

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to implementation of school safety zone speed limits in connection with the Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Strategic Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing speed limits at 23 street segments as detailed in the February 5, 2016 Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report, attached to the Council file, and in accordance with California Assembly Bill 321 (Nava).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that no direct impact to the City's General Fund is anticipated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 10, 2015 your Committee considered a February 4, 2016 LADOT report and Resolution relative to implementation of school safety zone speed limits in connection with the SRTS Strategic Plan. Subsequent to the submission of the LADOT report, the LADOT submitted an amendment to amend Attachment B, replacing the initial version with a revised version (this does not affect the accompanying Resolution). According to the LADOT, the City of Los Angeles SRTS Strategic Plan was launched in 2012. A key tenant of the Strategic Plan is to use a data-driven process to target improvements at high need schools. The LADOT, in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), developed a methodology for prioritizing schools.

Specifically, the school safety speed limits are for the following:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Council District</u>	<u>Associated School</u>	<u>Street Segment</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Borden Avenue	7	Charles Maclay Middle School/Sara Coughlan Elementary School	Carl Street to Glamis Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Gain Street	7	Charles Maclay Middle School	Glenoaks Boulevard to Borden Avenue	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Herrick Avenue	7	Pacoima Elementary School	Pinney Street to Pierce Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Norris Avenue	7	Pacoima Elementary School	Pinney Street to Pierce Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
31st Street	9	Dolores Huerta Elementary School	Main Street to Trinity Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
32nd Street	9	Dolores Huerta Elementary School	Main Street to Trinity Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Maple Street	9	Dolores Huerta Elementary School	29th Street to Jefferson Boulevard	15 MPH When Children Are Present
	9		Vermont Avenue to	15 MPH When Children

41st Street		Menlo Street Elementary School	Hoover Street	Are Present
42nd Street	9	Menlo Street Elementary School/Manual Arts High School	Budlong Avenue to Hoover Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Grand Avenue	9	West Vernon Elementary School	42nd Street to 45th Street	25 MPH, 20 MPH When Children Are Present
Olive Street	9	West Vernon Elementary School	42nd Street to 43rd Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
43rd Street	9	West Vernon Elementary School	Flower Street to Broadway	15 MPH When Children Are Present
1st Street	13	Virgil Middle Schools/Del Olmo Elementary School	Berendo Street to Virgil Avenue	25 MPH, 20 MPH When Children Are Present
New Hampshire Avenue	13	Del Olmo Elementary School	Council Street to 500 feet south of 1st Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Juanita Avenue	13	Virgil Middle Schools	Beverly Boulevard to Council Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Council Street	13	Virgil Middle Schools	Vermont Avenue to Juanita Avenue	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Madison Avenue	13	Virgil Middle Schools	Beverly Boulevard to Council Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Council Street	13	Virgil Middle Schools	Madison Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Shatto Place	13	Young Oak Kim Academy/New Covenant Academy	5th Street to Wilshire Boulevard	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Orange Drive	13	Hollywood High School	Hollywood Boulevard to Sunset Boulevard	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Selma Avenue	13	Selma Elementary School	Highland Avenue to Schrader Boulevard	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Cherokee Avenue	14	Selma Elementary School	Hollywood Boulevard to Selma Avenue	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Sheridan Street	14	Sheridan Elementary School	St. Louis Street to Soto Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Chicago Street	14	Breed Street Elementary School	1st Street to 500 feet south of 4th Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present
Breed Street	14	Breed Street Elementary School	1st Street to 500 feet south of 4th Street	15 MPH When Children Are Present

To support Vision Zero, the LADOT developed the High Injury Network (HIN) to spotlight the streets with a high concentration of collisions that result in severe injuries and deaths, with an emphasis on those involving people walking and bicycling. The HIN shows that over 65 per cent of all severe and fatal traffic collisions involving people walking occur on just 6 percent of City streets. Additionally, school age children (under 18 years old) are among our most vulnerable population, and traffic collisions are the leading cause of death for those between 2 and 14 years old.

With nearly 56 percent of all fatal and severe injury collisions occurring within 1/4 mile of a school, and all Top 50 Schools located on or within 1/4 mile of the HIN, successful implementation of the SRTS Strategic Plan will help achieve Vision Zero's goal to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2025.



To achieve this goal, LADOT is proposing to use any legal tool available to protect and enhance the safety of school children.

The LADOT then added that on January 1, 2008, California Assembly Bill (AB) 321 (Nava) (Attachment B of the LADOT report) went into effect. AB 321 allows for a California city to evaluate the speed limits at schools located in residential districts, on two lanes roads, with existing speed limits of 30 miles per hour (MPH) or less. If the engineering evaluation indicates that the existing 25 MPH school zone speed limit exceeds what is reasonable or safe, the city may, by resolution, establish a lower school speed limit of 15 - 20 MPH in the area less than 500 feet from or passing a school building or grounds and extend to the school zone speed limits of 25 MPH up to 1000 feet from school property.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the Resolution to establish speed limits for certain streets as detailed in the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	YES
RYU:	ABSENT

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