

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing a Programmatic Fatal Crash Rapid Response Program.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Harris-Dawson – Hutt – Lee):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Los Angeles Police Department, to report on the feasibility and resources necessary, including the creation of a dedicated funding source or budget allocation, to establish a Programmatic Fatal Crash Rapid Response Program following serious and fatal traffic crashes, similar to the Cities of Seattle and Atlanta, that would include an expedited engineering and field review of the location and the identification and implementation for near-and long term safety improvements.

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 October 21, 2026, your Committee considered a Motion (Harris-Dawson – Hutt - Lee) relative to establishing a Programmatic Fatal Crash Rapid Response Program. According to the Motion, in August 2015, the City launched its Vision Zero Action Plan, establishing a goal of eliminating traffic deaths in Los Angeles by 2025. Vision Zero, together with adoption of Mobility Plan 2035 and the City's High Injury Network, has provided a framework for identifying locations where traffic fatalities and severe injuries are concentrated and is used to prioritize investments that improve safety for all road users.

Unfortunately, traffic fatalities and severe injuries continue to have a devastating impact on families, neighbors, and communities throughout the City. Each collision represents a priority location that the City should examine to determine if design and/or infrastructure changes to the public right-of-way should be made to prevent another tragedy.

Other major cities have established formal processes that connect the locations of fatal collisions with rapid engineering review and the implementation of safety improvements. In May 2026, the Seattle Department of Transportation adopted a Programmatic Fatal Crash Response Policy that establishes a structured process following every fatal collision. Similarly, the City of Atlanta has established a Fatal Crash Review Commission as part of its Vision Zero program.

Los Angeles should consider establishing its own citywide, standardized rapid-response process that would be activated when a serious or fatal crash occurs. Such a process could involve the review of site conditions immediately following a crash, the collection of

data, study of crash patterns, identification of safety improvements, and finally, implementation of prioritized safety treatments based on the review. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT
PADILLA:	YES
PARK:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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