

POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Infrastructure

TITLE: Healthy Streets LA ballot initiative

PURPOSE: To Support the Healthy Streets LA ballot initiative

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2015, the Los Angeles City Council overwhelmingly approved [Mobility Plan 2035](#) as an update to the City's General Plan Transportation Element. the Mobility Plan calls for the construction of a connected network of pedestrian and bicycle routes, transit routes, and vehicle routes with the goal of creating a complete street network to support streets as public places for the safe utilization for all modes of transportation.

On August 25, 2015, the Mayor issued [Executive Directive No. 10](#), a Vision Zero program with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2025, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Each year, more than 200 people lose their lives while traveling on City streets. Traffic collisions are a leading cause of death for children in the City, and despite our Vision Zero efforts, our City continues to have a pedestrian fatality rate nearly four times the national average.

The [Los Angeles Police Department reports](#) that in 2021, 289 people were killed in traffic collisions (a 21% increase) and 1,465 were severely injured (a 30% increase), 486 pedestrians were severely injured by drivers (a 35% increase), 128 pedestrians were killed (a 6% increase), cyclists' injuries rose by 22% and cyclist deaths rose by 13%. Despite studies finding that complete streets, such as those called for in the Mobility Plan, lower traffic fatality rates for all road users, the City has implemented only 95 of the 3,137 lane miles (3%) called for in the Mobility Plan.

The City has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the country and the Los Angeles Basin ranks worst in the nation for year-round ozone emissions and fifth for particle pollution. Making other environmentally friendly modes of transportation safer and more appealing by implementing the Mobility Plan's Enhanced Complete Street System is a critical piece of combatting the effects of climate change and preserving the quality of the air we breathe;

City residents want streets to be safe, stress-free places for people of all ages and all modes of travel. A complete streets network is an important factor in ensuring safe access to streets, which is a top priority for City residents and the City has failed to prioritize its implementation, and in some cases, actively worked against its own plan.

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council is FOR the Healthy Streets LA ballot initiative. We ask that the Los Angeles City Council create an ordinance that automatically implements the Mobility Plan 2035 when repaving streets, using the exact language as written in the initiative.

DIRECTED TO: LA City Council