

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As the Chair of the City of Los Angeles Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), I strongly support the implementation of SB 707 to increase public participation in the PAC by offering remote participation in meetings via two-way telephonic or audio-visual platform as well as translation services. The PAC is a citywide committee that has representatives from across the city who would like to attend our bi-monthly meetings in Downtown Los Angeles, however many PAC members and members of the public can't spend one or more hours to get to and from DTLA to attend our two-hour meetings. Having two-way audio-visual meetings with translation services would greatly expand the reach of our committee to PAC members and the general public. We have had a challenging time since the COVID 19 era when we had virtual zoom meetings with Spanish translation services which gathered 40-50 participants per meeting. Now we have 5-15 people attending meetings without translation and Spanish-only participants not being able to participate and having a bilingual participant trying to provide translation. It is critical to the public engagement of our committee to have hybrid meetings where we can meet in-person and have two-way audio-visual communication like Zoom or other platform with translation services. The PAC recommends that LADOT and ITA provide the necessary staff and equipment for the PAC to meet it's City Council-Adopted goals and objectives for the committee to engage members and the public from across the city in matters related to pedestrian safety, street design and public education. We are excited at this opportunity to engage more people in the democratic process of our committee.