


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Date: June 19, 2018

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta Reynolds,  General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **2018 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PRIORITIZATION**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) presents the 2018 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Prioritization based on refreshed data.

RECOMMENDATION

LADOT recommends the following actions for the Los Angeles City Council:

1. Approve the prioritized list of schools with most need ranked 51 – 100 for Safe Routes to School.

BACKGROUND

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) prioritizes youth safety as a core initiative of the Los Angeles Vision Zero Action Plan. SRTS is an international initiative to enable and encourage children to walk and bike safely to school by implementing engineering projects on school neighborhood streets, and providing education and encouragement programs in school communities. Nearly one third of students in Los Angeles County walk or bike to school. These students are also some of our most vulnerable populations. According to the Los Angeles County Public Health Department, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for youth ages 5 to 14 in the City of Los Angeles.

In April 2014, Council approved the Safe Routes to School Report (CF 14-0348) that included a methodology to prioritize schools with greatest need, and a list of schools ranked 1 – 50.

DISCUSSION

I. Safe Routes to School Prioritization

LADOT developed the prioritization methodology in 2014 based on a best practices review of peer cities to support transparent, data-driven strategies that focus safety efforts on high-need school neighborhoods. Methodology indicators were selected to best align prioritization with the evaluation criteria used by state and federal agencies to award infrastructure and non-infrastructure funds, such as the CALTRANS Active Transportation Program (ATP). The table below details the prioritization methodology.

Council-Adopted Prioritization Methodology

Indicators	Description	Weight
Pedestrian Collisions¹	Total number of pedestrian-involved collisions within one-quarter miles of school.	20%
Bike Collisions	Total number of bicyclist-involved collisions within one-half miles of school.	20%
Enrollment	Proportion of student population living within one-quarter miles of school.	40%
Previous SRTS Funding	Recipient of previous SRTS funding.	10%
Free or Reduced-Price Meals	Proportion of students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.	10%

II. Safe Routes to School Priority Activities

In September 2014, CALTRANS awarded LADOT \$22.8 million from the ATP Cycle 1 to:

- Construct engineering improvements at 9 of the Top 50 schools.
- Develop SRTS Plans, inclusive of engineering recommendations for a network streets in school neighborhoods, for 41 of the Top 50 schools.
- Implement safety education, and active transportation encouragement and enforcements activities in our school communities.

LADOT will complete the 41 SRTS Plans by spring 2019, and needs to update the prioritized list of schools for a new work plan. LADOT has run the 2014 methodology with updated indicator data in order to generate the list of the next 50 schools.

LADOT has secured City Council approval (via CF 14-0499-S4) to submit an ATP Cycle 4 Planning Grant application for schools, ranked 51 – 100 (Exhibit A).

In addition to SRTS Plans, LADOT will continue to support safety campaign, education, encouragement and enforcement activities at elementary and middle schools.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact.

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¹ Total collisions¹ includes all ages.

Exhibit A: List of Next 50 Schools with Most Need

Rank	School Name	Council District
51	Ann Street Elementary	1
52	RFK Community Schools	10
53	Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte Elementary	9
54	Sally Ride Elementary: A Smart Academy	9
55	Murchison Street Elementary	14
56	Normont Elementary	15
57	Hawaiian Avenue Elementary	15
58	2nd Street Elementary	14
59	Christopher Dena Elementary	14
60	Stoner Avenue Elementary	11
61	Fletcher Drive Elementary	13
62	Primary Academy for Success Sch	6
63	Maple Primary Center	9
64	Langdon Avenue Elementary	6
65	Griffin Avenue Elementary	1
66	Maurice Sendak Elementary	2
67	Malabar Street Elementary	14
68	Estrella Elementary	9
69	Castelar Street Elementary	1
70	Main Street Elementary	9
71	Monte Vista Elementary	1
72	Harvard Elementary	13
73	Birdielee V Bright Elementary	8
74	Queen Anne Place Elementary	10
75	Gardena Elementary	15
76	Norwood Street Elementary	1
77	Rosa Parks Learning Center	6
78	Napa Street Elementary	12
79	Gerald A Lawson Academy of the Arts Math Science Elementary	8
80	Cienega Elementary	10
81	Evergreen Avenue Elementary	14
82	Harold Mcalister High School CYESIS	1
83	Hillcrest Drive Elementary	10
84	Dr James Edward Jones Primary Center	9
85	Liggett Street Elementary	6
86	Charles H Kim Elementary School	10
87	George de la Torre Jr Elementary	15
88	Western Avenue Elementary	8
89	Richard Riordan Primary Center	1
90	Weigand Avenue Elementary	15
91	20th Street Elementary	9
92	Young Empowered Scholars Academy	8
93	Dr Owen Lloyd Knox Elementary School	8
94	Annandale Elementary	14
95	Cesar Chavez Elementary School	14
96	Alta California Elementary	6
97	Carson-Gore Academy of Environmental Studies	10
98	Washington Primary Center	8
99	Yorkdale Elementary	14
100	Gates Street Elementary	1