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As the City of Los Angeles commits to eliminating traffic fatalities by 2025, a variety of tools and strategies will be deployed to achieve this goal. Fundamental to this program is the use of enforcement to prevent risky travel behavior. One of the most risky and predictive behaviors leading to severe and fatal injuries is speeding.

Speeding is a fundamental predictor of whether or not a person will survive a crash. A person walking has a 10% chance of death when hit by a vehicle traveling at 20mph. This risk increases to 40% at 30mph, and over 80% at just 40mph.


The current mechanisms for setting speed limits and conducting speed enforcement were developed in an era that did not have Vision Zero as a guiding principle. Additionally, technology has evolved since the traditional methodologies were developed. Speed enforcement should reflect modern policy objectives and technological tools.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) in consultation with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) report to the Transportation and Public Safety Committees on the current impediments to agile and effective speed enforcement and recommendations for how to enhance Los Angeles' ability to enforce safe travel speeds; and

I FURTHER MOVE that LADOT in consultation with LAPD report back on potential pilot projects that can be implemented quickly to reduce speeding. The analysis should include but not be limited to: innovative speed zoning practices, signal timing, enforcement practices and changes to state legislation.

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