

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Los Angeles is the second largest city (by population) in the United States, and a major international business and cultural center. Los Angeles is vast and has an acute need for safe multimodal transportation that balances urban core density issues with community needs. Initiatives such as the LA Mobility Plan 2035, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, and tools such as the High Injury Network, among others, are meant to ensure safe, liveable neighborhoods, streets and sidewalks throughout the City that are friendly to pedestrians, bicycles, transit riders and non-vehicular forms of mobility.

In 2016, a grassroots movement “Sunset4ALL” was created in the Silver Lake/East Hollywood/Echo Park area to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. Over the last several years, Council District 13 has encouraged and supported Sunset4ALL’s extensive community outreach efforts. After years of work that involved community members, business and property owners, residents and stakeholders, they have developed a proposal of over three miles of pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The proposed concept could improve existing bike lanes, enhanced shade structures and bus shelters, beautify and improve public infrastructure including parks and sidewalks, while increasing connectivity and safety for approximately 100,000+ residents.

The City must examine all safety improvement options on the table for the proposed project in order to address injuries and deaths from traffic collisions, increasing pedestrian and bicycle safety by adding protected bike lanes, improved crosswalks and traffic signal prioritization and reconfiguration. The Sunset4ALL plan is supported by the LA County Bicycle Coalition, and furthers work already done in the region. Over the last nine years, Council District 13 has collaborated with all City agencies to improve and/or install over 10 miles of sidewalks, over 150 curb ramps, over 30 METRO bike-share kiosks, over 30 new traffic signals, nearly 600 crosswalks and nearly 300 stop-signs. In July of 2022, Council District 13 submitted a “concept nomination form” for Sunset4ALL’s proposal, so that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation can begin consideration of the project, a precursor for initial department review. If implemented, Sunset4ALL will focus on many needed improvements, allowing an opportunity to upgrade and reconfigure many intersections along Sunset Boulevard, from Fountain Ave southeast to Echo Park Ave, and Santa Monica Blvd. from Sunset Junction to the Vermont/Santa Monica Red Line Station, all of which are on the City’s High Injury Network.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report in 60 days with recommendations to implement the multi-modal accessibility concept proposal known as “Sunset4ALL”, including a project scope that ensures minimal parking space removal, multi-year budgets, potential grant and funding opportunities, identification of potentially impacted stakeholders, and an implementation timeline.

I FURTHER MOVE that LADOT, with the assistance of BOE and Streets LA as needed, to host public meetings with Sunset4ALL and other local community and business stakeholders to address and solve neighborhood and business concerns.

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