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Adopting Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways

Between 2013 and 2017 more than 3,400 people lost their lives in traffic collisions on roadways in Los Angeles County; approximately 383 of these deaths occurred in unincorporated communities. During this time, traffic fatalities increased by nearly 28 percent on unincorporated County roadways. Countywide, motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death for children aged 5 to 14 years, and the second leading cause of death for youth ages 15 to 24.

In 2017 the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Supervisor Hilda L. Solis' motion and directed Public Works and the Department of Public Health to prepare a Vision Zero Action Plan to develop the strategies and actions the County will prioritize to reduce traffic deaths and severe injuries in County unincorporated communities. Vision Zero is an international movement that emphasizes a data-driven approach to traffic safety, acknowledging that people make mistakes and focusing on practices, policies, and designs to lessen the severity of collisions.

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In response to the Board's request, Public Works and the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol, various stakeholder groups, and other County Departments, created an ambitious 5-year action plan to guide the County's efforts to eliminate traffic deaths on unincorporated County roadways by 2035. *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways* (Plan) identifies a multi-disciplinary approach to enhancing traffic safety, including engineering enhancements, policy changes, promoting a culture of traffic safety, and focusing enforcement to address unsafe behaviors such as speeding and impaired driving. The Plan describes the importance of data-driven processes, health equity, and transparency, and emphasizes the importance of tailoring traffic safety outreach, engagement, and education to the unique context of each community.

The Plan also supports the County's sustainability goals. Transportation emissions from on-and off-road vehicles are the source of 42 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in unincorporated Los Angeles County. By providing opportunities to provide safe, appealing, and reliable alternatives to driving, Vision Zero can help reduce this percentage.

Reducing the number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries is vital to creating and sustaining communities that thrive. By enhancing the safety of our roadways, the County's Vision Zero Initiative can help realize healthier, safer, and more sustainable lifestyles for those who live and visit unincorporated Los Angeles County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways* as the strategic vision and action plan for traffic safety for the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County;

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the Directors of the Public Works and the Department of Public Health to co-lead the implementation of *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways*, in collaboration with relevant County departments, the California Highway Patrol, and community partners, and establish a Vision Zero Steering Committee and appropriate subcommittees to coordinate implementation;
2. Instruct the Directors of Public Works and the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Chief Executive Office, to develop cost estimates and identify funding needs and potential opportunities to support the implementation of pilot programs on three or more Collision Concentration Corridors located in different communities identified in *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways*, develop cost estimates to support enhanced data collection and analysis for these pilot programs, and report back to the Board in 90 days with the findings; and
3. Direct Public Works and the Department of Public Health to work with County departments and the California Highway Patrol to provide an annual progress report on implementation of *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways*.

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