

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Vision Zero Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report to the Transportation Committee on a quarterly basis relative to the status of Priority Corridor projects.
2. RECEIVE and FILE the LADOT report dated February 6, 2020, relative to the status of the Vision Zero Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that no additional funds are requested at this time. The Department has submitted budget requests to address work on the priority corridors and intersections in the City's upcoming Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget process.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated February 6, 2020, LADOT provides a status update of the Vision Zero Program. The report summarizes the most significant accomplishments for calendar year 2019, and highlights planned work on priority corridors and priority intersections, the Complete Streets Reconstruction Program, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) coordination, and community engagement for calendar year 2020. The goal of the Vision Zero Program is to reduce pedestrian fatalities by using data to prioritize the installation of new street infrastructure and pedestrian traffic safety design elements.

LADOT has implemented a large capital program to install significant safety treatments throughout the City of Los Angeles. LADOT has implemented over 2,800 individual safety improvements on priority corridors since the program was implemented in January of 2017, including more than 1,500 improvements in 2019. These include: two-way protected bike lanes on Main and Spring Streets, corridor improvements on Temple Street, Venice Boulevard, and Roscoe Boulevard, 1,162 crosswalk upgrades and 182 Intersection tightenings / painted curb extensions, 80 speed feedback signs, 10 pedestrian refuge islands, 39 left-turn upgrades, 16 new traffic signals, 43 leading pedestrian intervals, 13 flashing beacons, and 2 HAWK Beacons. In 2019, LADOT identified 23 new priority corridors and 60 priority intersections.

LADOT reports that there has been a seven percent reduction in traffic fatalities since 2017. The Department's report goes on to cover projects to be undertaken in the current calendar year, ongoing coordination with Caltrans, community engagement, and related matters.

At its meeting held February 12, 2020, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representative reviewed the improvements made throughout the City under the Vision Zero program. Pedestrian safety has been improved, especially at intersections where safety enhancements have been installed. The Department is also in the process of reviewing video at these intersections to evaluate the effectiveness of these

improvements by counting the number of near miss avoided accidents. Committee members noted that the City of New York invests more than Los Angeles in pedestrian safety. More outreach is needed to improve driver awareness. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report and to also direct LADOT to report back on a quarterly basis with continued updates of the Vision Zero Program. Future reports should include a comparison the City's Vision Zero Program with similar programs undertaken by other cities, and comparing the benefits of engineering and driver and pedestrian education.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ: YES

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