

14.6 COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING MAKING SLOW STREETS PERMANENT

[POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Making Slow Streets Permanent - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council File CF 20-0838 (Ryu) which asks for a feasibility study on making Slow Streets Initiative permanent. (link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0838>)

MOTION: The MVCC supports submitting a Community Impact Statement regarding making Slow Streets permanent for Council File 20-0838. (wording below)

Community Impact Statement:

The MVCC has multiple concerns about the feasibility of developing a permanent network of Slow Streets, specifically:

1. There should be thorough outreach to stakeholders before this program is implemented and a requirement for Neighborhood Councils to be part of the process
2. There should be clear criteria for how neighborhoods opt-in to the Slow Street program
 - a. The report should address issues regarding liability for sponsoring organizations
 - b. The report should address the current lack of consistency in street selection and establish criteria for what is an appropriate street for a Slow Street
3. There should be a requirement for ongoing follow-up studies and publicly available data on whether these changes actually yield the desired outcomes
4. The report should identify the means of enforcement, whether by LAPD, LADOT, Parking Enforcement or another entity. In addition:
 - a. Will street sweeping be enforced on a Slow Street?
 - b. Will overnight parking restrictions be enforced on a Slow Street?
5. The report should address the problem of cut-through traffic when drivers re-route to avoid Slow Streets
 - a. The report should also address ways to minimize driver confusion with the new signage and street usage

The MVCC encourages the City to redouble their efforts to find appropriate green space, i.e. new parks, walk streets, pedestrian plazas, etc. versus taking away needed transportation infrastructure to meet green space needs.

The MVCC would like to see these issues be addressed in any feasibility study and see this feasibility study made publicly available.