to traffic violence, with the goal of reducing traffic deaths by 20 percent by 2017 and eliminating traffic deaths citywide by 2025.

Council adopted the Vision Zero goal and has directed funding toward several significant programs, including: signal and crosswalk upgrades at priority intersections, corridor safety projects along High Injury Network streets, overtime for LAPD Traffic Divisions, and Public Works upgrades like enhanced lighting and pedestrian refuge islands. Many of these programs were specifically intended to prioritize the prevention of pedestrian collisions involving older adults and children. However, since the launch of the Vision Zero Initiative, fatal and severe injury traffic collisions have increased, and it does not appear that we are on track to achieve the goal of eliminating traffic deaths by 2025. According to a recent Los Angeles Times report, LAPD data indicates 289 people were killed in traffic collisions in 2021, a 21 percent increase over the same period in 2020, and

19 percent more than the same period in 2019. The data also shows that 1,465 people were severely injured, a 30 percent increase over the same period in 2020. The City has not commissioned an independent review of the Vision Zero Initiative to evaluate its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. Such a review should identify barriers to implementation of Vision Zero projects and programs such as funding and staff resources, interdepartmental coordination, and political support and recommendations to overcome them.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the PAW Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. Subsequently, on April 12, 2022, the Transportation Committee also considered this matter and after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the PAAW Committee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, Animal Welfare Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

KRORETZ: YES

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

BONIN: ABSENT

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: YES

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