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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports creating infrastructure that would make biking and walking safer around Elysian Park, and we call on lawmakers to swiftly pass this Motion and implement these safety improvements to increase the accessibility of Elysian Park for all Angelenos. The intersection of Stadium way and Elysian Park is particularly dangerous as drivers are often driving at high speeds, and pedestrians and cyclists have to cross six lanes of traffic to access the park. Creating a protected bike lane would also increase accessibility of the park from the L.A. River bike path. This increased accessibility would also allow Los Feliz stakeholders to more safely access Elysian Park. The amount of people dying from vehicles has increased to crisis numbers not seen in decades. In 2018, 893 pedestrians were killed on California roadways, a 26% increase from 2014. California's pedestrian fatality rate is almost 25% higher than the national average. No state has more pedestrian deaths on its roadways than California. Los Angeles leads California in the most pedestrians and bicyclists killed in the state. The NHTSA projection for traffic fatalities in the first 9 months of 2021 is the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006 and the highest percentage increase during the first nine months in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history—31,720, an increase of approximately 12% from the 28,325 fatalities projected for the first nine months of 2020. Other cities, like Chicago, have pledged to increase protected bike lanes, and Los Angeles is far behind in its commitment to safe active transportation. With the increasing ill effects of climate change and the high cost of vehicle ownership, cycling and walking should be safe options for Angelenos. For these reasons we urge the City Council to pass this Motion with urgency.