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REPORT BACK ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CURTAIL STREET RACING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (ITEM NO. 11, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 6, 2024)

On November 6, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer, the directors of the Departments of Public Works (DPW) Youth Development (DYD), Sheriff (LASD), and County Counsel and other relevant departments to give a verbal presentation during the December 3, 2024, Board meeting and report back quarterly thereafter on a strategic plan to curtail street racing, and the status of law enforcement's collaboration to address illegal street racing and takeovers. This report addresses these directives.

Street Takeover Reduction Action Plan

A Street Takeover Reduction workgroup made up of representatives from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), DPW, DYD, LASD, County Counsel, Department of Public Health, District Attorney, Department of Regional Planning, Public Defender, Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Civilian Oversight Commission, Los Angeles City Attorney, Street Racing Kills, Streets Are For Everyone, Brotherhood of Street Racers, Project Street Legal, and a few resident advocates met bi-monthly over the last three months to develop an Action Plan (Plan) for reducing illegal street takeovers across Los Angeles County (LA County) and begin its implementation (Attachment I).

The workgroup considered efforts underway in other jurisdictions such as the states of Kansas, Florida, Georgia, Connecticut, Illinois, the city of San Diego, and



numerous cities within LA County, when developing the plan’s objectives, as well as existing literature on effective strategies. It was also designed to align with other similar plans, like DPW’s *Vison Zero LA County: A Plan for Safer Roadways, 2020-2025*, released in November 2019.

The Plan includes objectives and strategies in five Goal Areas:

- Increase Youth Outreach, Education, and Prevention Planning
- Install Infrastructure and Technological Solutions
- Expand Enforcement Options
- Engage in Community and Communication Strategies
- Identify Safe and Legal Alternatives

Anticipated timelines, responsible parties, data to be collected, and potential resource needs are also identified, where applicable. The Plan includes a section of additional ideas to research as the workgroup continues to explore promising practices.

Available data from LASD on illegal street takeovers occurring between October and December 2024 is also attached (Attachment II). As shown below, the number of illegal street takeovers occurring in Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4 each went down from the previous quarter by 9, whereas the number occurring in Supervisorial District 2 increased by 106. These data demonstrate that there is a significant amount of work to be done to address this issue.

Supervisorial District	July – Sept 2024	Oct – Dec 2024	Change
1	13	4	(9)
2	191	297	106
3	0	0	0
4	76	67	(9)
5	0	0	0

Next Steps

The workgroup has begun implementing the Plan. Key short-term efforts include:

- Expanding the Regional Taskforce partnership across additional LA County law enforcement agencies and updating the Memorandum of Understanding that exists among the current eight partners;
- Drafting proposed LA County Ordinance Code changes for the Board's consideration;
- Developing internal policies for issuing and processing administrative fee citations;
- Installing centerline extensions and deterrents in several identified high-impact intersections, which will now be standard practice for any new construction projects along problematic corridors;
- Implementing community and school-based prevention programs targeting youth who either have or have not participated in and/or attended street takeover and racing events before; and
- Expanding our partnership with additional community organizations who can help with launching a communications strategy for both educating the public and asking for their help in reducing these events.

The workgroup will continue to track data on the strategies implemented and their effect on the overall street takeover data, and modify and adapt the Plan's objectives, as needed. New approaches will be incorporated into the Plan, in addition to the workgroup's continued efforts to explore and study efforts occurring in other jurisdictions and other emerging promising practices.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Carrie Miller at (213) 262-7823 or cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

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Public Health
Public Works
Regional Planning
Youth Development
Civilian Oversight Commission

LA County Street Takeover Reduction Work Plan

<p>INTRODUCTION:</p>	<p>Challenge: Illegal street takeovers and racing involve vehicles driven at high speeds and/or performing stunts in reckless ways. These events attract crowds that can become unruly and engage in behavior that results in property damage, looting of local businesses, bodily injury, and/or loss of life.</p> <p>Goal: Significantly reduce the number of illegal street takeovers and/or racing events occurring within our LA County unincorporated communities.</p> <p>Solution: Implement a multi-faceted, collaborative approach that includes prevention, infrastructure, enforcement, legal alternative, and communication strategies.</p>			
<p>GOAL AREA 1:</p>	<p>Increase Youth Outreach, Education, and Prevention Programming</p>			
<p>Implement programs that help to prevent and/or reduce the occurrence of illegal street takeovers by educating youth and parents about the dangers of reckless driving, instilling a sense of empathy and awareness about the potential consequences, and providing fun, alternative programming that encourages a sense of community.</p>				
<p>OBJECTIVES:</p>	<p>TIMELINE:</p>	<p>RESOURCES:</p>	<p>DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:</p>	<p>STRATEGY:</p>
<p>Expand community-based street racing prevention through Street Racing Kills and DYD providers.</p>	<p>January 2025 - June 2026</p>	<p>Funded through CFCI</p>	<p>Lead: DYD</p>	<p>1) Work with Street Racing Kills and employ effective strategies in holding at least 50 community workshops that include engaging youth, hearing from victim speakers on the consequences of reckless driving, and influencing youth to make different choices; 2) Participate in at least five community engagement events to share information; 3) Monitor data on effectiveness.</p>
<p>Implement school-based street racing prevention through the Street Racing Kills and BLOOM providers.</p>	<p>January 2025 - June 2026</p>	<p>Funded through CFCI</p>	<p>Lead: DYD</p>	<p>1) Work with Street Racing Kills employ effective strategies in holding school-based workshops at 16 school sites and expand to up to 49 school sites to engage youth, hear from victim speakers on the consequences of reckless driving, and influence them to make different choices; 2) Monitor data on effectiveness.</p>
<p>Implement street racing prevention program.</p>	<p>March 2025 - September 2025</p>	<p>Funded by grant received from the Office of Traffic Safety</p>	<p>Lead: DPH Support: DYD</p>	<p>1) Work with community-based organizations in South LA to provide up to 18 sessions on street racing prevention education to youth at schools, parks, and teen-serving organizations; 2) Monitor data on effectiveness.</p>

Develop educational and resource materials for teachers to include in their lesson plans.	By Third Quarter 2025	Some funding secured, exploring additional options	Lead: Streets Are For Everyone	1) Finalizing resource materials for teachers for distribution.
GOAL AREA 2:	Install Infrastructure and Technological Solutions			
Implement engineering and technological measures designed to improve road safety and impede illegal street takeovers from occurring, and help with enforcement efforts when they do occur. Ensure that efforts align with the County's Vision Zero Action Plan developed by the Department of Public Works to enhance traffic safety in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County in collaboration with agencies and community partners.				
OBJECTIVES:	TIMELINE:	RESOURCES:	DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:	STRATEGY:
Install centerline extensions with vertical delineators and/or rubber medians in high-impact intersections and/or corridor.	1) Construction to start in early 2026; 2) Anticipated installation to begin by Fourth Quarter 2025; 3) Plans to be completed by Third Quarter 2025; 4) Anticipated installation to begin by Fourth Quarter 2025.	Approximately \$10,000 per leg of the intersection. 1) Fully Funded by Road Fund; 2) Will be funded by Road Fund; 3) Will be funded by Road Fund; 4) Will be funded by Road Fund.	Lead: DPW	1) Install deterrents along Compton Blvd. between Harris and Somerset Blvd. in East Rancho Dominguez area; 2) Develop a plan and install deterrents at Broadway and 157th Street in West Rancho Dominguez; 3) Develop a plan and install deterrents in East LA area; 4) Develop a plan and install deterrents in at Pacific and Hope and in Walnut Park; 5) Track data on the effectiveness of these installations.
Complete deterrent installations in the East Rancho Dominguez area.	1) First Quarter 2025 for interim "quick-build" improvements at Compton and Atlantic and construction starting in early 2026 for the rest of the project; 2) Construction starting in early 2026; 3) Installation is scheduled for First Quarter 2025.	Funded by Road Fund	Lead: DPW	1) Install deterrents as planned at the intersections of Compton and Atlantic Blvd., Compton and Williams, and Compton and Gibson; 2) Enhance existing deterrents at Compton and Lime; 3) Expand current installments at Avalon Boulevard and 135th Street; 4) Track data on the effectiveness of these installations.

GOAL AREA 3:		Expand Enforcement Options		
Ensure the proper tools are available to law enforcement agencies to deter and disrupt illegal street takeover activities from occurring and increase public safety. This includes ensuring that non-criminal approaches are available for addressing these quality of life offenses while also reducing the overreliance of and burden on our criminal court system.				
OBJECTIVES:	TIMELINE:	RESOURCES:	DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:	STRATEGY:
Expand the Regional Taskforce partnership across LA County law enforcement agencies.	Estimated 6 - 10 months	Requires additional assigned LASD officers. Explore using off-duty officers or officers on loan.	Lead: LAPD Support: LASD, CHP, others	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Update existing MOU among current eight partners; 2) Identify additional law enforcement agencies willing to participate and sign the MOU; 3) Identify and/or obtain staffing resources, as needed; 4) LAPD and CHP to train officers among partner agencies; 5) Track data on effectiveness.
Request the BOS amend County Code to increase misdemeanor fines, broaden the definitions of reckless driving, include enforcement of illegal street takeover organizers and spectators, and other relevant changes consistent with the confidential report back (7/29/24).	Estimated 6 - 7 months	Not a resource issue	Lead: CEO Support: County Counsel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft and vet proposed Ordinance Code changes; 2) Present the proposed changes to the relevant Cluster meeting for consideration; 3) BOS to vote on changes at two separate Board meetings for adoption.
Begin issuing administrative fees for spectators, as appropriate, and set-up procedures for processing the fines and any related appeals.	Estimated 6 - 9 months	Not a resource issue	Lead: LASD Support: CEO, County Counsel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft internal policies for issuing the citations, processing them, and handling any related appeals; 2) Begin enforcement; 3) Track data on effectiveness.
Support the use of the Pre-Filing Diversion Program, where appropriate.	Coordinate in First Quarter 2025	New resources needed to track data.	Lead: DA Support: LASD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explore partnership with Street Racing Kills and/or others; 2) Track program data and outcomes.

GOAL AREA 4:		Engage in Community and Communication Strategies		
Raise awareness and engagement among the community, news media, and social media platforms to support actions that reduce the likelihood of these events from occurring.				
OBJECTIVES:	TIMELINE:	RESOURCES:	DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:	STRATEGY:
Educate the public and ask for their help to reduce these events.	First Quarter 2025	DYD secured resources for implementing their piece of this	Support: DYD and other partners	1) DYD will support a broader campaign by including public education in its communications campaign, targeted specifically at youth.
Publicize arrests and other enforcement tools successfully used by holding press conferences and/or issuing press releases.	Ongoing	None needed	Lead: LASD, LAPD, CHP, other law enforcement agencies Support: CEO	1) Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to publicize their success stories, as appropriate.
Request the BOS to send a 5-signature letter to the main social media platform leaders requesting that they enforce their own rules, remove posts that promote illegal activity, and demonetize these posts.	First Quarter 2025	None needed	Lead: County Counsel	1) BOS to vote on adoption of sending the letter; 2) Identify local jurisdictions and/or State agencies/officials interested in submitting a similar letter.
Identify venues to provide testimony with jurisdictional partners to raise awareness of the issue and the need for additional State and local support.	TBD	None needed	Coordinate with partners	1) Assist partners with scheduling hearings with the State Assembly Committee on Public Safety; 2) Assist partners with scheduling other State and local level hearings as appropriate.
Develop partnerships with additional community organizations working in the street takeover and racing prevention and mitigation areas.	Estimated by Third Quarter 2025	Not a resource issue	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Identify other potential relevant community partners and invite them to join our Workgroup and other ongoing efforts.

GOAL AREA 5: Identify Safe and Legal Alternatives				
Find safe and legal drag racing strips, burnout boxes, and/or temporarily permitted event options for interested enthusiasts to participate in to help reduce the likelihood of illegal street racing, takeovers, and sideshows from occurring.				
OBJECTIVES:	TIMELINE:	RESOURCES:	DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:	STRATEGY:
Create a street racing workgroup to focus on finding a legal option(s) for racing and/or burnouts.	Anticipated Third Quarter 2025	Anticipated needs: Racing strip of 1,500 x 200 feet, burnout box of 300 x 300 feet, skid pads of 100 x 100 feet, parking for 1,000 cars, fire safety resources, and liability insurance.	Lead: CEO, LAPD, LASD, Street Legal Dragway, Project Street Legal, other community partners	1) Identify interested participants and schedule regular meeting to research legal options.
Look at options in or around Terminal Island, or near the Henry Ford Bridge.	By Fourth Quarter 2025	TBD	Legal Alternatives Workgroup	1) Connect with appropriate parties to explore possible options.
Look at holding pop-up events at Dodger Stadium, SoFi Stadium, and/or other locations.	By Fourth Quarter 2025	TBD	Legal Alternatives Workgroup	1) Connect with appropriate parties to explore possible options.
Look at holding pop-up events at the Long Beach Convention Center lots and carnival spaces, Long Beach Aquarium area, the Long Beach Airport, and/or Veterans stadium	By Fourth Quarter 2025	TBD	Legal Alternatives Workgroup	1) Connect with appropriate parties to explore possible options.
Explore interest with Red Bull in hosting a pop-up event.	By Fourth Quarter 2025	TBD	Legal Alternatives Workgroup	1) Connect with appropriate parties to explore possible options.

GOAL AREA 6: Additional Ideas to Research				
Explore additional ideas and best practices that may impact the prevalence of illegal street takeovers.				
OBJECTIVES:	TIMELINE:	RESOURCES:	DEPT RESPONSIBILITIES:	STRATEGY:
Explore developing a street takeover/racing prevention program specifically geared for parents.	Estimated by Third Quarter 2025	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Work with community-based organizations and partners to develop educational sessions tailored to parents on preventing street takeovers and racing to be held at community facilities, parks, and local organizations.
Explore using restorative justice circles for perpetrators, spectators, and those negatively affected and hurt by street takeovers and racing events.	TBD	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Explore opportunities to partner with restorative justice entities to incorporate this into their work or to include it into existing prevention/intervention models.
Explore other strategies for reaching those who influence youth and can help to prevent future street takeovers and racing events from occurring.	TBD	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Research and identify other influencers who can help increase prevention efforts.
Explore the use of ALPRs in high-impact intersections and gather data on the effectiveness of these in LA City.	Anticipated Fourth Quarter of 2025	Each reader costs up to an estimated \$5,000	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Gather data from LA City's 110 fixed cameras and 1,500 outfitted in police cars; 2) Use thought and consideration to determine how the information would be used and what would happen as a result of usage; 3) Consider using to send the owner of the vehicle a letter and/or other appropriate follow-up.
Gather data on the effectiveness of Carson's citywide surveillance system.	Anticipated Fourth Quarter of 2025	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Review data from the City of Carson; 2) Research the pros and cons of implementing it and lessons learned; 3) Research the cost of implementing this type of system.
Explore partnering more closely with the DA on the County's approach to addressing this issue.	First Quarter 2025	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Explore options for early interventions to reduce the reliance on prosecution.

Consider use of sound meters to enforce noise limits within neighborhoods.	Anticipated Third Quarter 2025	TBD	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Research the effectiveness of sound meters by CHP and/or other jurisdictions.
Explore adding additional live-feed cameras to high impact intersections.	TBD	Approximately \$15,000 per camera and installation; funding would need to be identified	Lead: CHP, LASD, DPW	1) Identify businesses willing to install a camera on their property; 2) Identify other appropriate locations for installation; 3) Secure resources to cover the cameras and installation.
Develop a data dashboard on when and where these events are occurring to better understand data trends.	TBD	Funded by DPW	Lead: DPW Support: CHP, LASD	1) Identify the sources for data needed to complete a data dashboard; 2) Complete development of a data dashboard; 3) Go live with dashboard.
Gather data on impounding the cars of participants to study its effectiveness.	By Fourth Quarter 2025	Not a resource issue	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Review data to study its effectiveness; 2) Research the pros and cons of implementing it and lessons learned; 3) Research the potential use of vehicle forfeiture letters for repeat offenders; 4) Gather data on the available resources needed to implement.
Consider issuing cease and desist notices to illegal street takeover events.	Estimated 3 - 6 months	Not a resource issue	Lead: CEO Support: County Counsel	1) Research circumstances for when a letter can be issued; 2) Draft sample letter and identify parameters for use.
Consider whether additional statutory changes are needed.	By Fourth Quarter 2025	Not a resource issue	Street Takeover Workgroup	1) Review existing efforts and identify any potential gaps in current statutes; 2) Explore potential opportunities for changes with LAIR.

LASD'S STREET TAKEOVERS QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024



STREET TAKEOVER EVENTS								DISTRICT STATS	
Stations	District	Street Takeovers	Arrests	Cites	County Code 13.46 Violations	Tows	County Code 13.82 Vehicle Seizures	Street Takeovers per District	
Altadena	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	First District	4
Avalon	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	Second District	297
Carson	2	131	5	0	0	8	0	Third District	0
Century	4	52	0	0	0	1	0	Fourth District	67
Cerritos	4	7	2	0	0	2	0	Fifth District	0
Compton	2	150	4	73	0	18	0	TOTALS	368
Crescenta Valley	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
East Los Angeles	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	Street Takeovers per Division	
Industry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Central Patrol	222
Lakewood	4	6	6	18	0	0	0	East Patrol	0
Lancaster	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	North Patrol	0
Lomita	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	South Patrol	146
Malibu/Lost Hills	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	TOTALS	368
Marina Del Rey	2	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Norwalk	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	Summary Narrative	
Palmdale	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	This quarterly report covering October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, includes data solely from the Central and South Patrol Divisions. No activity was recorded during this period for the East and North Patrol Divisions.	
Pico Rivera	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		
San Dimas	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Santa Clarita	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
South Los Angeles	2	12	0	0	0	0	0		
Temple	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Walnut	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
West Hollywood	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTALS		368	19	91	0	29	0		