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Implementation of Vision Zero on Mulholland Highway

In 2018, the Woolsey Fire and the winter storms that followed caused substantial damage to portions of Mulholland Highway between the Cities of Malibu and Calabasas in the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains. Due to critical public safety risks, Public Works closed a 2.4 mile section of Mulholland Highway to vehicular traffic, but allowed it to remain open to pedestrians and cyclists. Since the closure, Public Works has made significant progress in implementing repairs (slope reconstruction, drainage pipe replacements, roadway construction, and retaining wall installations) and is in the process of scheduling the last remaining road repairs that need to be completed prior to the road being reopened.

However, this section of the Mulholland Highway is well-known among motorcyclists and sports car enthusiasts for its tight twists and turns, specifically the section which many refer to as "The Snake". For many years, frequent speeding along "The Snake" has resulted in a number of severe-injury and fatal collisions. Furthermore, the ingress and egress for over 200 residents of the Seminole Springs Mobile Homes Park and others, are directly impacted by its popularity and frequent reckless driving of visitors to the area.

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In 2020, the Board adopted the "Vision Zero Los Angeles County (LAC): A Plan for Safer Roadways 2020-2025" Action Plan that seeks to eliminate traffic-related fatalities on roadways within the unincorporated County by 2035. The development of the Plan was led by the Departments of Public Health and Public Works to guide the County's efforts in enhancing traffic safety in unincorporated LAC communities. The plan identifies concentrations of fatal and severe injury collisions, or a "Collision Concentration Corridor", which is defined as any half-mile roadway segment that contained three or more fatal or severe injury collisions between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017. In the vicinity of the closed segment of Mulholland Highway, there are five Collision Concentration Corridors from one mile east of April Road to Zuma Ridge Fire Road and includes the following street segments:

- (a) Mulholland Highway, 0.8 mile east of Kanan Road/Kanan Dume Road to 1000 feet south of Seminole Drive
- (b) Mulholland Highway, 500 feet west of Sierra Creek Road to 350 feet west of Careful Avenue
- (c) Mulholland Highway, 0.5 mile west of Kanan Road/ Kanan Dume Road to Kanan Rd/ Kanan Dume Road
- (d) Mulholland Highway, 600 feet east of April Road to 3250 feet east of April Road
- (e) Mulholland Highway, 0.5 mile west of Encinal Canyon Road to Encinal Canyon Road

Public Works has prioritized improving street safety and reducing roadway fatalities by accelerating the implementation of the measures within the Vision Zero Action Plan. The current closure of a portion of Mulholland Highway to motorized vehicles

presented an opportunity for the County to identify and install traffic engineering interventions aimed at enhancing safety and reducing vehicular speeds and creating an overall safer environment for the community. Earlier this year, Public Works made several safety enhancements on Mulholland Highway from Kanan Road to Sierra Creek Road, which includes the closed roadway segment. Among the safety enhancements installed are centerline rumble strips, reflective centerline pavement markers, speed reduction pavement markings, curve advisory and chevron signage on various curves, and 6-inch edge-line striping. The efficacy of the installed enhancements cannot be evaluated until Mulholland Highway is fully reopened, but if proved to be effective may be able to be installed elsewhere along the corridor.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct Public Works to evaluate and report back in 180 days upon the reopening of “The Snake” on the efficacy of the safety enhancements installed in Spring 2023 on Mulholland Highway from Kanan Road to Sierra Creek Road. The report should include recommendations on implementing the same traffic safety enhancements along the surrounding Collision Concentration Corridors on Mulholland Highway, from one mile east of April Road to Zuma Ridge Fire Road.
2. Direct Public Works to report back in 120 days on the following:
 - a. Evaluate existing traffic conditions and consider other potential traffic engineering interventions, including but not limited to, implementation of quick build safety improvements and long-term capital improvements, to enhance safety and reduce speeds on Mulholland Highway between

one mile east of April Road to Zuma Ridge Fire Road with a focus on increasing safety and visibility for ingress and egress for residents living along this corridor.

- b. Identify potential funding sources to implement the above changes.
- c. Direct Public Works to conduct outreach to local community organizations, residents, and relevant stakeholders, in addition to collaborating with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), in the development of the interventions.
- d. Collaborate with the Third District Board Office, CHP and the Department of Public Health, to explore and identify funding for a traffic safety educational campaign for Mulholland Highway between one mile east of April Road to Zuma Ridge Fire Road, to deter unsafe driving behavior.
- e. Collaborate with CHP and the Department of Public Health to explore and identify funding for appropriate traffic safety enforcement actions, including similar measures taken by CHP and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's "Street Racing Task Force" in the Sante Fe Springs area, on Mulholland Highway between one mile east of April Road to Zuma Ridge Fire Road, to deter unsafe driving behavior.

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